

TIME FOR A STRATEGIC PLAN

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For about the past couple of years the PEO has been occupied with understanding and implementing the Cayton regulatory performance review. It is now moving forward on an action plan to enhance the functioning of the PEO as a trusted regulator. As I have been acclaimed as a Regional Councillor, I am looking forward to working with my colleagues to do what I can to make the process successful. Nevertheless, regardless of the importance of this review, it is not and should not become the Mission of the PEO. It is simply an inwardly looking tool to aim the PEO towards excellence in being able to fulfil its actual Mission of regulating and advancing the practice of engineering to protect the public interest. I believe that an outwardly looking tool is also needed. Hopefully, my Council colleagues would support the Council developing a new strategic plan (previous one expired at the end of 2020) that would show a path forward for the PEO to be more effective in regulating and advancing the practice of engineering so the public interest is well served in important real world issues. A good starting point would be to identify and assess possible roles for the PEO in addressing issues in public interest regulations/legislation such as the Occupational Health and Safety Act., the Building Code and the Environmental Protection Act including issues related to mitigating and adapting to the climate crisis. I believe the effective implementation of a strategic plan would involve mobilizing and motivating the cadre of PEO volunteers and Chapter members to help the PEO and its staff effectively promote the plan.

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