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# BYLAW AMENDMENT SUMMARY

In Force Effective January 31, 2024

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ENGINEERS &  
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The Engineers and Geoscientists BC bylaws that came into force on January 31, 2024, contain two substantive amendments and several minor and housekeeping amendments.

**(A) Extraordinary Action to Protect the Public**

“Extraordinary action” is a rare occurrence where a regulator issues a suspension or places limits on the practice of a registrant prior to a full discipline hearing. Extraordinary action may be taken during an investigation or pending a discipline hearing. The revised bylaws allow the Investigation Committee to appoint a panel of the Investigation Committee to conduct extraordinary action proceedings.

**(B) Open Court Principle: Access to Discipline Hearing Records**

The Open Court Principle requires that hearing proceedings are open to the public and that the public has access to the records of a hearing. The previous bylaws stated that discipline hearings at Engineers and Geoscientists BC are open for the public to attend. The revised bylaw provides for public access and possible access restrictions to discipline hearing records. The new bylaw acknowledges that public access to hearing records is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**(C) Minor Amendments and Housekeeping**

Multiple minor amendments were made to clarify or particularize the bylaw requirements, including two clarifications in the fee schedule. Additionally, numerous housekeeping amendments were made to correct oversights and streamline bylaw provisions.