

My message in this campaign has been simple: **The wisdom of Ontario's engineers—increasingly spurned by recent councils—is the *foundation* of our self-regulated profession, and the prime asset which will lead PEO out of its current troubles, including its gratuitous spending and the “PEAK”/CPD controversy.**

Many candidates this year have been spouting buzzwords, such as “modernization”, “governance”, “consensus”, “accountability”, etc. I have consistently laid out *my* position:

1. We need to **stop our incessant reviews of “governance”**, and focus on licensing, enforcement, and discipline. *Councillors are intelligent, capable people, and modern professional regulation is not rocket science!* We need to stop hiring expensive outside “experts”, concocting new programs, and spending recklessly. “Modernization” and “protecting the public” are being **abused** by Council to justify weakening our democratic self-governance.
2. **Make member referenda *obligatory*** for *major* Council initiatives (Strategic Plan, “PEAK”/CPD, and Act/Regulations amendments). When members feel in control of their self-regulating profession, they will participate more in it. No wonder only **11 %** of our graduates are joining PEO!
3. **Develop comprehensive practice standards** to ensure engineers are not pressured to skip necessary tasks in their work. Bidding will become more uniform and fair. Ditch “PEAK”. My motion for the long-promised referendum on it was *blocked from even being debated!* (This only exacerbated members' suspicion of secret agendas and backroom manipulation.)
4. **Overhaul the discipline process.** *Get rid of all the costly **lawyering!*** (Leave that for appeals which go to Divisional Court.) Discipline is supposed to be administered by *our peers*. Utilize less-costly *mediation* for minor offences.
5. Government indifference to the plight of manufacturing is forcing engineering demand—and salaries—down. Demand an **industrial policy** for Canada and Ontario, and **require engineering be done by engineers.**

For **CONTINUED VISION AND LEADERSHIP ON COUNCIL**, it's

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