



## Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly

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## Breaking News

### PEO REGISTRAR TO MEET WITH ACTING DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR



PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., will meet with Acting Deputy Minister of Labour **Sophie Dennis** (photo left) on April 22.

PEO will update the Ministry on work that PEO has been doing to coordinate accident investigation efforts with the Ministry.

Also participating in the meeting will be the Minister of Labour's Senior Policy Advisor **Mark Tyler** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

PEO Lead on the Repeal **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., has been leading efforts with the Ministry of Labour representatives since last summer following the Government's decision to not proceed with a proclamation date for the Repeal of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

### PEO MEMBERS NOMINATED TO ENGINEERS CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., (photo right) has been nominated to the Engineers Canada Board of Directors. She will start her term May 24 at the Engineers Canada Annual General Meeting being held in St. John, New Brunswick.

Also starting as a new Engineers Canada Director will be PEO incoming Vice-President and 2004-05 President **George Comrie**, P.Eng. These appointments were made by PEO Council at its March 21 Council meeting.

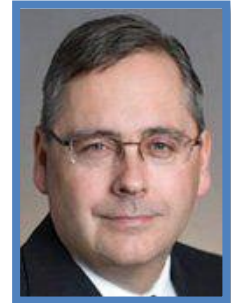


In addition, PEO 2010-11 President and Engineers Canada Director **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., had her appointment extended until 2016. Ms. Freeman is the Chair of the Bridging Engineers and Government Program for Engineers Canada. Continuing as Engineers Canada Directors are PEO Councillors **Rakesh Shrewastav**, P.Eng., and **Chris Roney**, P.Eng.

Completing their terms this year will be PEO 2009-10 President **Catherine Karakatsanis**, P.Eng., and former PEO Councillor **Phil Maka**, P.Eng.

### **FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER TO SPEAK AT CEO AWARDS GALA ON APRIL 12**

Metrolinx President & CEO **Bruce McCuaig** (photo right) will speak at the 2014 Consulting Engineers of Ontario Awards Gala on April 12. He is a former Deputy Minister.



The awards will honour engineering firms for projects that have enhanced the economic, social and environmental fabric of Ontario, Canada and around the world.

“Consulting engineers in Ontario have earned a reputation across Canada and around the world for their professionalism, skill and creativity,” said **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., CEO of Consulting Engineers of Ontario and Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee. “Every year CEO members come together at this time to celebrate the very best our industry has to offer. These awards shine a spotlight on our peers who usually spend their time applying their expertise behind the scenes on projects that touch the everyday lives of millions of people.”

For more information on the awards, visit <http://www.constructionlinks.ca/cgi-bin/story.cgi?id=300557>

### **PEO COUNCILLOR WINS ANOTHER ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**



Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport **Michael Chan** MPP (Markham-Unionville) and Minister of Research and Innovation **Reza Moridi** MPP (Richmond Hill) presented PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., with his fourth Ontario Volunteer Service Award at a reception on March 27 in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Sadr received this award for his 10 years of mentoring services to foreign trained engineers in the Iranian-Canadian network.

PEO Councillor Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., (centre) received an Ontario Volunteer Service Award from Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Chan MPP (Markham-Unionville) (left) and Minister of Research and Innovation Reza Moridi MPP (Richmond Hill) (right) on March 27 in Richmond Hill.

# Events Attended

## ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN EVENT WITH FORMER FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT MINISTER



PEO Councillor Roger Jones, P.Eng., (left) and Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., (right) attended a presentation by former Federal Minister Jim Prentice (centre) on March 26 in Toronto.

PEO Councillor **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., participated in a Toronto Board of Trade presentation by CIBC Senior Executive Vice-President and Vice Chairman **Jim Prentice** on March 26. Mr. Prentice is a former Federal Environment Minister.

Also participating in the event was Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO and PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng. Mr. Jones reported that Mr. Prentice spoke of ways in which world-class Canadian companies are building on their record. He also touched on the importance of recent international trade treaties that will allow Canadian companies to exploit various comparative-manufacturing advantages.

Mr. Jones reported that he and Mr. Steinberg spoke to several attendees on the regulatory role of PEO, the role of Consulting Engineers of Ontario and progress on the Repeal of the Industrial Exception.

## PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH NEW MINISTER OF LABOUR



PEO Oakville Chapter's Fred Dato, P.Eng., (right) participated in a reception with new Minister of Labour Kevin Flynn MPP (Oakville) (left) on March 27.

PEO Oakville Chapter's **Fred Dato**, P.Eng., participated in a reception for newly appointed Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) on March 27 in Toronto.

Also participating was **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville) Ontario's new Minister of Labour.

As reported in last week's *GLP Weekly*, Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) announced changes to Cabinet on March 25 following the resignation of Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Linda Jeffery** MPP (Brampton-Springdale).

## PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTER OF TOURISM



PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Chinese Canadian Cultural Competition with Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport **Michael Chan** MPP (Markham-Unionville) on March 30 in Toronto.

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair Gabe Tse, P.Eng., (centre right) participated in a Chinese Cultural event with Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Chan MPP (Markham-Unionville) (centre left) on March 30. Also in the photo are S.H. Man (left), President, and Frances Tse (right), Treasurer, of the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre.

## ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN RECEPTION WITH MINISTER AND MPP



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Parvin Marzban**, P.Eng., and **George Teichmann**, P.Eng., participated in a reception for **Mike Colle** MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, on March 25.

Guest speaker at the event was Minister of Rural Affairs **Jeff Leal** (Peterborough).

Mr. Teichmann was a member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) for many years and was instrumental in facilitating the relationship between OAA and PEO prior to and during the Ontario Building Code court case in 2005-07.

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Mr. Colle served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Community Safety and Correctional Services and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, where he brought forward Bill 124, *The Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act*. This new legislation was brought on to facilitate the licensure for internationally educated professionals. At the reception, Mr. Colle complemented PEO on its role in helping develop the legislation.

Also participating in the event was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

## Work in Progress

### MPPS INVITED TO PEO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ORDER OF HONOUR AWARDS GALA

Environment Minister **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) is scheduled to speak at the PEO Annual General Meeting lunch in Niagara Falls on April 26. He is Ontario's longest serving MPP, having won 10 elections since his first in 1977.



Environment Minister Jim Bradley MPP (St. Catharines) (left) will speak at PEO's AGM on April 26. PC Leader Tim Hudak MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) (centre) and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath MPP (Hamilton Centre) (right) have also been invited.

PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) and NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) have also been invited to

the Order of Honour Awards Gala on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the AGM. In addition, local MPPs **Wayne Gates** (Niagara Falls) and **Cindy Forster** (Welland) have been invited.

The annual gala attracts the who's who of engineering and this year will again honour PEO members from across the province for their service to the engineering profession.

### PEO LAMBTON CHAPTER INVITES PC CRITIC TO TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY ON APRIL 25

PEO Lambton Chapter Chair **Phil Lasek**, P.Eng., has invited PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) to participate to his Chapter's upcoming PEO's Take Your MPP to Work Day on April 25.



PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic Bob Bailey MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) will be the third MPP to participate in PEO's Take Your MPP to Work Day. The first two participants were NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic Cindy Forster MPP (Welland) and Kevin Flynn MPP (Oakville), now Minister of Labour.

Mr. Bailey has expressed an interest in participating. Mr. Lasek has arranged for him to

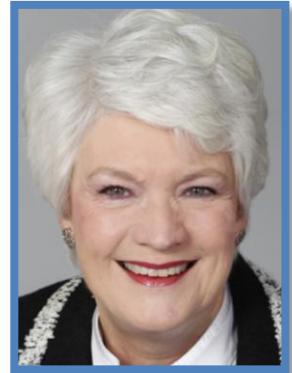
tour Shell Canada's Sarnia refinery facility.

The Take Your MPP to Work Day was launched last year with NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) and new Minister of Labour **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville), being the first two to participate. Ms. Forster toured Niagara College's Welland Campus and Mr. Flynn visited Siemens head office in Oakville.

### PEO EDUCATION COMMITTEE CONFIRMS MINISTER FOR MAY CONFERENCE

The PEO Education Committee has confirmed the participation of Minister of Education **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph) to speak at this year's PEO Education Conference taking place on May 23 and 24 at PEO headquarters in Toronto. The theme of the conference is 'Math is all around us, practical tools for innovation.'

The invitation came from Chairs of the PEO Education Committee **Samer Inchasi**, P.Eng., and PEO Councillor **Martha Stauch**. Ms. Sandals will speak Saturday, May 24 in the morning. She was a guest at the conference last year, which was a great success.



Minister of Education Liz Sandals MPP (Guelph) will speak at PEO's Education Conference taking place on May 24.

## 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.*

**April 5** – PC Kingston and the Islands candidate **Mark Bain** and PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville) will host a breakfast at AquaTerra Restaubistro by Clark, 1 Johnson St., Kingston from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/558>.

**April 7** – PC Transportation Critic **Jeff Yurek** MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) will host a reception at Mill Street Brewery, 21 Tank House Lane, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/554>.

**NEW! April 7** – Federal Finance Minister **Joe Oliver** MP (Eglinton-Lawrence) will speak to the Canadian Club of Toronto at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$80 each, registration is required. For more information, visit [www.canadianclub.org/events](http://www.canadianclub.org/events).

**April 8** – Liberal MPP **Dipika Damerla** (Mississauga East-Cooksville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, will host a reception with Minister of Labour **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) at the Beer Academy, 75 Victoria St., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [mecpla1@gmail.com](mailto:mecpla1@gmail.com).

**April 9** – Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) will host a reception with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at the Beer Academy, 75 Victoria St., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$750 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [coteau.events@gmail.com](mailto:coteau.events@gmail.com).

**April 9** – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) will host a reception at the historic National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Panorama room, 53 Elgin St., Ottawa from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each, registration is required. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/509>.

**April 14** – Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development **Bernard Valcourt** MP (Madawaska-Restigouche) will speak to the Empire Club of Canada 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/events](http://www.empireclub.org/events).

**April 15** – PC Kitchener-Waterloo candidate **Tracey Weiler** will host a reception with PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) at the Westmount Golf and Country Club, 50 Inverness Dr., Kitchener from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/540>.

**April 15** – PC Attorney General Critic **Julia Munro** MPP (York-Simcoe) will host a reception at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/546>.

**April 16** – PC Energy and Francophone Affairs Critic **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton) will host her annual East Coast Kitchen Party at the Duke of York, 39 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/548>.

**April 22** – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) and PC Education Critic **Rob Leone** MPP (Cambridge) will host a dinner reception at Langdon Hall Country House, 1 Langdon Dr., Cambridge at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1,500 each, registration is required. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/551>.

**April 24** – Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will host a reception with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club, 2500 Old Carriage Rd., Mississauga from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$275 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, 905-486-1740 or [charlessousafundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:charlessousafundraiser@gmail.com).



**NEW! April 25** – Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will speak to the Economic Club of Canada at the Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for Economic Club members and \$89 for non-members. For more information, visit [www.economicclub.ca/events](http://www.economicclub.ca/events).

**April 28** – The Ontario Energy Network will host an Industry Networking Luncheon at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$79 each, registration is required. For more information, visit [www.ontarioenergynetwork.org](http://www.ontarioenergynetwork.org).

**NEW! April 28** – PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Jim McDonell** MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) will host a reception at the Labatt House, 207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 200, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact Marilyn McMahon at 613-930-5042 or [mma@tri-sis.ca](mailto:mma@tri-sis.ca).

**NEW! May 2** – PC Chief Whip **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) will host a reception at the Rankin Culture and Community Centre, 20 Rankin Rd., Pembroke from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/559>.

**NEW! May 8** – PC Consumer Services Critic **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk) and PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) will host a reception at the Port Dover Community Centre, 805 St. George St., Port Dover at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each, RSVP is required. For more information, contact [boggiann@kwic.com](mailto:boggiann@kwic.com).

**NEW! May 12** – PC Small Business, Red Tape and Green Energy Act Critic **Lisa Thompson** MPP (Huron-Bruce) will host a 'Spring into Action' reception. More information to come.

*If you have any comments, additions, or questions, please do not hesitate to call or email:*

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