

Attention: General Government Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
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October 20, 2025

**Re: General Government Committee GG25.17 : Litigation Arising from the Rehabilitation of Section 1 of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway (Jarvis Street to Cherry Street) - Supplier Suspension Status Update - WSP Canada**

Dear Committee Members:

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (“OSPE”) is committed to bringing Ontario’s engineering community together to create a better, healthier and more prosperous province. As the voice of the engineering profession in Ontario, we represent the entire engineering community with over 10,000 members, and support our members who work in several of the most strategic sectors of Ontario’s economy.

We wish to also highlight that OSPE is a member of the City of Toronto’s Broader Construction Association Consultation Group, and we work collaboratively with various City of Toronto staff, including the City’s Chief Procurement Officer, the Chief Engineer, and the Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Service Division to establish best practices in Infrastructure Procurement and Delivery of Services.

We are writing this letter to support WSP Canada Inc. (“WSP”) in relation to the GGC item GG25.17 which will be discussed on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. We are providing our support to WSP who, as an important engineering firm, has over 5,000 employees in Ontario and over 2,200 employees in the Greater Toronto Area. As the voice of the engineering community, it is important for us to stand in support of all of WSP’s engineers in Ontario and the GTA as leaders in the industry.

OSPE was happy to see the Report issued by the City’s Chief Procurement Officer and Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Service Division on October 8<sup>th</sup>. OSPE applauds the conclusion and recommendation of the Report that a suspension of WSP is not warranted under the City Supplier Suspension Procedure. We also believe it is important to state that the use of the Supplier Suspension Procedure in this instance against WSP for project or contract related matters does not appear appropriate. Such use of the Supplier Suspension Procedure in fact has a negative impact to all engineering firms in the industry as this is not the intent of the Supplier Suspension Procedure.

By following through with the use of the Supplier Suspension Procedure, when the City of Toronto's own staff deem it is unwarranted, will send a warning sign to other engineering firms that the City does not deal with issues in a fair and transparent manner. The unintended consequences of this action may be the lack of submissions for open RFPs from other engineering firms, impacting the City of Toronto's ability to fulfill and deliver on critical infrastructure projects.

We are proud to have WSP employees as members of OSPE and look forward to continuing our valuable collaboration with the City of Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandro Perruzza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandro Perruzza, ICD.D  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers

c.c.: Mayor Olivia Chow  
Councillor Paul Ainslie