Zero-tolerance Enforcement

PEAK Referendum

Protecting the Public

- ✓ PEO needs to take an active, zero-tolerance approach to enforcement, as opposed to its current passive, hands-off policy.

- ✓ Members need to be consulted NOW, via the *long-promised* and *forgotten* binding **referendum** on "PEAK". Making PEAK compulsory will force members to waste their precious time and incur needless costs for courses with no practical benefit.

- ✓ PEO needs to close loopholes in the Act. For example, certain nuclear operators misuse the *Industrial Exception* clause, claiming that PEO has no jurisdiction over them and cannot require licensure. Councillor Torabi's motion to restrict the use of the *Industrial Exception* passed, but ***ELEVEN* *councillors voted against it.*** It defies comprehension that these councillors by voting NO, placed such a significant risk to the public; every human, animal and plant!

Cloistered political elites

The elite political class in PEO has come to see its job as representing *itself to engineers*, rather than representing the *engineer's view* of the public interest to government. By focusing on *policing* and *controlling* engineers, PEO has come to resemble an *oligarchy of cloistered elites* that care more about *political spin* rather than any form of engineering. PEO leaves many engineers out in the cold by its continued failure to regulate the majority of modern-day engineering disciplines.

Ontario's engineers belong to a ***self-regulated* *profession***. Council needs to acknowledge this fundamental fact. PEO politics needs to be responsive to the engineers it is supposed to represent. We engineers, have committed to protect the public interest, yet the 97-year-old covenant between engineers and the public we serve is being stealthily dismantled. It desperately needs defenders like me at Council.

Vote to reduce the significant risk to every Ontario resident

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