

My fellow Ontario Engineers – I have the honour of being nominated for the Councillor at Large position and I thank those that nominated me. After 23 years as a senior staff person at Engineers Canada, working on regulatory issues related to admissions, professional practice and enforcement, and now retired, I thought to bring my experience, and expertise to the PEO regulatory table.

PEO guidance is lacking in the area of engineering and the climate crisis - one of the key issues affecting the public interest and engineering practice. For the past 20 years at Engineers Canada I have devoted part of my work on climate change and engineering. This resulted in publishing a national practice guideline on climate change adaptation and mitigation. This work included extensive outreach to government, industry and practitioners, and the development and operation of a methodology known as the PIEVC Protocol to identify climate risks to our public infrastructure.

My work in professional practice extended to the subjects of sustainability and environmental stewardship. I was involved in publishing national and an international practice guidelines on these subjects as well as developing an on-line, short course for engineers entitled Sustainability in Practice that has been delivered to nearly 10,000 people over seven deliveries in the past three years. The principles of Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship must be pillars of professional practice for all engineers and equivalent in status to our code of ethics. As your councillor I hope to include these themes in PEO's 2023-2025 strategic plan, a primary focus for the next council. PEO has other priorities that need to be addressed in the strategic plan including emerging disciplines, our admissions and enforcement policies and processes. I'll speak to these in future communications. Please vote for the candidates of your choice – it makes a difference!