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Blowing your own horn doesn't come naturally to most engineers, **myself** included, but here goes.

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I have been a Director with PEGO since 2014. I am currently leading two of the joint committees we have with Treasury Board Secretariat. Along with Ben Hendry (MOECC) and Martin Haalstra (MTO), we are working through the Market Compensation Review committee and the Job Evaluation System committee to increase salaries and job opportunities for all PEGO members. These committees are important as the work that Engineers do within the government is often overlooked, taken for granted and not quite understood. Through these committees PEGO has decided to become the official horn blower for all Engineers and Land Surveyors, championing the essential work we do in the areas of transportation, the environment, and public safety.

I have also worked hard convincing the folks at Treasury Board that engineering is critical to the province. Going above and beyond the bureaucrats, I've been successful in demonstrating our importance to the political side of government through meetings with Liz Sandals (President of Treasury Board) – two meetings, Steven Del Duca (Minister of Transportation) – two meetings, and meetings with Deputy Ministers for Transportation, Infrastructure, and Treasury Board Secretariat. I use the following quote to help promote what we do:

Engineering is the art of doing that well, with one dollar, what any bungler can do with two after a fashion. A.M. Wellington - 1887

In my day job, I'm a Senior Structural Engineer at the MTO in Kingston, where I've worked since early 2009. I'm responsible for the continued health and safety of hundreds of bridges, culverts and retaining walls, most of them residing in and around Ottawa.

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