

**EVENTS ATTENDED:****OPEN FOR BUSINESS BILL INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE INCLUDES 20  
PEA AMENDMENTS**

The Professional Engineers Act (PEA) is set to undergo remarkable changes recommended by PEO Council, the most extensive in over 25 years.

Minister of Economic Development and Trade Sandra Pupatello, MPP (Windsor West) introduced them as key components of the new Open for Business bill in the legislature this week.

The PEA changes, which improve access to the profession and increased mobility, accounted for over 20 of the 100 amendments from 10 ministries.

Attending the introduction in the Legislature were PEO CEO/Registrar Kim Allen P.Eng and past PEO President and Catherine Karakatsanis P.Eng.

Several MPPs spoke with both Mr. Allen and Ms. Karakatsanis including Attorney General Chris Bentley, MPP (London West), Mike Colle, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Bas Balkissoon, MPP (Scarborough--Rouge River), Frank Klees, MPP (Newmarket--Aurora) and Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto-Danforth).

PEO was asked to participate in the introduction by Kathleen Murphy, Chief of Staff and Chris Cheung, Senior Policy Advisor for Attorney General Chris Bentley, who briefed Kim Allen and Howard Brown.

PEO is working closely with the Attorney-General's office on the bill as it works its way through the legislative steps.

Bill 68 can be found at [http://www.ontla.on.ca/bills/bills-files/39\\_Parliament/Session2/b068.pdf](http://www.ontla.on.ca/bills/bills-files/39_Parliament/Session2/b068.pdf)

**PEO AND CONSULTING ENGINEERS ATTEND PC LEADER'S DINNER**

PEO CEO/Registrar Kim Allen P.Eng and Barry Steinberg, President of Consulting Engineers of Ontario attended the PC Leader's Dinner with Tim Hudak this past week.

Mr. Hudak unveiled his party's new branding "ONTARIO CAN LEAD AGAIN" and spoke of his plans for Ontario's future.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Steinberg spoke with many of the PC MPPs. Howard Brown also attended the pre-reception and spoke with numerous MPPs including Ernie Hardeman MPP (Oxford) who was pleased to hear that one of his former constituents, Diane Freeman was the new president of PEO.

Former Party President Blair McCreadie, who has been a strong supporter of PEO's 11 for 11 campaign (11 engineers in the legislature in 2011) encouraged Mr. Allen to have engineers interested in running for the PC party to send in their resumes before the end of June.

### **COLLINGWOOD CONFERENCE LOOKS AT ONTARIO FUTURE**

The Ontario Liberal Collingwood Policy Conference with Premier Dalton McGuinty and award-winning journalist Malcolm Gladwell was held this past weekend.

Howard Brown participated in the conference that looked at the following issues:

- The Future of Manufacturing
- Growth Trade with China, India and the World
- Powering a Cleaner Economy
- The Future of Water
- Income Security
- Attracting new industries in a Global Economy
- Driving Growth in Small Towns and Northern Communities
- A Game Plan for the 21st Century
- Social Innovation
- Integrating newcomers
- Bringing Children out of Poverty
- Elementary Education
- Reworking our Long-term Care Strategy

At the conference Mr. Brown thanked Premier McGuinty for providing a video message for the PEO Awards Dinner.

Mr. Brown also advised the Premier on the success of the AGM weekend with the attendance and participation of Attorney-General Chris Bentley MPP, Energy and Infrastructure Minister Brad Duguid MPP and Opposition Leader Tim Hudak. The Premier said "you certainly had your bases covered."

Mr. Brown also spoke with many Ministers and MPPs about PEO issues and events including Minister Duguid, who had recognized the important work of PEO Councillor Santosh Gupta at the PEO Annual Meeting.

Dr. Gupta did an excellent job introducing Mr. Duguid at the AGM. Dr. Gupta attends many MPP events including those of Mr. Duguid. He also attended the recent OSPE AGM.

## **ONTARIO PC ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HOSTS SEMINAR FOR POTENTIAL PC WOMEN CANDIDATES**

The Ontario PC Association of Women (OPCAW) hosted an informative seminar for women interested in putting their names forward to run as Ontario PC candidates in the 2011 provincial election titled 'How to Run to Win.'

Speakers included Ontario PC MPPs Christine Elliott (Whitby-Oshawa), Lisa MacLeod (Nepean-Carleton), Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon), Julia Munro (York-Simcoe), Ontario PC 2011 Campaign Manager Mark Spiro, Toronto Sun Columnist and Ontario PC candidate in St. Paul's, Sue-Ann Levy and Executive Director of the Ontario PC Fund, Helen Johns.

PEO Oakville Chapter member Darla Campbell, P. Eng attended the event. Ms. Campbell participated in the previous week's GLP training session at the PEO Annual Meeting.

## **CITY COUNCILLORS ATTEND OTTAWA CHAPTER NEW MEMBER NIGHT**

PEO's Ottawa Chapter held a PEO New Member Night to recognizing new engineers this past week. Participating in the event were Ottawa City Councillors Steve Dzerowicz and Marianne Wilkinson.

Congratulations to Guy Boone P.Eng and the Ottawa Chapter on a successful event.

## **IGNATIEFF OUTLINES PLANS AT MISSISSAUGA BOARD OF TRADE AND AT LEADERS DINNER**

Federal Opposition Leader Michael Ignatieff spoke of the choices Canadians will need to make in the next election at two events this past week attended by Howard Brown.

One was at the Mississauga Board of Trade and the other at his Toronto Leaders Dinner at the Sheraton Centre. In each speech, Mr. Ignatieff discussed the importance of life long learning, care for our elderly and Canada's role in the world.

## **PEO EMERGING DISCIPLINE'S TASK FORCE LOOKS AT NEXT STEPS IN NANOTECHNOLOGY**

At its April meeting, PEO Council endorsed a plan to recognize nanotechnology and molecular engineering as a new discipline.

PEO is working on a plan with Academic Requirement committee to develop the academic requirements and with Kim Allen to develop a public awareness and messaging campaign.

To that end, Jordan Max, PEO Manager, Policy invited Howard Brown to discuss with

the Emerging Disciplines Task Force which Ministries would be best to work with.

Mr. Brown had a two-hour meeting last week with the Task Force members including chair and former PEO President Peter DeVita P.Eng. as well as PEO Vice President Corneliu Chisu P.Eng, University of Waterloo professor John Yeou, P. Eng, University of Western Ontario professor Argyrios Margaritis.

The goal is demonstrate to industry and academia the importance of this new body of knowledge.

They discussed several ministries to educate including the Ministry of Health and Long term care, the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade as well as the Ministry of Research and Innovation. Work continues on the next steps.

### **MIKE COLLE FUNDRAISER ATTENDED BY PEO WEST TORONTO GLP CHAIR**

Parvin Marzban, P. Eng, the Government Liaison Program (GLP) chair for Toronto West Chapter, George Teichmann P.Eng and Howard Brown attended a fundraiser this past week for MPP Mike Colle (Eglinton-Lawrence).

Guest speaker was former Finance Minister Greg Sorbara MPP. Ms. Marzban spoke with Mr. Colle, had her photo taken with him and met with other business leaders at the event.

### **RIM EXECUTIVE SPEAKS AT MINISTER OF HEALTH PROMOTION FUNDRAISER**

Minister of Health Promotion Margaret Best MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) held a fundraiser this past week. Guest speaker was Research in Motion Chief Operating Officer Don Morrison and Minister of Revenue John Wilkinson, MPP (Perth--Wellington). Attending on behalf of PEO was Howard Brown.

### **ONTARIO ENERGY NETWORK LUNCH BRINGS OUT PEO, OCEEP, STUDENTS**

PEO Manager of Pre-Licensing Programs Manoj Choudhary P.Eng, Acting Executive Director of the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy Jana Levison, Jeanette Chau, EIT Officer from the PEO Pre-Licensing Department and Howard Brown participated in the Ontario Energy Network lunch this past week.

Students attending were from Donnie Eyee, Kazem Kutob and Prachy Mohan from the University of Toronto, Pierre Mikhael Ryerson and Shannon Pole from McMaster. Prior to the event, Howard Brown met with Ms. Pole who attended the OCEPP Policy Conference to discuss the PEO Government Liaison Program.

Guest speaker at the lunch was Howard Wetston, Chair of the Ontario Energy Board.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **NEW PEO PRESIDENT PROFILED IN WOODSTOCK DAILY**

PEO President Diane Freeman, P.Eng was profiled this past week in her hometown paper, the Woodstock Sentinel Review. The article focuses on her work, the challenges women face as engineers and her past in Woodstock as well as highlighted the new Professional Engineers Act changes. The article can be found at the link below.

<http://woodstocksentinelreview.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2579450>

### **YORK CHAPTER TO HOST MP AT BREAKFAST MEETING**

Bryon Wilfert, MP (Richmond Hill) will be speaking at the York Chapter Breakfast meeting on June 11. The topic of discussion will be Development and Infrastructure Funding.

This is part of the chapter's continued efforts to bring together members with their elected representatives about topics of importance to the engineering community.

For more information about the event please see:

<http://honbryonwilfert06112010.eventbrite.com/>

### **OTTAWA CHAPTER CANDIDATE COLLEGE SET FOR JUNE 16**

PEO's Ottawa Chapter has set the date for their upcoming Candidate College as June 16 from 6 to 9:30 pm at the University of Ottawa. The event is expected to draw upwards of 50 engineers and a number of Ottawa politicians are being contacted to participate.

For more information contact Ottawa GLP Co-chairs Guy Boone at

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### **PEO SUPPORTING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ON STUDENT MATH LITERACY**

Spearheaded by teacher and engineer Bruce McCowan, P.Eng. the PEO Education Committee is preparing an online tutoring program called "Problem-Solving: Engineering and Mathematics" to help with math literacy in elementary and secondary schools.

The program will be incorporated into the current online education system. The role of engineers in this system would not be one-on-one tutoring, but rather, facilitating group discovery through the online forum interface.

The next steps are to refine the proposal and gather suggestions and support from PEO members across the province before presenting to Education Minister Leona Dombrowski, MPP (Prince Edward-Hastings) and then launch the program at the 2010 PEO Education conference.

## **MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT RESPONDS TO PEO ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment Helena Jaczek, MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham) has responded to a letter at the PEO's request from Enforcement Officer Marisa Sterling P.Eng.

Ms. Sterling had contacted the Ministry of Environment to discuss establishing professional engineers as the 'qualified person' to conduct noise impact assessments for new wind farm project proposals. The legislation currently relies on self-declared acoustical consultants.

Ms. Jaczek congratulated Ms. Sterling on her appointment and expressed an interest to work with her on the issue. Ms. Sterling will be following up on the invitation to speak to MPP Jaczek.

Ms. Sterling also attended The Learning Partnership Tribute Dinner at the Metro Convention Centre last week with former Minister and MPP Bette Stephenson also attending. Ms Stephenson asked Ms. Sterling to send her a picture from the early 80s when Ms. Sterling worked as a Legislative page.

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- A town hall forum with Dr. Karen Mock, Thornhill Federal Liberal Candidate and Justin Trudeau, MP on Wednesday May 26 from 6 to 9 pm. For more information, please visit the following Facebook page <http://bit.ly/dwDbmL>. The event is free of charge with a Liberal membership/\$10 without.
- A fundraising reception with Minister Deb Matthews on Thursday May 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the University Club of Toronto, 380 University Avenue. To RSVP please contact Derek Houlbrook at [Derek.houlbrook@sympatico.ca](mailto:Derek.houlbrook@sympatico.ca). Tickets are \$300.
- An evening with Brampton MP Ruby Dhalla, and the Hamilton Centre Young Liberals on Friday May 28 at 6 pm, 360 James Street North in Hamilton. To RSVP please e-mail Fadi El Masry at [f.elmasry@gmail.com](mailto:f.elmasry@gmail.com). Tickets are \$80.
- Lunch with Toronto Mayoral Candidate George Smitherman on Friday, May 28

- from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Constitution Hall, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building. Tickets are \$250 per person. To RSVP please contact Howard Brown at [howard@brown-cohen.com](mailto:howard@brown-cohen.com)
- A fundraising reception for Agriculture Minister Carol Mitchell with special guest Minister Economic Development and Trade Sandra Pupatello on May 31, 2010 at 6 p.m. at Labatt House, 207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 299. For more information contact [huronbrucepla@gmail.com](mailto:huronbrucepla@gmail.com). Tickets are \$400.
  - A fundraising reception with Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Brad Duguid on Wednesday June 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Lemongrass Restaurant, Square One, Mississauga. - -
  - A fundraising reception with MPP Wayne Arthurs, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance on June 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Campbell House at Queen St. and University Ave. to RSVP please contact Bill Hepburn at [bwhepburn@sympatico.ca](mailto:bwhepburn@sympatico.ca) - -
  - A fundraising reception with Rick Johnson MPP and Minister of Health and Long-term Care Deb Matthews MPP on Thursday June 3 at 6:30 pm at 4 Sylvester Dr, Lindsay Ontario. To RS - - -
  - A fundraising reception for federal Liberal Toronto Danforth candidate Andrew Lang with former Prime Minister Paul Martin and Attorney General Chris Bentley on June 3 from 6 to 8 pm at the offices of Stikeman Elliott LLP, 199 Bay Street. To RSVP please e-mail Adrian Lang at [alang@stikeman.com](mailto:alang@stikeman.com). Tickets are \$350.
  - A fundraiser with Gerard Kennedy MP (Parkdale-High Park) on June 5 at the Toronto Blue Jays versus the NY Yankees in the Rogers Centre Press Box. For additional information and registration forms please call Valerie or Crystal at (647) 215-9733 or visit our website [www.KennedyandFriends.ca](http://www.KennedyandFriends.ca). Tickets are \$200 for adults and \$100 for kids.
  - The 2010 Ontario Liberal Fund Central Region Trillium Dinner with Premier Dalton McGuinty on Tuesday June 8 at The Terrace Banquet Centre, Vaughan starting at 6 pm. For more information please contact Julie at 905-652-4140 ext. 200. Tickets are \$400 per person.
  - A fundraising reception with Children and Youth Minister Laurel Broten MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) and Minister of Health and Long Term Care Deb Matthews MPP (London North Centre) on June 9 from 6 to 9 pm at Campbell House, 160 Queen Street West. For more information please e-mail [brotendifundraiser@ontarioliberalfund.com](mailto:brotendifundraiser@ontarioliberalfund.com) or call 416-260-1608x516. Tickets are \$1000. Only 40 tickets will be sold. Minister Broten has asked for Howard Brown's assistance on the event.

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