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## TWO NDP MPPs PARTICIPATE IN PEO SUDBURY CHAPTER TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY

(SUDBURY) - **France Gélinas** MPP (NDP—Nickel Belt), Health Care Critic and Chief Opposition Whip (third from right) and Opposition Labour Critic **Jamie West** MPP (NDP—Sudbury) (second from left) attended the PEO Sudbury Chapter Take Your MPP to Work Day at SNOLAB on March 15. In the photo are (from left to right) Laurentian University professor **Dr. Clarence Virtue**, PEO Sudbury Chapter Chair **Ronny Theiss**, P.Eng., SNOLAB Executive Director **Dr. Nigel Smith**, GLP Chair **Mehwish Obaid**, P.Eng., and Northern Ontario School of Medicine Researcher **Dr. Christopher Thome**.

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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

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3. PEO REPRESENTED AT TWO EVENTS WITH THE PREMIER AND THE OPPOSITION LEADER
4. CHATHAM-KENT MPP TO SPEAK AT WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY IN MAY

## PEO COUNCIL

### PEO COUNCIL HOLDS 525TH MEETING



Former PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., whose currently the President of Engineers Canada, was given a 15 year Volunteer Certificate by PEO President **David Brown** at PEO Council on March 22 held at PEO headquarters.

PEO Council held its last meeting of the 2018-19 term on March 21 and 22 at PEO headquarters.

It was chaired by President **David Brown**, P.Eng., who completes his term in May. At the Thursday plenary session, PEO Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., presented a 35-year review of the PEO licensing and registration processes and the changes that have been made.

Council also reviewed four white papers prepared by individual PEO councillors that looked at issues like ways to modernize the Industrial Exception clause in the *Professional Engineers Act*, acknowledge aboriginal lands and examine the four-year experience requirement for licensure.

Elections were held for two positions for the Engineers Canada Board of Directors.

Elected were PEO Vice President (Appointed) and Councillor at Large **Kelly Reid**, P.Eng., and former Councillor and Vice-Chair of the Academic Requirement Committee, **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng.



**Changiz Sadr**,  
P.Eng.



**Kelly Reid**,  
P.Eng.

Engineers Canada President and former PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., was given a 15-year Volunteer Certificate by President Brown. In addition to the attendance of Engineers Canada representative at the meeting, **Sandro Perruzza**, CEO of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and **Bruce Matthews**, P.Eng., CEO of Consulting Engineers of Ontario, were also present.

Also attending were newly elected Councillors at Large **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng., **Leila Notash**, P.Eng., and **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., who will all be sworn in on May 4 at the PEO AGM.

### 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.

The Order of Honour Gala and Volunteer and Leadership Conference will be held on May 3. The Order is a PEO honorary society recognizing 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 Council.

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

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO REPRESENTED AT TWO EVENTS WITH THE PREMIER AND THE OPPOSITION LEADER

Both Premier **Doug Ford** MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) and Opposition Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (NDP—Hamilton Centre) participated in two separate receptions recently . Premier Ford spoke at a reception at the Albany Club for **Christine Hogarth** MPP (PC—Etobicoke - Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 25.



Premier **Doug Ford** MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) participated in a reception for **Christine Hogarth** MPP (PC—Etobicoke - Lakeshore) along with several other MPPs held at the Albany Club on March 25.

Other speakers included Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **Christine Elliott** MPP (PC—Newmarket - Aurora), as well as former Federal Minister **Peter McKay**. Other participants included **Doug Downey** MPP (PC—Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte), **Mike Harris** MPP (PC—Kitchener - Conestoga) and **Dave Smith** MPP (PC—Peterborough - Kawartha). Also attending the event were **Tony Clement** MP (IND—Parry Sound - Muskoka) and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown had the opportunity to speak with MPP Hogarth, Minister Elliott and MPP Downey about PEO activities. Deputy Premier Elliott has worked closely with PEO in the past and participated in many chapter events, as well as two PEO conferences, one of which was held at PEO headquarters.

Mr. Brown also participated in a reception with Opposition Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (NDP—Hamilton Centre) on March 23. He spoke with MPP Horwath and other caucus members including **Monique Taylor** MPP (NDP—Hamilton Mountain), **Chris Glover** MPP (NDP—Spadina - Fort York), **Michael Mantha** MPP (NDP—Algoma - Manitoulin), **Tom Rakocevic** MPP (NDP—Humber River - Black Creek), **Ian Arthur** MPP (NDP—Kingston and the Islands), **Jill Andrew** MPP (NDP—Toronto - St. Paul's), and **Faisal Hassan** MPP (NDP—York South - Weston).

Mr. Brown told MPP Arthur that he would be receiving an invitation from PEO Kingston Chapter to speak at the PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy in Kingston on October 5.

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



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

(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 Western Region Chapter will be asked to send their GLP representatives for a full day of government relations training.

Local MPPs such as Transportation Minister **Jeff Yurek** (PC — Elgin - Middlesex - London) and International Trade Critic **Taras Natyshak** (NDP — Essex) are also being invited to attend and speak.

Updates will be given on current issues at Queen’s Park and a review of MPP and Minister 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.



Minister of Transportation **Jeff Yurek** (PC—Elgin - Middlesex -London)



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



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

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PEO Sudbury Chapter Chair **Ronny Theiss**, P.Eng., (first from left), GLP Chair **Mehwish Obaid**, P.Eng., (second from left) and Dr. **Clarence Virtue** participated in the Take Your MPP to Work Day with MPP **Jamie West** MPP (NDP—Sudbury) (centre) and **France Gélinas** MPP (NDP—Nickel Belt) (first from right) on March 15.

(SUDBURY) - PEO Sudbury Chapter conducted its second Take Your MPP to Work Day on March 15 with **France G elinas** MPP (NDP—Nickel Belt), Health Care Critic and Chief Opposition Whip and **Jamie West** MPP (NDP—Sudbury) at SNOLAB, an underground lab facility. It was hosted by Sudbury Chapter with GLP Chair Mehwish Obaid, P.Eng., who works as a Project Manager at SNOLAB.

The MPPs were able to tour the facility and see the work being conducted. Take your MPP to Work Days are an excellent way to showcase and inform MPPs of the work of Professional Engineers in their community. SNOLAB Executive Director Nigel Smith said, “it was a pleasure to host our MPPs and highlight the important role that engineering plays.”

The event was held in conjunction with National Engineering Month activities. Also participating in the event were PEO Sudbury Chapter Chair **Ronny Theiss**, P.Eng., Laurentian University Professor Dr. **Clarence Virtue** and Northern Ontario School of Medicine Researcher **Chris Thome** were also present.

MPP G elinas was first elected in 2007 and has worked closely with Sudbury Chapter on regulatory issues. MPP West was first elected in 2018.

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Committee Co-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which PEO Chapter participated in an event with the Environment Minister recently?

**Answer:** PEO Mississauga Chapter

**This week's question:** Which Ontario Cabinet Minister attended the PEO Algonquin Chapter Annual General Meeting last month?

**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, March 25, alongside the new question. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



**Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 3—The East Coast Kitchen Party** will be hosted by **Hon. Lisa MacLeod** MPP (PC – Nepean), Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, with guests **Hon. John Yakabuski** MPP (PC – Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke), Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and **Sam Oosterhoff** MPP (PC – Niagara West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education. The event will be from 6 to 8 PM at the Duke of York, 39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, M5R 1B2. Individual tickets are \$300. Link to Purchase: <https://bit.ly/2tEUKr1>

**Wednesday, April 10—An Evening with Monte McNaughton** MPP (PC—Lambton - Kent - Middlesex), Minister of Infrastructure, at Albany Club, 91 King St. East, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Sponsored by the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex PC Association. Tickets are \$500. Link to purchase: [www.lkmpc.ontario.ca/april10](http://www.lkmpc.ontario.ca/april10)

**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 16yrs and under. For further information contact Rudy Cuzzetto at [rudy@rudycuzzetto.ca](mailto:rudy@rudycuzzetto.ca), or call (416) 277-9432. Tickets could be purchased online at [rudycuzzetto.ca/bettega\\_at\\_posta](http://rudycuzzetto.ca/bettega_at_posta)

**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.

**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>

**NEW! Thursday, April 25 – Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes – Brock P.C. Association Spring Dinner** with Labour Minister **Laurie Scott** MPP (PC – Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock). The event will be from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at Dunsford Community Centre, 26 Community Centre Road, Dunsford, K0M1L0. Tickets are \$75. For ticket information contact Brenda Dekoker, (705) 324-9410, or D'Arcy McGee, (705) 878-7997

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