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ACEC, VOICE OF CANADA'S CONSULTING ENGINEERING INDUSTRY, HAS A NEW CHAIR

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During its Annual General Meeting today, the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada (ACEC) was pleased to announce Douglas Coles, P.Eng., Principal of Coles Associates of Charlottetown, P.E.I., as the new Chair of the ACEC Board of Directors for the 2025–2026 term.

Mr. Coles, an engineer with 45 years of international experience and a wealth of business, marketing, and technical expertise, is honoured to take on the leadership of ACEC's Board from Jérôme Pelletier of BBA. Since 1980, Mr. Coles has worked on projects in Canada and abroad, including India, China, Poland, and Argentina. His work spans project management, process engineering, energy management, commissioning and verification, traditional building electrical and mechanical services, as well as security/data systems and communications.

As Chair, Mr. Coles will lead ACEC's advocacy for sound infrastructure policy, a strong business climate for member firms, and the development of the next generation of industry talent.

"I am very honoured to take on the role of ACEC Chair and promote the work of our members as essential to the backbone of our country – our infrastructure," says Mr. Coles. "Building on the excellent progress made during my predecessor Jérôme Pelletier's term, I am eager to seize the opportunities presented by the new government's Bill C-5. At the same time, we must not lose sight of community infrastructure needs – especially in small communities with limited resources, where every project is a major project."

ACEC President and CEO John Gamble notes that Mr. Coles' varied background will serve ACEC well. "Douglas' extensive engineering experience, drive, and business acumen will be of great value as we navigate this promising time for infrastructure. As someone who comes from a small community, Douglas knows how important every infrastructure project is to the locality, but his international experience also gives him a global perspective that will benefit ACEC and its members."

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About ACEC: ACEC represents companies in Canada that provide professional engineering services to both public and private sector clients. These services include the planning, design and execution of all types of engineering projects, as well as providing independent advice and expertise in a wide range of engineering and engineering-related fields. For more information, please visit www.acec.ca.

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