

Fellow engineer: **There is *one* issue in this election, from which all the others spring: **DO YOU WANT PEO TO REMAIN A DEMOCRATIC, SELF-REGULATED PROFESSION?**** In recent years, Council has been eroding our right to chart the future of our profession. Unhappily, this issue has arisen on several occasions since I first became licensed in 1987. (Read my letter at www.gregwowchuk.ca.)

Self-regulation of professions is precious. . . and unique to Canada. *We members* of this profession—not our council, and certainly not the government—know what is best for this profession. It is in our own best interests to provide the highest level of protection to the public. **This is the *fundamental principle of self-regulation, which many councillors just don't comprehend. It has never failed us since 1922.***

Over the years, however, Council has been chipping away at this democracy: In 1998, it tried to impose its “Licensing Model” on us. One councillor even said allowing members to decide was “*like giving prisoners the keys!*” In 2012, Council tried to take away our right to elect the President. More recently, it secured legislative changes allowing it to bypass member approval to raise our fees and to impose useless programs like “PEAK” on us. **It is already abusing that power.**

This is completely unacceptable. During my term as your councillor-at-large, I have opposed PEO's out-of-control spending and bureaucracy growth. I fought for the long-promised referendum on “PEAK”, but it *was blocked from even being debated!* I seconded and supported a motion to ensure nuclear-plant engineering is done only by *licensed engineers*. (It just barely passed!)

Choose candidates committed to defending our right to build this profession. It's time to *replace* those who view PEO as an oligarchy. VOTE—as if your profession depended on it!