

Fellow engineers,

Two years ago our region elected Lisa MacCumber as our representative to PEO's Council. Unfortunately, Lisa doesn't think that accountability to the members serves public interest. During the webcast debate of Jan. 8, 2020 she stated, "*I believe that PEO is a regulator first ... the profession, the members, second.*" She wants PEO to become a top-down regulator, a police agency; as opposed to a mature, self-regulated professional association. In her view, instead of members self-governing to ensure public safety, PEO should bring the 85,000 licensed members to heel and chase those who practise engineering in the shadows.

Council's vote on Feb. 8, 2019—which Lisa voted in favour of—repealed Section 59 of By-Law No. 1, which had required members' approval for fee increases. On Mar. 22, 2019, she seconded and voted in favour of the motion to increase our membership fees by **20%**. *That motion explicitly stated the members' approval for the increase would **not** be sought.*

Council, in the past several years, has acted to weaken the role of the members. It says PEO must protect the public, but it's been unable to say how member-directed self-regulation, after 98 years, suddenly isn't doing this. This false assertion has to change.

I am standing as your regional councillor to represent **you** on PEO's Council. Recent developments and the identity crisis being fomented at Council need active involvement by someone who will stand for the members, and one who has the skills and qualifications to provide strategic direction to the Association. **I offer decades of experience in engineering, financial management and entrepreneurialism.** I will champion your rights and be your voice.

Vote to tell Council that it must RESPECT THE MEMBERS. We want Section 59 of By-Law No. 1 reinstated.

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