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MPPs SPEAK AT PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LICENCE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

(BARRIE) - PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter held their Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony on March 31 in Barrie. In the photo are: (from left to right) Simcoe-Muskoka GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., **Doug Downey** MPP (PC—Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte), Parliamentary Assistant to the Finance Minister, **Andrea Khanjin** MPP (PC—Barrie - Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, PEO East Central Region Councillor **Keivan Torabi**, P.Eng., and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Chair **Kevin Hughes**, P.Eng. For more on this story, see page 4.

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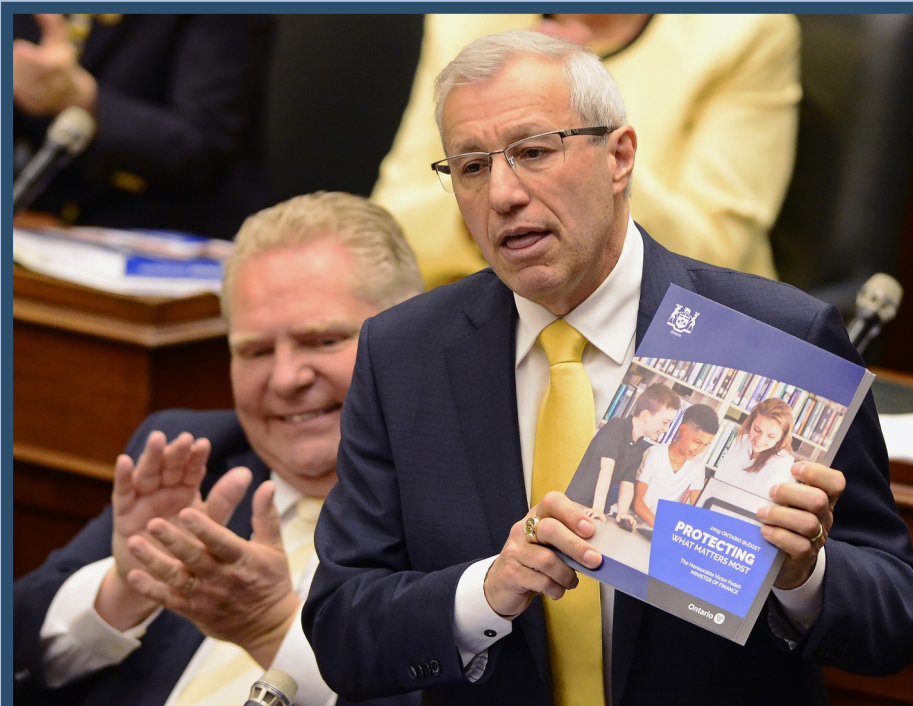
*Deadline for all submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. There will be no issue on April 19 due to the holiday long-weekend. The next issue will be published on April 26, 2019.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PROVINCE ANNOUNCES RENEWED FOCUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING
2. 28 RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED IN CORONER'S INQUEST INTO DOWNSVIEW PARK STAGE COLLAPSE
3. CHATHAM-KENT MPP TO SPEAK AT PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY IN MAY
4. PEO TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN TORONTO ON MAY 4

BUDGET NEWS

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES 'RENEWED FOCUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING' IN 2019 BUDGET



Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli** MPP (PC-Nipissing) speaking in the Legislature, introducing the budget April 11.

Finance Minister, **Vic Fedeli** MPP(PC—Nipissing) introduced the Ontario budget in the Legislature on April 11. The budget announced a number of new initiatives in transportation, healthcare and education and a plan to balance the budget by 2023. PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown attended the budget lockup at the Queen's Park prior to its introduction.

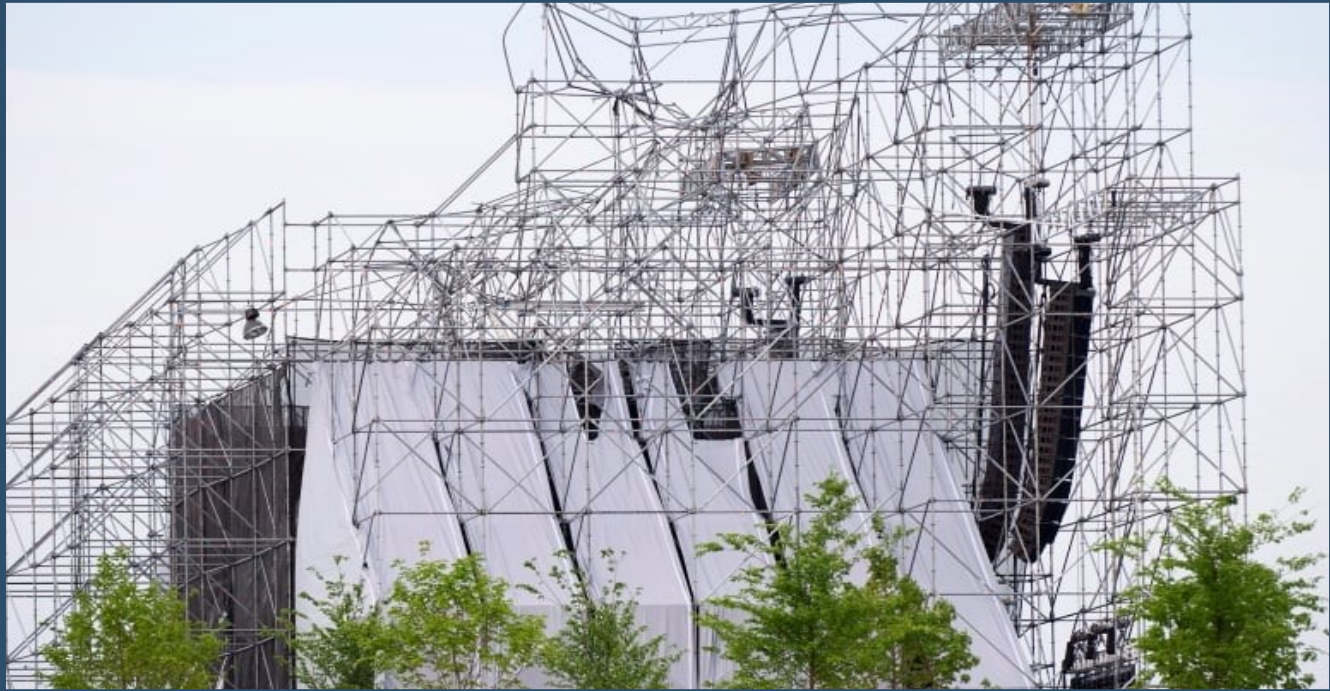
The budget introduced new spending on transit, a new child-care tax credit and looser alcohol regulations. Rebranded license plates will now have the slogan 'a place to grow.'

Of particular interest to the engineering community, is an emphasis on engineering in the education curriculum. Minister Fedeli said the government would introduce, "a renewed focus on science, technology and engineering, along with a new focus on the skilled trades and financial literacy."

For more information on the budget visit: <http://budget.ontario.ca/2019/contents.html>

Minister Fedeli was a guest speaker in January at the PEO GLP Academy in North Bay.

28 RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED IN CORONER'S INQUEST INTO DOWNSVIEW PARK STAGE COLLAPSE



Downsview Park stage that collapsed before the scheduled Radiohead concert in 2012 and killed drum technician Scott Johnson.

The Ontario coroner's inquest into the 2012 Downsview Park stage collapse and death of Radiohead drum tech Scott Johnson concluded on April 9.

As the regulator of professional engineering in Ontario, PEO sought and received standing at the inquest.

The inquest examined the events surrounding the death of Mr. Johnson, and heard from 25 witnesses.

The jury made 28 recommendations.

They were addressed to various governmental bodies and organizations, 10 of which were addressed to guidelines and legislation.

Some of which include:

- Mandatory continuing professional education
- Annual reporting and strengthening of guidelines and standards relating to drawings
- General review of construction.

The jury also suggested creating a permanent working group to address the concerns raised.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

MPPs SPEAK AT PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LICENCE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



Andrea Khanjin MPP (PC—Barrie - Innisfil) (centre right) was on hand to award licenses to 10 new engineers at the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony on March 31 in Barrie. They were (from left to right in the photo): **Adi Talia**, P.Eng., **Mohamed Fouad**, P.Eng., **Nicole Foris**, P.Eng., **Troy Mannell**, P.Eng., **Brad Parker**, P.Eng., **Megan Boucher**, P.Eng., **Laura Egan**, P.Eng., **Nathaniel Couperous**, P.Eng., **Ben Scott**, P.Eng., and **Chris Mably**, P.Eng.

(BARRIE) - PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter held their Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony on March 31 and had two MPPs in attendance.

Andrea Khanjin MPP (PC – Barrie - Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks was the primary guest speaker at the event.

Also attending and speaking was **Doug Downey** MPP (PC – Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and Deputy Government Whip.

Simcoe-Muskoka GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P. Eng told GLP Weekly that “both MPPs gave brief congratulatory speeches. Mr. Downey had to depart early but MPP Khanjin stayed for the entire event. She congratulated each of the 10 recipients of their new licenses.”

The new licensees were: **Fadi Talia**, P.Eng., **Mohamed Fouad**, P.Eng., **Nicole Foris**, P.Eng., **Troy Mannell**, P.Eng., **Brad Parker**, P.Eng., **Megan Boucher**, P.Eng., **Laura Egan**, P.Eng., **Nathaniel Couperous**, P.Eng., **Ben Scott**, P.Eng., and **Chris Mably**, P.Eng.

Licence certificate ceremonies are an excellent way for PEO chapters to develop relationships with their MPPs on regulatory issues.

Both Ms. Khanjin and Mr. Downey were first elected in June 2018.

PEO TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN TORONTO ON MAY 4



The PEO 97th Annual General Meeting, Order of Honour Gala and Volunteer Leadership Day will be held at the Hilton Toronto Hotel on May 3 and 4.

PEO will hold its 97th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, May 4 at the Hilton Toronto Hotel. The Annual General Meeting will provide an opportunity for PEO president **David Brown**, P.Eng., on behalf of PEO Council, to update licence holders on the work done over the last year on regulatory issues.

Both the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and Engineers Canada are being given the opportunity to do short presentations at the AGM.

The Order of Honour Gala and Volunteer and Leadership Conference will be held on May 3. The Gala will recognize the contributions of professional engineers and others who have rendered great service to the engineering profession in the public interest. The awardees are nominated by members, recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by PEO Council.

PEO President-Elect **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., will be sworn in as President and a new Council will take office at the AGM.

CHATHAM-KENT MPP AGREES TO SPEAK AT PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY IN MAY



The PEO Western Region GLP Academy will be held in Chatham on May 11.

(CHATHAM) - Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls** (PC — Chatham-Kent-Leamington) has agreed to speak at 2019 PEO Western Region GLP Academy in Chatham on May 11. The meeting will take place at the Retro Suites Hotel. Each of the nine Western Region Chapters are being asked to send their GLP representatives for a full day of government relations training.

International Trade Critic **Taras Natyshak** (NDP — Essex) has also been invited to attend and speak.

Updates will be given on current issues at Queen's Park and a review of Minister and Critic responsibilities will be discussed, in addition to other GLP training.

PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs, **Jeannette Chau** P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, will both present during the day.

This is the first time Chatham will be hosting the Western Region GLP Academy.

In past years, Western Region GLP Academies have been held in Cambridge, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Collingwood and Goderich.



Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls** (PC—
Chatham - Kent -
Leamington)



International Trade
Critic **Taras
Natyshak** (NDP—
Essex)

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to East Central Region Councillor **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which former PEO President was awarded a 15 year Volunteer Certificate at the PEO Council on March 22?

Answer: Annette Bergeron, P.Eng.

This week's question: Which MPP has agreed to speak at the 2019 PEO Western Region GLP Academy in Chatham on May 11?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau** at jchau@peo.on.ca by Monday, April 15, alongside the new question. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Thomas Chong, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Sunday, April 14—Bettenga An Larcusi at Posta Fundraiser for Rudy Cuzzetto MPP (Mississauga—Lakeshore) with Hon. **Michael Tibollo** MPP (PC—Vaughan - Woodbridge), Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sports, at Posta Italbar Cucina, 31 Lakeshore East, Port Credit, from 1 to 4 PM. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$35 for those 16yrs and under. For further information, contact Rudy Cuzzetto at rudy@rudycuzzetto.ca, or call (416) 277-9432. Tickets could be purchased online at rudycuzzetto.ca/bettenga_at_posta

Monday, April 15—Reconciliation: An Imperative for all Canadians with Minister of Crown- Indigenous Relations **Carolyn Bennett** MP (LIB – Toronto – St. Paul's) will be held at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM. Minister Bennet is a former Provincial Liberal candidate. Tickets are \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. Link to purchase: <https://bit.ly/2G2dlmn>

Tuesday, April 16—Canadian Club Post Budget Speech with Finance Minister Vic Fedeli MPP (PC—Nipissing) from 7:15 to 9 AM, at the Marriott Downtown, CF Toronto Eaton Centre, 525 Bay Street, Toronto. Subscriber tickets are \$85-\$95. For details visit: <https://bit.ly/2Z4Wat2>

Tuesday, April 16 – Red Trillium Karaoke Fundraiser with former Ontario Liberal Finance Minister **Charles Sousa** from 7 to 11 PM at East of Brunswick Pub and Grill, 720 Spadina Avenue. Tickets are \$25 for Trillium Club members or new members and \$150 for non-members. To purchase email RTC@ontarioliberal.ca or call (416) 961-3800 ext. 2580

NEW! Wednesday, April 17 – The Canadian Club is hosting the Leader of the Official Opposition, Andrea Horwath MPP (NDP – Hamilton Centre) following the first PC budget from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM at the Omni King Edward Hotel, 37 King Street East. Tickets are \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. To purchase visit: <https://bit.ly/2P4hv17>

NEW! Wednesday, April 24—Mississauga Board of Trade's Politicians Reception with MPPs, City Councillors and School Board Trustees will be held at C-Banquets, 300 City Centre Drive 12th Floor, Mississauga from 4:30- 6:30 PM. Tickets for members are \$30 and for non-members \$45. Link to purchase: <https://bit.ly/2HodmV3>

NEW! Thursday, April 25 – Breakfast with Ontario Green Party Leader, Mike Schreiner MPP (Guelph) from 7:30 to 9:30 AM at Four Points by Sheraton, 2501 Argentina Road, Mississauga, L5N 4G8. Member tickets are \$39 and non-member tickets are \$53. To register visit: <https://bit.ly/2POEElh>

Thursday, April 25—Leadership in a Turbulent World – Annual Pearson Centre Gala will be co-chaired by former Ontario Minister **Sandra Pupatello** and former MP **Paul Zed** at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, 8th floor, Toronto from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Honourees will be Toronto Mayor **John Tory**, **Hassan Yussuff**, President of the Canadian Labour Congress and **Margaret McCain**, former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Individual tickets are \$350. Link to purchase: <https://bit.ly/2T3UeB6>

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