

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Mismanagement Leads To 20% Fee Increase

PEO spending is in dire need of control. Council continues to hire governance “experts” and expand programs unrelated to PEO’s core mandate. We have too many committees, task forces, and expensive external consultants.

No spending problem has ever been solved by increasing “taxation”!

Council quietly appropriated the power to increase fees and implement major new programs without member approval. It is now abusing that power.

Council increased fees by 20%, saying that inflation made it necessary. They conveniently forget that our revenues have grown with the increase in membership. When PEO bought its building over a decade ago, we were promised that our fees would not have to rise because we would be paying rent to ourselves and others would be renting from us.

Excessive spending, not insufficient revenue, broke this plan.

We can count on more fee increases as a result of the continuing free spending habits.

Chapter System Under Threat

PEO’s \$125,000+ Cayton Report recommendation #3 stated that Chapters’ financial support be “redirected” away. I disagree, Chapters need adequate funding to perform their work.

Chapters need to be given useful roles as PEO’s “eyes, ears, voice and hands” around the province. Chapters should be integral to PEO’s regulatory, governance and operational efforts.

Chapters are a valuable resource which should be used to support PEO’s mandate to “Protect the Public Interest”. PEO cannot achieve its core mandate to protect the public if behaves as a rubber stamping bureaucratic organization (as some councillors and LGA’s believe).

It is only the members and chapters that are able to “Protect the Public”! I support members and chapters; don’t cut them down.

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