

**Elect Peter Inman, P.Eng., B.Esc., MBA, CEM, FEC for Western Region Councilor**

Thank you for your encouragement and support throughout the election cycle.

New leadership within the PEO and Council gives me hope that the engineering profession can transition into a powerful force for the 21<sup>st</sup> century through value-added regulation, self-governance, and a streamlined licensing process.

If elected, I will commit my time and energy as Western Region Councilor to collaborate with Chapter members, PEO Council and others to strengthen and modernize the engineering profession. Chapters play a key role in Profession Advocacy and bridge the gap between the PEO as Regulator and OSPE representing Member Advocacy.

We need to move from the current 25% licensing rate of engineering grads to 80% being licensed under a regulatory process that is transparent, and spans both traditional and modern leading-edge technologies that our modern society depends on. The process should enable limited licensure shortly after Canadian Engineering School graduation, thereby solving cancellation of the EIT program. Full licensure can follow with appropriate professional experience. The process for foreign trained engineers should follow the same principles.

The engineering profession needs to address the root causes of low licensure rates. Currently PEO regulates about 90,000 professionals, and there are a reported 200,000 Canadian engineering graduates that are unlicensed. Progressive employers will recognize the value of licensed professionals for their values whether engaged in engineering, management or business. There is a significant opportunity to grow the size and power of professional engineering in the province.

Our modern society needs the power of Professional Engineers as problem solvers and implementers of solutions to address the social, economic and environmental issues of today and the future.

I respectfully ask for your vote to represent your interests on Council.