

**The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec salutes the government's desire
to revise the *Engineers Act***

Montreal, June 12, 2018 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec welcomes Bill no. 401 introduced by Lise Thériault, Minister responsible for Consumer Protection and for Housing, which aims to modernize the *Engineer Act*, among other things. The OIQ has made repeated requests for the modernization of the Act in the last few years, and current OIQ President Kathy Baig, Eng., FEC, MBA, has even made recent efforts toward this objective.

The *Engineers Act*, which was adopted in 1964, essentially governs the traditional fields of engineering (civil, mechanical, electrical and chemical) and has not been thoroughly reviewed in over 50 years. Yet, at a time when Québec is positioning itself as a leader in the artificial intelligence sector, a review of the *Engineers Act* is now more necessary than ever. In fact, recent or emerging forms of engineering, such as computer engineering, do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, which means that it cannot assume its role of protecting the public.

"It is time for engineers' field of practice to be reviewed so that it reflects the changes in technologies and the profession today, and makes it possible to anticipate the public protection issues that we will have to cope with in the future," explains President Kathy Baig, Eng., FEC, MBA. This sentiment was echoed in the results of a recent survey that the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec conducted with its 63,000 members, in which 87% of respondents indicated that the modernization of the *Engineers Act* was necessary, and even urgent.

The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec will study Bill no. 401, which was introduced this morning, in the coming weeks, in anticipation of the adoption of a new *Engineers Act* during the next legislature.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of some 63,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The OIQ strives to be a reference for professionalism and excellence in engineering as well as a unifying organization. Its mission is to protect the public by acting to ensure that engineers serve society with professionalism, compliance and integrity in the public interest. For more information, go to www.oiq.qc.ca.

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