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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. BRAMPTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIR ATTENDS NDP ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC RECEPTION
2. PEO PRESIDENT ENCOURAGES ENGINEERS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES
3. ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES RECOMMENDATIONS ON RADIOHEAD CORONER'S INQUEST

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

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PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. (centre left) met and spoke with **Sara Singh**, MPP (NDP—Brampton Centre), Deputy Opposition Leader and Attorney General Critic (centre right) at a reception on July 18 in Brampton. They are pictured above with **Prabmeet Sarkaria**, MPP (PC—Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction (left), and **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (PC—Brampton West) (right) at a Brampton Board of Trade event on May 23.

(BRAMPTON) — PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. attended a reception hosted by **Sara Singh**, MPP (NDP—Brampton Centre) on July 18 at the home of former Peel District School Board Trustee **Suzanne Nurse** in Brampton.

MPP Singh is the Deputy Opposition Leader and NDP Attorney General Critic.

The event was held to mark the one-year anniversary since her election in 2018.

Mr. Panesar had a chance to meet and speak with Ms. Singh about PEO and the work they do in the public interest.

Afterwards, Ms. Singh called PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** to thank Mr. Panesar and PEO for participating in the event.

Ms. Singh's legislative assistant **Laura Casselman**, who organized the event, is a former Brown & Cohen Account Director, who worked closely on the PEO account for several years.

# PEO PRESIDENT ENCOURAGES ENGINEERS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES

PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. has put forth her vision for the coming year in the current issue of *Engineering Dimensions*.

Ms. Hill was interviewed by **Marika Bigongiari** in a front-page story titled *Nancy Hill's Modernization Mission: the engineer, lawyer and patent and trademark agent sets her sights on future-proofing PEO as its 100th president*.

She outlined, in the story, her priority in leading the organization through a rigorous evaluation of its licensing system.

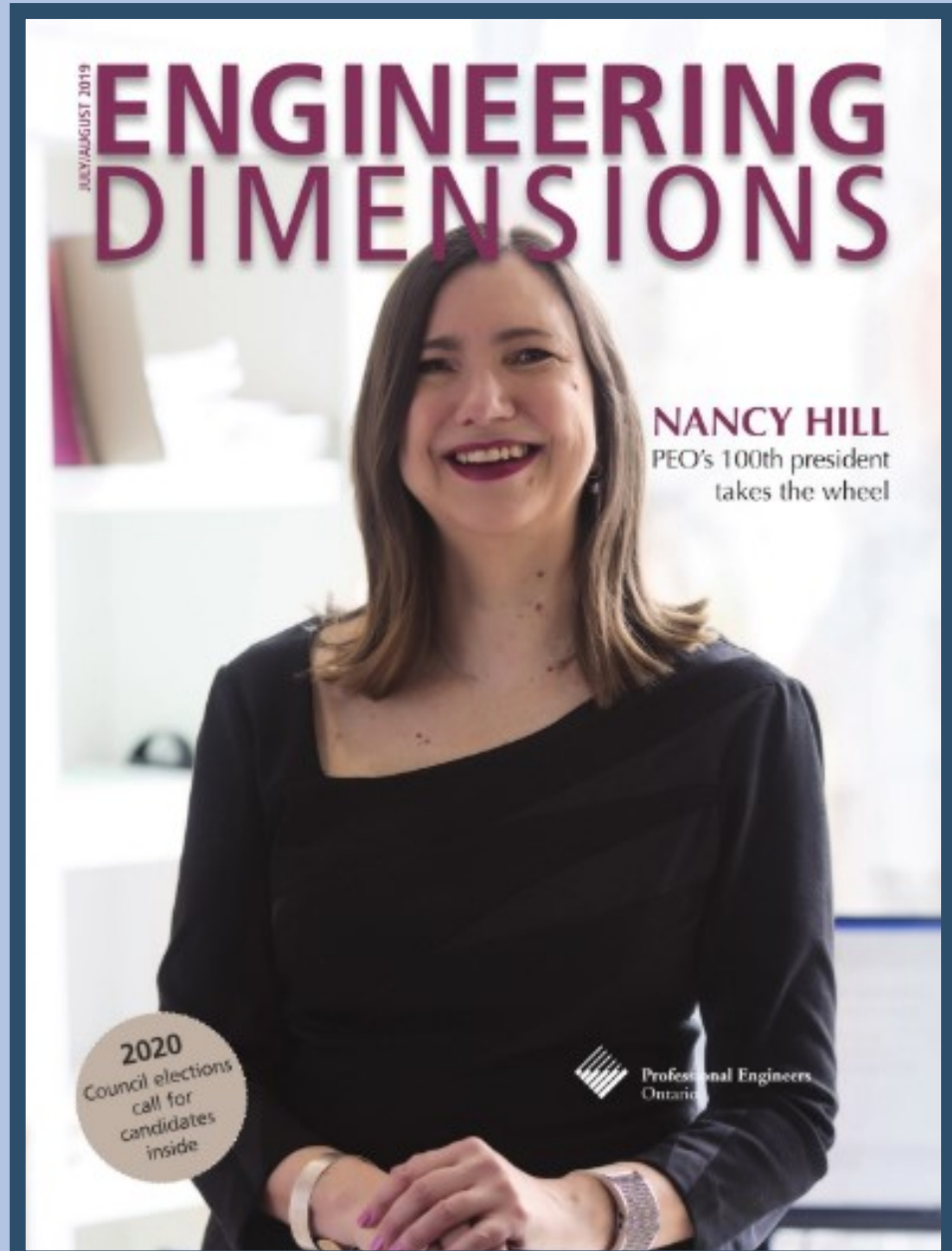
Ms. Hill, who was sworn in at the PEO Annual General Meeting in May, said she wants to see more engineers step up to take leadership roles because she believes they can be a powerful force for good.

"I'd like more engineers to be part of the decision-makers...I think if engineers were part of the political process, they'd be asking those questions and identifying where that's problematic."

Ms. Hill studied civil engineering and is a fourth-generation University of Toronto alumna.

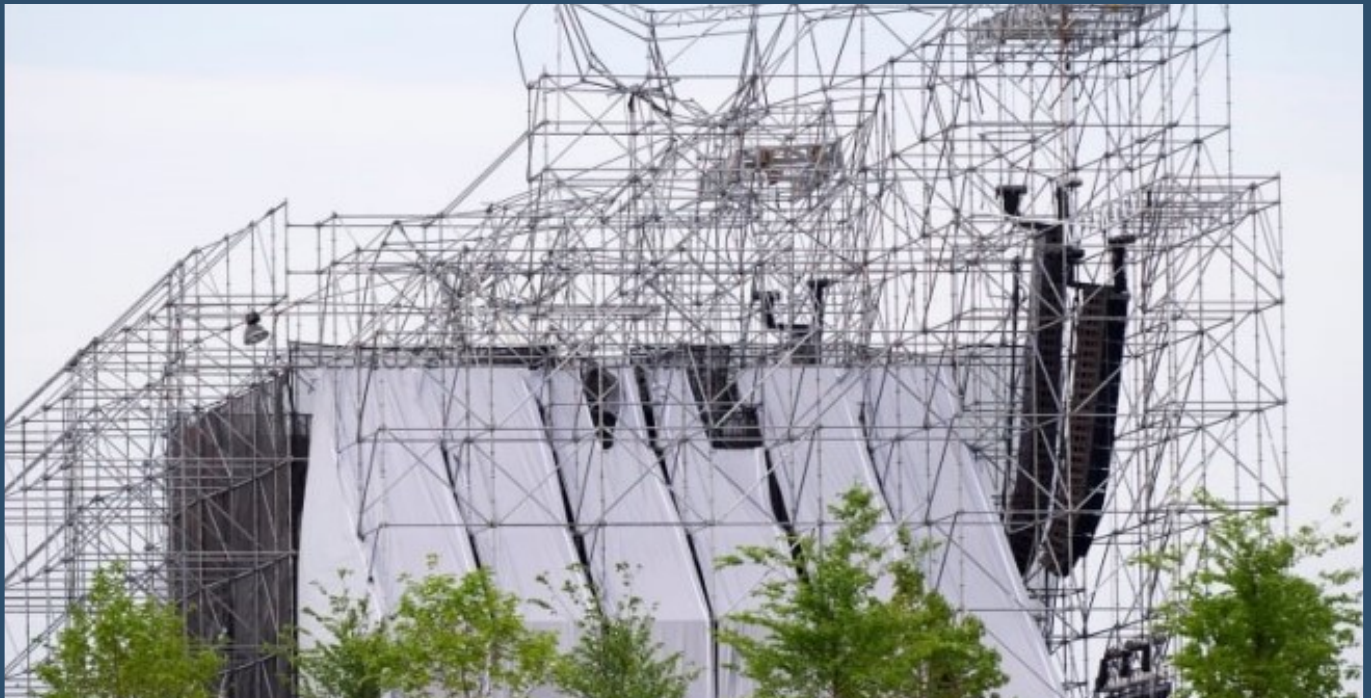
Recently, she has worked with the University's Troost Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering (I-LEAD) to promote engineers leading positive change.

She is also long-time PEO volunteer and was recently recognized for 25 years of volunteer service.



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# ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES RECOMMENDATIONS ON RADIOHEAD CORONER'S INQUEST



The Downsview Park stage that collapsed before the scheduled Radiohead concert in 2012 and killed drum technician **Scott Johnson**. The coroner's inquest into the incident concluded on April 10 after 12 days of testimony with 28 recommendations, many of which were aimed at PEO.

*Engineering Dimensions* has published a story outlining the recommendations of the coroner's inquest into the 2012 death of Radiohead drum technician **Scott Johnson**. The inquest concluded on April 10, after 12 days of testimony with 28 recommendations, many of which were aimed at PEO.

Mr. Johnson died as a result of a temporary stage collapse at Downsview Park.

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

The recommendations can be found [here](#). Among those aimed at PEO are:

- Ensuring that PEO's guidelines make explicit that drawings should be clear and consistent, explain key elements in plain language, and include a disclaimer that they cannot be relied upon unless they are signed and sealed
- Requiring that engineers meet with those responsible for construction to ensure a thorough understanding of the drawings
- Mandatory continuing professional development
- Developing specialized criteria for engineers working in demountable event structures

PEO Policy and Professional Affairs Director **Bernard Ennis**, P.Eng., drafted a plan to implement the recommendations.

Ms. Ennis submitted the plan to Council at its June meeting.

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The event was held at MPP Hogarth's constituency office.

Ms. Hogarth, who was first elected in 2018, previously served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing before being appointed as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General (Community Safety) on June 26.



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Prior to her election to the Legislature, she served in various roles in politics and government, including:

- Chief of Staff to then-PC leader and current Toronto Mayor **John Tory**
- Executive Director of the Ontario Progressive Conservative (PC) Party
- Queen's Park staffer for then-MPP and current Brampton Mayor **Patrick Brown**
- Policy advisor to **Chris Hodgson**, former Ontario Northern Development and Mines and Natural Resources Minister

Mr. Favell and Ms. Hogarth discussed PEO and the possibility of holding a Take Your MPP to Work Day together.

Also attending the event on behalf of PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was Brown & Cohen Account Director **Stephanie Gomes**.

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

As reported last week, PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. was the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which MPP attended the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) 17th Annual Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Forum on June 18 in Kitchener?

**Answer:** Catherine Fife, MPP (NDP—Waterloo), Critic for Jobs, Employment, Research and Innovation

**This week's question (from two issues ago):** Which MPP spoke at a PEO Scarborough Chapter Licence certificate presentation ceremony on June 8?

**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](mailto:jchau@peo.on.ca) by Monday, July 29. *You may only win once in a four-week span.*



**Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., is the winner of the GLP Trivia contest from two weeks ago.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Saturday July 27 – Community BBQ** hosted by **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (PC – Barrie–Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and **John Brassard**, MP (CON – Barrie–Innisfil), Deputy Opposition Whip from 12 to 2 PM at Innisfil Public Library - Stroud Branch, 7883 Yonge Street, Innisfil, Ontario, L9S 1K8. Attendance is free. To RSVP contact Stephen Donkers at: [stephen.donkers@pc.ola.org](mailto:stephen.donkers@pc.ola.org) or 705-722-0575

**Thursday, August 1 – Summer BBQ with Peggy Sattler**, MPP (NDP – London West), Economic Development Critic from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Springbank Park – Picnic Site K, 1177 Commissioners Road West, London, ON N6K 1C6. Attendance is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/summer-bbq-tickets-64172237891>

**NEW! Sunday, August 11 – Annual Summer Fun Fest with Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (LIB – Scarborough–Guildwood), Finance Critic at 9:30 AM at Morningside Park, 390 Morningside Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. Attendance is free. To RSVP contact: [mhunter.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:mhunter.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org)

**NEW! Friday, August 16 – Seniors' Town Hall with Joel Harden**, MPP (NDP – Ottawa Centre), Accessibility and Seniors' Affairs Critic from 1 to 3 PM at the Good Companions Senior's Centre, 670 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 6L2. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: [www.joelharden.ca/senior\\_s\\_town\\_hall](http://www.joelharden.ca/senior_s_town_hall)

**NEW! Saturday, August 17 – An Afternoon in the Islands with Steve Clark**, MPP (PC– Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from 4 to 7 PM at Glen House Resort, 409 Thousand Islands Pkwy, Lansdowne, Ontario K0E 1L0. Tickets are \$150. To purchase visit: [https://www.steveclark.ca/an\\_afternoon\\_in\\_the\\_islands\\_with\\_steve\\_clark](https://www.steveclark.ca/an_afternoon_in_the_islands_with_steve_clark)

**Sunday, August 25 – Community BBQ with Stan Cho**, MPP (PC – Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance from 12 to 3 PM at Mitchell Field Park, 89 Church Ave, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 6C9. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: [https://www.stanchompp.ca/mpp\\_stan\\_cho\\_s\\_community\\_bbq\\_2019](https://www.stanchompp.ca/mpp_stan_cho_s_community_bbq_2019)

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