



**Professional Engineers
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Engineering for Ontarians

Regulating in the Public's Best Interest

June 6, 2005
Queen's Park



Attorney General Michael Bryant thanked PEO for educating MPPs about the issues facing engineers.

"I want to thank our professional engineers for their many and varied contributions to our communities in Ontario."

**Ted Arnott,
MPP Waterloo-Wellington**



Left to right, Norm Sterling, P.Eng., MPP Lanark-Carleton; Ernie Parsons, P.Eng., MPP Prince Edward-Hastings; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Phil McNeely, P.Eng., MPP Ottawa-Orléans; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.

"As a member of Provincial Parliament, this gathering reinforced my pride in being a P.Eng. as our guests shared with my elected colleagues their stories of significant professional contributions to our wonderful province."

**Ernie Parsons, P.Eng.,
MPP Prince Edward-Hastings**



Left to right, Alourdes Sully, P.Eng.; David Zimmer, MPP Willowdale; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.; PEO Councillor Derek Wilson, P.Eng.

"This very enjoyable event gave me a valuable opportunity to meet and speak with a number of engineers from my own community and across the province. It also prompted me to reflect on the invaluable contribution made to our infrastructure and our quality of life by our engineers."

**Brad Duguid,
MPP Scarborough Centre**



Left to right, President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Ann Borooh, president, Large Municipalities Chief Building Officials; Phil McNeely, P.Eng., MPP Ottawa-Orléans; John Grefford, P.Eng.; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.

Engineers in the lime

By Michael Mastromatteo

Ontario legislators should have a better understanding of engineers' commitment to the *Professional Engineers Act* (PEA) as an instrument upholding public safety, thanks to PEO's first-ever Engineering for Ontarians Day at Queen's Park.

Held June 6 as a high note in the regulator's ongoing government communications program, the event was attended by Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant—who oversees the PEA—legislators from all three major political parties, PEO Council members and staff, and as many as 50 PEO members who have volunteered as government spokespeople for the program.

The reception also included representatives from stakeholder organizations, such as the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Consulting Engineers of Ontario, the Ontario Association of Architects, the Electrical Safety Authority, and the Technical Standards and Safety Authority.

"Professional Engineers Ontario has always impressed me with their exceptional professionalism and thorough presentations. Their dedication to inform all levels of government of initiatives and to recognize the quality of work produced by engineers is commended."

Kevin Flynn, MPP Oakville

About 45 MPPs attended the reception to meet with engineers. Brown & Cohen Communications & Public Affairs Inc., engaged by PEO to assist in developing the program, believes the event will generate greater awareness of PEO and the benefits of engineering self-regulation among Ontario legislators.

MPPs arriving at the reception were greeted by PEO President Bob Goodings, P.Eng., Past President George Comrie, P.Eng., and President-elect Pat Quinn, P.Eng. MPPs were then escorted by PEO staff or volunteers to meet PEO spokespeople residing in the MPP's riding or area.

Celebrate contributions

Nancy Hill, P.Eng., LLB, a Lieutenant Governor-in-Council appointee to PEO Council, acted as master of ceremonies. She described the event as an opportunity to celebrate PEO's contributions to the self-regulation of engineering and to help Members of Provincial Parliament get to know P.Engs.

Attorney General Bryant suggested that as an awareness-raising exercise, the reception will likely meet its objective. "The purpose is to alert MPPs who are not engineers, meaning the other 100 of us in the Legislature, as to the issues facing you," Bryant said. "I know, and certainly all MPPs understand, that Professional Engineers Ontario is not here simply to talk about and advocate for issues involving your profession, but it is very much your responsibility to act in the public interest. And, for those of you who are here to help educate us on the issues facing engineers, and issues facing consumers [that involve] engineers, I thank you for that."

PEO President Bob Goodings dispensed with a prepared statement to reflect on the ultimate purpose of the Engineering for Ontarians Day. "We realize the importance of getting on the government's radar



Left to right, President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.



Left to right, Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.; CEO Kim Allen, P.Eng.; Hon. Mary Anne Chambers, then Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU); Jacqueline Brooks, senior policy advisor, MTCU.



Left to right, President-elect Pat Quinn, P.Eng.; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Tim Peterson, MPP Mississauga South; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.



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Left to right, John O'Toole, MPP Durham; Khalil Ramal, MPP London-Fanshawe; Paul McCleave, P.Eng.

Light at Queen's Park

"In every facet of life today, the role of the engineer is prominent in designing, developing and, ultimately, producing a product or service. Engineers are key in a just-in-time society."

Jeff Leal, MPP Peterborough

screen by reaching out to you [MPPs] and your colleagues and explaining our responsibilities under the *Professional Engineers Act*," Goodings told MPPs. "The reason you're here is because we have a program to get better known to you as our MPPs, and the people who look after us. In my life as a consultant, telling everybody how great you are was not going to do you any good at all. The most important thing was, 'What can I do for you?' So that's what PEO is here for—to say to you MPPs, 'What can we do for you?'"

Goodings also described the PEA as "a powerful Act" that guarantees accountability on the part of Ontario's professional engineers. "And so Parliamentarians, whoever you are, wherever you are, please use the PEA to solve your engineering problems."

In thanking the attorney general for his remarks, President-elect Pat Quinn referred to the hospitality of the host MPPs, and called for continuing positive relations between the attorney general's office and PEO.

MPP sponsors for the reception were Norm Sterling, P.Eng. (Lanark-Carleton), Phil McNeely, P.Eng. (Ottawa-Orléans) and Ernie Parsons, P.Eng. (Prince Edward-Hastings). Each of the sponsoring MPPs addressed the reception, with Parsons suggesting that engineering receptions at Queen's Park be held on a regular basis.

"This needs to be an annual event," Parsons said. "We're a profession that doesn't generate a lot of interaction with politicians, and I find my training—the analytical background, the ability to dissect problems—is no asset in politics. But nevertheless I find that the two work together very well."

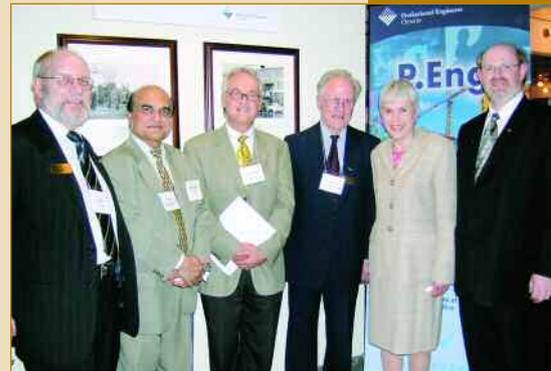
"I was particularly interested in speaking to the young women at the reception, since my daughter recently graduated from McGill with a degree in chemical engineering. I am proud of her achievements and would love to see more young women in this field."

Judy Marsales, MPP Hamilton West

Three central themes

PEO will determine the effectiveness of the Queen's Park reception in its overall evaluation of the ongoing government communications program, which is aimed at delivering a strong, consistent message to legislators. The three central messages revolve around PEO's mandate to regulate engineering in the public interest, the regulator's 80-year history of upholding the public safety and protection, and the benefits of the province consulting with the engineering regulator before new policy matters impacting on engineering are undertaken.

Left to right, PEO Councillor Jeff Mark, P.Eng.; PEO Councillor Gul Nawaz, FCA; John O'Toole, MPP Durham; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Julia Munro, MPP York North; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.



Left to right, President-elect Pat Quinn, P.Eng.; Cameron Jackson, MPP Burlington; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Dave Levac, MPP Brant; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.



Left to right, President-elect Pat Quinn, P.Eng.; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Richard Patten, MPP Ottawa Centre; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.

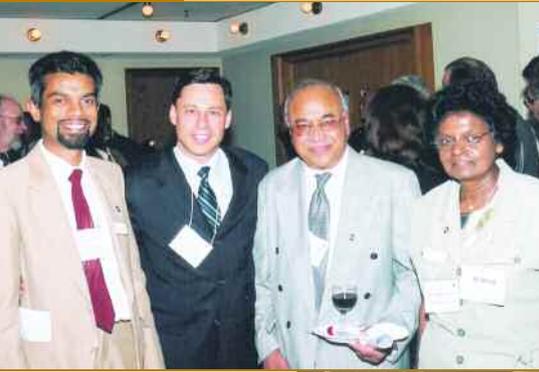


Left to right, Howard Brown, president, Brown & Cohen; Rosario Marchese, MPP Trinity-Spadina; President-elect Pat Quinn, P.Eng.



Left to right, Noreen Calderbank, P.Eng.; Jeff Leal, MPP Peterborough; Ian Cameron, P.Eng.





Left to right, Denis Carlos, P.Eng.; Brad Duguid, MPP Scarborough Centre; Santosh Gupta, P.Eng.; Raneer Mahalingam, P.Eng.



Left to right, Mike Colle, MPP Eglinton-Lawrence; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Hon. Monte Kwinter, Minister of Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.



Left to right, President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.



Left to right, PEO Councillor Ravi Gupta, P.Eng.; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Mario Racco, MPP Thornhill.



Left to right, President-elect Pat Quinn, P.Eng.; President Bob Goodings, P.Eng.; Jerry Ouellette, MPP Oshawa; Past President George Comrie, P.Eng.

“It was a great pleasure to attend Professional Engineers Ontario’s reception on June 6 to help celebrate 80 years as a self-regulating body. The speech by Attorney General Michael Bryant was a special highlight of the event, and it was a great opportunity to meet with members of the profession. PEO can truly be proud of the excellent work they are doing.”

Dr. Kuldip S. Kular, MPP Bramalea-Gore-Malton-Springdale

“I was pleased to attend the MPP reception hosted by Professional Engineers Ontario. As a former industrial designer, I can appreciate the hard work Ontario’s professional engineers do on a daily basis. Thank you for inviting me.”

Monte Kwinter, MPP York Centre

“The recent Professional Engineers Ontario Queen’s Park reception was, in my view, a great success. It was a pleasure for my colleagues and I to meet professional engineers from across the province to discuss their issues of concern and gain a greater awareness of Professional Engineers Ontario’s role in our province.”

Bruce Crozier, MPP Essex