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For more on this story, see page 5.

Through the Professional Engineers Act, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

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Breaking News

PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT AND PC FINANCE CRITIC TO SPEAK AT ENGINEERS’ SYMPOSIUM IN NORTH BAY

PC Finance Critic Vic Fedeli MPP (Nipissing) will speak at North Bay Chapter’s annual Engineers’ Day Symposium Luncheon on January 31.

North Bay Chapter GLP Chair, John Severino, who is also Manager of Environmental Services in the City of North Bay, reports that PEO President-Elect David Adams, P.Eng., and new Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., will also be participating.

Discussions will include a session on climate change with the Director of Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR) Al Douglas, Climatologist at the Department of Geography at Nipissing University Dr. Adam Csank and Insurance Bureau of Canada Director of Research Robert Tremblay.

Other speakers include North Bay Mayor Al McDonald, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers President Paul Acchione, P.Eng., and Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists President Stephen Morley, CET.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS WEIGH IN ON 2014 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

Consulting Engineers of Ontario Manager of Stakeholder Relations, David Zurawel appeared before the provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs on January 16 as part of the Government’s 2014 pre-budget consultation process.
Mr. Zurawel outlined CEO’s position on infrastructure being an investment rather than an expense. He said that a strategic long-term infrastructure idea is just as important to tackling infrastructure deficit as monetary investment is.

CEO wants the Government to continue its commitment to a long-term infrastructure strategy and ensure dedicated revenue for strategic long-term commitments. Also, to develop a standardized decision-making process incorporating success metrics to be applied to all projects, this will help determine which financing and procurement methods are used. Lastly, focus investment on core infrastructure, both on new projects and on-going repair of existing ones.

**Donna Cansfield** MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation, asked about Ontario’s skilled worker shortage and the difficulty of foreign-trained professionals being able to find work, and **Steven Del Duca** MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, on how the Government could reshape its infrastructure investments given recent events and dedicated revenue streams for infrastructure investments.

To read CEO’s brief to the Standing Committee go to: [http://www.ceo.on.ca/files/January%202017%20-%20CEO%202014%20Pre-budget%20presentation.pdf](http://www.ceo.on.ca/files/January%202017%20-%20CEO%202014%20Pre-budget%20presentation.pdf).

Mr. Zurawel’s presentation to the committee and questions from MPPs is available at: [http://www.ontla.on.ca/committee-proceedings/transcripts/files_pdf/16-JAN-2014_F022.pdf](http://www.ontla.on.ca/committee-proceedings/transcripts/files_pdf/16-JAN-2014_F022.pdf).

**GLC CHAIR TO MODERATE PEO ELECTION DEBATES NEXT WEEK**

PEO will hold six All Candidates Debates for PEO Council positions on January 27, 28 and 29. They will be webcasted live and moderated by PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng. (photo right), who is also CEO of Consulting Engineers of Ontario. The interactive webcasts offers PEO licence holders the opportunity to participate and pose questions directly to the candidates. The schedule is below. The 19 candidates can be found on next page.

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PEO is encouraging all licence holders to vote to ensure PEO remains in a strong position to continue regulating the profession and protect public interest. For more information on the upcoming 2014 PEO Council Elections, visit: [http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/ci_id/27092/la_id/1.htm](http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/ci_id/27092/la_id/1.htm)
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PEO PRESIDENT FOLLOWS UP WITH PC ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC

Following their January 10 meeting, PEO President Annette Bergeron P.Eng., sent PC Attorney General Critic Julia Munro MPP (York-Simcoe) the following letter:

January 17, 2014

VIA EMAIL: Julia.Munro@pc.ola.org
(To be Mailed)

Ms. Julia Munro, MPP
PC Critic - Attorney General
45 Grist Mill Road
Holland Landing, ON

Dear Ms. Munro,

SUBJECT: Thank you for meeting with Professional Engineers Ontario

It was a pleasure to meet with you on Friday at your constituency office to discuss the work of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). I know both our new Registrar, Gerard McDaid, and our Government Relations Consultant, Howard Brown, join me in letting you know how much we enjoyed our exchange of views.

I also wanted to thank you for attending our October 9th Queen’s Park reception. As I mentioned in our meeting, I was very proud to recognize three Ontario companies from three different sectors who voluntarily complied with taking the necessary steps to ensure an engineer oversees design and changes to machinery in a manufacturing premise. As you know, the repeal of the industrial exception legislation has been passed, but is still subject to a proclamation date.

We invite you to encourage your caucus colleagues to further learn about how the Repeal can protect employee safety and facilitate innovation. It would be appreciated if you could arrange a follow-up meeting with some of your colleagues to meet with us and some of the companies that have complied and discuss PEO efforts to create a safer and more innovative workplace in the province.

As you know, PEO has a proud history of over 90 years regulating the professional practice of engineering in the public interest. Through the Professional Engineers Act, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

We very much appreciate you and your caucus’ goals to reduce costs and regulatory burdens to business, particularly small business. We share your concerns.

Our task is not to advocate for engineers but to regulate the profession in the public interest. However, we do believe that innovation and job creation can be enhanced through greater participation of licensed engineers in the marketplace.

Statistics show that Ontario has one of the highest rates of workplace accidents and we believe that a safer workplace is a less expensive workplace.

We realize we have a long way to go before there is a consensus on this issue, but we are not doing regulation for regulation’s sake. We are simply committed to making sure engineering work is signed off by an engineer who can be disciplined and have their licence removed if they don’t put public and worker safety first.

We appreciate the fact that you were Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and understand the importance of safety. It is for this reason that we look forward to continuing to work towards consensus on this issue. The fact that you also participated in the Standing Committee hearings on the Open for Business legislation in 2003 is particularly valuable in your new role as the Critic for the Attorney General.

Your offer to continue the discussion and “if nothing else, soften the ground for a more receptive discussion with manufacturers,” is greatly appreciated. We believe you can be an important bridge to achieve consensus on this issue.

We were interested to learn this week that PC Leader Tim Hudak has called for an increase in trade with other provinces. We think it is important that Ontario rise to the National standard and not be the only province with an industrial exception. As Gerard McDonald said, “why should Ontario workers be subject to a lower duty of care than the rest of the country”.

Thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to continuing the discussion.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Annette Bergeron, P.Eng.
President
Also included in the letter is a three-page package outlining key messages for companies on the elimination of Ontario’s Industrial Exception and questions commonly asked about the elimination of the exception. To read this package, please go to the addendum at end of this issue.

**MPP Meetings**

LONDON GLP CHAIR HAS DISCUSSIONS WITH NDP TRAINING, COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CRITIC

PEO London Chapter GLP Chair Tomiwa Olukiyesi, P.Eng., met for 45 minutes on January 17 with NDP Training, Colleges & Universities Teresa Armstrong MPP (London-Fanshawe) in London to discuss PEO issues.

At the meeting, they discussed PEO London Chapter and how PEO could be an important resource for Ms. Armstrong, her party and the Government on matters relating to the regulation of engineering in Ontario. Ms. Armstrong has been invited to be a speaker at the PEO Western Region Academy and Congress on March 1, Ms. Olukiyesi will be chair of the event. For more details, see page 10.

**Events Attended**

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PEO Lead on the Repeal, Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., attended Premier Kathleen Wynne MPP (Don Valley West)’s New Year’s Levee on January 18. Ms. Sterling is also the President and Chair of the Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education. Ms. Sterling spoke with Ms. Wynne about the strong contribution the Foundation has made over the past 55 years to fund engineering student scholarships.
The Foundation has partnerships with all Ontario Universities to enhance the skill set of engineering students by promoting leadership, community involvement and entrepreneurship in their awards. This year, the Foundation funded over $100,000 of student scholarships.

Also at the event were former Don Valley West MP Rob Oliphant whose grandfather, Stanley Richard Frost, was a former PEO President and Valerie Sterling whose husband, Gordon Sterling, was also a former PEO President. Mr. Sterling was also former President of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers now referred to as Engineers Canada. PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair Rajiv Srivastava, P.Eng., and Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown also participated in the Levee.

**PEO WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS MINISTER**

PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair Rajiv Srivastava, P.Eng., participated in a new year’s Levee for the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer MPP (Willowdale) on January 18. Mr. Srivastava is also Vice-Chair of the Chapter.

Mr. Zimmer was the Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General for many years and has been a long-time supporter of PEO. Mr. Zimmer has a strong history in PEO issues and is a valuable supporter in the Liberal caucus. PEO continues to strengthen its relationship with Mr. Zimmer based on this history.

**PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER CHAIR ATTENDS LEVEE FOR NDP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CRITIC**

PEO Grand River Chapter Chair Gabriel Tse, P.Eng., attended a Levee for NDP Economic Development, Research and Innovation Critic Catherine Fife MPP (Kitchener-Waterloo) on January 5.

Mr. Tse is arranging to meet with Ms. Fife at her constituency office next week to discuss PEO issues and an upcoming Chapter Town Hall meeting.
PEO GLP CHAIRS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE CALL ON SURVEY RESULTS

The PEO GLP Chairs from across the province are being invited to participate in a discussion with representatives of the Government Liaison Committee on January 29. They will look at ways to enhance involvement of the GLP Chairs in their respective Chapters. Chairing the meeting will be Jonathan Risto, P.Eng., (photo left) who chairs the GLP Chair Engagement sub-committee. He will review the results of the GLP Chair survey conducted last fall.

LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER INVITES PC MPP TO LOCAL EVENT

PEO Lake Ontario Chapter’s GLP Chair Randy Pickle, P.Eng., has invited local MPP John O’Toole (Durham) (photo left), PC Deputy Opposition Whip and Auditor General Critic, to be the Chapter’s guest at the Durham Community Foundation’s annual Odyssey Ball at the Ajax Community Centre on February 1. As a long-time supporter and donor, PEO Lake Ontario Chapter will again sponsor a table this year.

CITY COUNCILLOR AND ENGINEER TO SPEAK AT PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY

London City Councillor Harold Usher, P.Eng., has been confirmed as a speaker at the PEO Western Region GLP Academy and Congress hosted by PEO London Chapter on March 1 in London. Mr. Usher will bring to the session as a City Councillor and Engineer. He was the 2008 Ontario Professional Engineers Citizenship Award recipient.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Deb Matthews MPP (London North Centre), PC Transportation and Auto Insurance Critic Jeff Yurek MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), NDP Training, Colleges, Universities and Senior’s Issues Critic Teresa Armstrong MPP (London-Fanshawe) and NDP Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic Peggy Sattler MPP (London West) have all been invited to speak.

As mentioned in past GLP Weekly’s, the Academy will bring PEO GLP Chairs and volunteers together for government relations training and to plan GLP initiatives in the region.
PEO holds an Academy in every region each year to provide ongoing training and engagement for Chapter GLP volunteers.

PEO is targeting this year’s Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress for June, with the Eastern and Central Region Academies occurring tentatively in the fall.

Local MPPs including (from left to right) Deputy Premier Deb Matthews MPP (London North Centre), Peggy Sattler MPP (London West), Jeff Yurek MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) and Teresa Armstrong MPP (London-Fanshawe) have been invited to the PEO Western Regional Academy and Congress in London on March 1.

OCEPP’S 6TH ANNUAL STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION EXTENDS ELIGIBILITY

The Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP) has extended eligibility for its 6th annual Student Essay Competition to include students at Ontario community colleges as well as Ontario universities.

There are two contest categories: community college and university undergraduate students, and graduate students. The winner in each category will receive a $1,000 award and complimentary registration to OCEPP’s 2014 Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on May 30.

To view the competition criteria, submission guidelines or essay topics, please click here. Entries are due midnight, March 3, 2014. Winning essays from past years can be viewed from the “For Students” page of the OCEPP website.
Addendum

Addendum to the letter on page 5.

Five Key Messages
for companies on the elimination of Ontario’s “Industrial Exception”

1. Ontario worker safety record is not good enough.
   Source: Ontario WSIB and Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada.

2. Why should Ontario workers be subject to a lower duty of care than the rest of the country?
   Ontario is the only province with an “industrial exception”.

3. Companies are already voluntarily complying.
   Over 250 companies have filed their intention with PEO by August 31, 2013.

4. It is not regulation for regulation sake.
   The Pre-Start Health and Safety Review regulation only inspects equipment, not its design and integration.

5. There are myths about the costs.
   Protecting worker safety outweighs any short-term costs.

What companies are saying...

Zero Harm
"Through the leadership and partnership of organisations such as Professional Engineers Ontario, we continue put measures in place to achieve our goal of zero harm in our workplace." - Joel Montgomery, P.Eng., Manager of Central & Specialty Engineering at Vale's Ontario Operations, Sudbury

Continuous Improvement
"Bruce Power applauds the leadership ... by the PEO with respect to ... continuous improvement to make Ontario's workplaces safer. These improvements are consistent with our core value of "Safety First" ... and it was principally for this reason that Bruce Power chose to ... pro-actively transition..." - Gary Newman, P.Eng., Chief Engineer and Senior Vice President Engineering and James Scongack, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Bruce Power L.P., Kincardine

Provides Opportunity for Internationally Educated
"COM DEV highly values the diversity of our workforce reflected by a large number of foreign trained engineering graduates and with the assistance of the PEO we are now in a position where most ... are proceeding through the licensing process... through on site workshops, waiving of application fees and a willingness to listen to the needs of both the employees and the employer." - Nigel Doran, P.Eng., Vice President Engineering and Quality, COM DEV International Products, Cambridge and Ottawa
Eight Questions Commonly Asked by companies about the elimination of Ontario’s “Industrial Exception”

1. Why was the exception created?

In the early 1980’s, the Ontario government reviewed the professions of accounting, architecture, law and engineering with the goal of recognizing the roles of paraprofessionals within these professions. Within the field of engineering, it was recognized that rapid changes were taking place in technology. Some engineering work was becoming routine as it relied on well-established principles, and other engineering work was novel requiring direction of an engineer. Therefore, there was a need for legislation to support businesses and their emerging “engineering teams” which now included technically educated non-engineers. For example, the team could include engineers, technologists, technicians, operators, machinists, scientists, hygienists, etc.

2. How did it come about?

PEO supported the “engineering team” in workplaces, and proposed amending the Professional Engineers Act to 1) allow non-engineers to work under the supervision of an engineer, and 2) delineate what engineering work could be done by others in the “engineering team” who were not licensed engineers.

The Ontario government agreed with PEO’s proposal. Both government and industry rejected ideas of a blanket exemption of engineering work in businesses and government due to poor success of this approach in the US and the lack of legislation to adequately protect public safety.

However, the Government chose to put the responsibility on manufacturing employers directly to ensure that non-engineers were working under the supervision of an engineer, and thus the “industrial exception” clause was created, the only one of its type in any province in Canada.

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3. What does it mean?

The “industrial exception” clause is a very limited exemption that means a manufacturing company can design and modify their own production equipment in Ontario without any oversight of an engineer.

For other company scenarios, an engineer is however currently required when:

   1) a company designs or modifies equipment in Ontario for a client, or
   2) a company designs or modifies an end product in Ontario for either themselves or a client.

4. What is wrong with it?

Protecting worker and public safety from flawed engineering work has been lost in some companies due to the omission of an engineer from the “engineering team”. Some companies no longer consult an engineer in the design or modification of their own production equipment. This is contrary to the initial intent of the Government. Increased worker injury and fatality rates within the manufacturing sector have been observed. Statistics show that manufacturing sector rates of worker injuries are higher versus any other industry in the province*. As well, the rate of worker fatalities in Ontario’s manufacturing sector is higher than the rest of Canada combined*.

* Source: Association of Workers’ Compensation Boards of Canada (AWC&BC)
5. How come a Pre-Start Health and Safety Review (PSR) is not enough?

The PSR legislation is a reactive approach once a worker injury or fatality has occurred. It is not a proactive approach to help prevent these incidences.

Because of the “industrial exception” enacted in 1984, the government later tried to partially address the gap by introducing the PSR legislation and ensure some professional engineering oversight of production machinery was occurring to protect worker and the public’s safety. However, the PSR lacks mandatory reporting and compliance requirements. Therefore there is no public assurance whether prior to putting production equipment into use, a company 1) completes a PSR, or 2) corrects noted deficiencies. There are also no repercussions to a company if either of the above does not occur, and equipment deficiencies are only known and caught after a worker incident occurs and the company is inspected by the government.

In addition, the PSR is more costly to companies as equipment is only checked by an engineer once the design is complete, imposing production delays and additional costs to correct any deficiencies at this late stage in a project.

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6. How many will be impacted?

PEO estimates no more than 1000 Ontario companies use the exception. This is a small portion of the entire manufacturing sector, about 17%.

7. Why so few?

The reason for this low impact is that many companies today purchase their production equipment instead of designing or modifying it themselves. Therefore, these companies are not doing professional engineering work and therefore will not need to contract or hire an engineer.

In addition, many medium to large manufacturers currently have numerous licensed engineers on staff or on contract that could fill the necessary requirements.

Lastly, all manufacturers currently contract a professional engineer or have one on staff to meet the PSR requirements, and those same engineers can be used to ensure compliance.

8. What are the costs?

For the most part, any short-term costs are expected to be outweighed by long-term savings by proactively helping prevent worker injuries. According to the Ontario WSIB, the average cost of a workplace injury claim in 2010 was estimated at over $19,000 and the associated costs could be three to 10 times that.

The cost of licensing an existing employee is $715 and for each annual renewal is $220. It is estimated that there will be an average of 4 employees per impacted company. Any employee with a minimum 3 year technology degree from a college or university can seek a licence from PEO.

PEO continues to minimize any impacts to companies through this transition, including having shared in the cost of licensing.
Upcoming Events

*MP and MPP receptions/donations are entitled to up to 75% tax credit on the first $400. For more information see Elections Ontario or Elections Canada websites.

January 25 – PC Pickering Scarborough East Candidate Kevin Gaudet will host an evening reception at the home of Gerry Divaris, 67 Linderwood Dr., Toronto from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are $150 each or $250 for two, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact John Sinclair at 416-276-3640 or john@kevingaudet.ca.

January 26 – PC Research and Innovation and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic Ted Arnott MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills) will host a Family Skate at Mold-Masters Sportsplex, Ice Pad B, 221 Guelph St., Georgetown from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/473.

January 26 – PC Training and Apprenticeship Critic Garfield Dunlop MPP (Simcoe North) will host his 13th Annual Pancake Breakfast at The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 34, 215 Mississaga St. East, Orillia from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is no cost to attend, breakfast menu ranges from $5 to $7. All proceeds will go to the Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital. For more information, visit http://www.garfielddunlopmpp.com/events.htm.

January 27 – Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Deb Matthews (London North Centre) will speak to the Empire Club of Canada on Ontario’s Action Plan at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., Toronto at 12 p.m. Tickets are $80 each, registration is required. For more information, visit www.empireclub.org/event.

NEW! January 27 – PC Leader Tim Hudak MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) and PC Niagara Falls-Fort Erie Candidate Bart Maves will host a town hall to discuss challenges facing Niagara Falls and the PC Party’s plans. The event will take place at 130 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/503.

January 28 – PC Interprovincial Trade Critic Rob Milligan MPP (Northumberland-Quinte West) will host a cocktail reception celebrating the life and poetry of Robert Burns at The Caledonian, 856 College St., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $300 each or $500 for two, RSVP is recommended by January 17. For more information or to RSVP, contact James Roy at 416-540-3693 or robmilliganpc@gmail.com.

January 28 – The Municipal P3 Learning Symposium will take place at the Toronto Region Board of Trade, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto. Speakers include Ontario’s former Minister of Infrastructure David Caplan. The session has been developed to provide information and practical advice to both public and private sector organizations interested in participation in Private Public Sector Partnerships and Alternative Financing Programs. Tickets are $675 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Todd Latham at 416-444-5842 ext. 111 or todd@actualmedia.ca.
January 29 – PC Energy and Francophone Affairs Critic Lisa MacLeod MPP (Nepean-Carleton) will speak at a Power Lunch for her riding association at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $500 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Steven Coupland at 519-386-0704 or Stephen Somerville at 416-505-8374.

NEW! January 29 – PC Finance Critic Vic Fedeli MPP (Nipissing) and PC Kingston and the Islands Candidate Mark Bain will host a breakfast discussion on the province’s financial health and a snapshot of the current Government’s revenue and expenditures will be discussed, along with an open question period. The event will take place at Smitty’s Restaurant, 2376 Princess St., Kingston from 7:30 to 9 a.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/481.

January 30 – Federal Minister of Health Rona Ambrose MP (Edmonton-Spruce Grove) will speak to The Economic Club of Canada on the Economics of Healthcare and the Need for Innovation at The Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $89 each, registration is required. For more information, visit www.economicclub.ca/events.

February 5 – Former Minister Elizabeth Witmer, Chair of Worker’s Safety and Insurance Board, will speak at The Toronto Board of Trade on creating greater stakeholder value. The event will take place at the BOT Downtown Centre, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. Tickets are $79 for BOT members and $99 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit bot.com/events.

NEW! February 5 – PC Kenora-Rainy River Candidate Randy Nickle will host a Northern Industry Dinner with guest PC Finance Critic Vic Fedeli MPP (Nipissing) at the Best Western Hotel, 349 Government St., Dryden from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $250 each, registration is required as it is limited to 12 tickets only. For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/493.

February 6 – Minister of Economic Development, Trade & Employment Eric Hoskins MPP (St. Paul’s) will host an evening reception at the home of Mohammad and Najla Al Zaibak, 112 Forest Hill Rd., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact erichoskinsevent@gmail.com.

February 6 – PC Health and Long-Term Care Critic Christine Elliott MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) will host a reception with guest speaker Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty MP (Whitby-Oshawa) at The York Club, 135 St. George St., Toronto from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $500 for cocktail reception and $1,300 for reception & dinner, registration is required. Please note the York Club requires gentlemen wear ties. For more information, contact 905-430-5953 or christineelliott@rogers.com.

NEW! February 9 - PC Health and Long-Term Care Critic Christine Elliott MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) will host a Family Skate at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena, 67 Winchester Rd. East, Whitby from 2 to 3:45 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit http://christineelliottmpp.com/2014/01/13/4th-annual-free-family-skates/.

February 10 – Liberal MP Marc Garneau (Westmount-Ville-Marie) will host an evening reception at the Wine Garden, 100 Schneider Rd., Kanata from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 each, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Graham Findlay at 613-832-4420.
February 12 – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Linda Jeffrey MPP (Brampton-Springdale) will attend the White Trillium Dinner at The Garden Banquet & Convention Centre, 8 Clipper Crt., Brampton at 6 p.m. Tickets are $300 each, registration is recommended. PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., will be in attendance. For more information, contact bcirrus@rogers.com.

NEW! February 13 – Minister of Energy Bob Chiarelli MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will host a cocktail reception at 8 Muirfield Gardens, Nepean at 5 p.m. Tickets are $150 each, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Jackie Doyle at 613-729-2857 or westboro@sympatico.ca.

February 14 – PC Kingston and the Islands Candidate Mark Bain will host a Valentines Prime Rib Dinner with guest Garfield Dunlop MPP (Simcoe North), PC Training and Apprenticeship Critic. The event will take place at the Rideau Acres Banquet Hall, 1014 Cunningham Rd., Kingston at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $100 each, registration is required. For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/489

February 18 – Senator David P. Smith will host The Walter Gordon Circle with guest Minister of Finance Charles Sousa MPP (Mississauga South) at The University Club of Toronto, 380 University Ave., Toronto at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $95 each, registration is required. For more information, contact rsvp@universitycluboftoronto.com.

February 19 – Minister of Research and Innovation Reza Moridi MPP (Richmond Hill) will host a cocktail reception in celebration of pre-100th birthday of Professor Fazlollah Reza, a pioneer in Information Theory and Cybernetics. Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Deb Matthews MPP (London North Centre) will speak. The event will take place at LeParc Banquet Hall, 8432 Leslie St., Thornhill from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact 416-809-7669 or reelectreza@gmail.com.

February 26 – PC Environment Critic Michael Harris MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) will host his 3rd Annual enviroWAVE reception at the PwC Tower, 26th Floor, 18 York St., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $300 for a “Grassroots Supporter”, $500 for a “Green Sponsor” and $1,000 for a “Platinum Sponsor.” For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/467.

NEW! February 27 – NDP Leader and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic Andrea Horwath MPP (Hamilton Centre) will host the Ontario New Democratic Party’s Premier Event at Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., 8th Floor, Toronto from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A special VIP reception will be held in the upstairs gallery from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2,500 for two guests, $5,000 for Counsel which includes 5 admissions and Counsel listing and $10,000 for Leader’s Circle which includes 10 admissions, 4 tickets to the VIP reception and Leader’s Circle listing. For more information, contact Steve Nash at 416-591-5455 ext. 2237 or snash@on.ndp.ca.

January 26 - PC MPP John Yakabuski (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), Chief Opposition Whip, will host his annual Levee at the Horton Community Centre, 1005 Castleford Rd., Renfrew from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/478.

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