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DEPUTY SPEAKER PARTICIPATES IN PEO WESTERN GLP ACADEMY IN CHATHAM

Ontario Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls**, MPP (Chatham-Kent—Leamington) (front, centre right) was the guest speaker at the 2019 PEO Western GLP Academy on May 11 in Chatham. See pages 2 and 3 for more on this story.

Also in the photo above are front (left to right): Georgian Bay Chapter Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., Grand River Chapter GLP Representative **Ciara Leigh**, P.Eng., Chatham Chapter GLP Chair **Haris Ahmadzai**, P.Eng., PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. In the back row are (left to right): Georgian Bay Chapter Chair **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng., London Chapter Vice-Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., Grand River Chapter GLP Representative **Claire Phelps**, EIT, Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Representative **Salman Basit**, P.Eng., Lambton Chapter GLP Chair **John Hettinga**, P.Eng., Georgian Bay Chapter GLP Chair **Bonita Gionet**, P.Eng., Windsor-Essex Chapter Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., and Hamilton-Burlington GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng.

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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO WESTERN REGION CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMY WITH MPP IN CHATHAM
2. PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND BUDGET 2019 EVENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER IN OAKVILLE
3. PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND PAAC RECEPTION WITH MPPs
4. WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL GLP CHAIR ATTENDS BOOK LAUNCH FEATURING FORMER PREMIER

GLP NEWS

CHATHAM MPP THANKS PEO ON FACEBOOK FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT PEO ACADEMY

Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls**, MPP (Chatham-Kent—Leamington) posted on his personal Facebook page May 12 thanking PEO for the invitation and opportunity to speak at the 2019 Western Region GLP Academy in Chatham on May 11.

PHOTO CREDIT: MPP Rick Nicholls' Facebook



Rick Nicholls

May 12 at 11:13 PM · 🌐

I was honoured to be the guest speaker at the 2019 PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) Academy in Chatham on Saturday, May 11. The participants included Professional engineers who are the GLP Chairs and representatives from the nine Western Ontario region chapters of Chatham -Kent, Niagara, Hamilton - Burlington, Brantford, Grand River, London, Windsor-Essex, Lambton and Georgian Bay. Engineers work long days at tasks where ultimately lives are on the line, and you're judged by results and results alone. Myself, my staff, and my government are aware of this and greatly appreciate the work you do. The PEO's mandate is to promote public safety and the practice of professional engineering in the public interest. Thank you for choosing our Municipality of Chatham-Kent and to organizers Jeannette Chau of the PEO, Haris Ahmadzai (Enbridge) and Howard Brown of Brown-Cohen.

PEO WESTERN REGION CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMY WITH MPP IN CHATHAM

(CHATHAM) - Representatives of eight Western Region PEO chapters gathered in Chatham on May 11 for the 2019 PEO Western Region Government Liaison Program Academy, at which they received a full day of Government Relations training.

The meeting was hosted by Chatham-Kent Chapter GLP Chair, **Haris Ahmadzai**, P.Eng.

Speakers and special guests included:

- Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls**, MPP (Chatham-Kent—Essex)
- **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs
- **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant

The Deputy Speaker is a key member of the government, serving on the Caucus Advisory Teams for Attorney General **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York—Simcoe), Solicitor General **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon), and Children, Community and Social Services Minister **Lisa MacLeod**, MPP (Nepean).

Mr. Nicholls spoke about the importance of identifying an issue, assessing its impact, and proposing a solution.

Representing chapters were:

- Brantford— Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.
- Georgian Bay— Chapter Chairs **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng., and **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., and GLP Chair **Bonita Gionet**, P.Eng.
- Grand River— GLP Representatives **Ciara Leigh**, P.Eng., and **Claire Phelps**, EIT
- Hamilton-Burlington— Chapter Executive **Mike Bell**, P.Eng.
- Lambton— GLP Chair **John Hettinga**, P.Eng.
- London— Chapter Vice-Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng.
- Windsor-Essex— GLP Representative **Salman Basit**, P.Eng., and Chapter Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng.

Sessions included tips on building relationships with MPPs, an analysis of key members in the Premier's office, Cabinet, and government, an outline of available tools, resources, and GLP guidelines and activities. The day concluded with the opportunity for each chapter to make a presentation on past achievements and future goals.

Thank you to all those who attended, and everyone who worked hard to make this a great weekend!



EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND BUDGET 2019 EVENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER IN OAKVILLE



PEO West Central Region Councillor and Government Liaison Committee Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., (left) and Oakville Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., (right) attended the 2019 Budget Breakfast Event with Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing) (centre) hosted by the Oakville Chamber of Commerce in Oakville on May 6.

(OAKVILLE) - PEO West Central Regional Councillor and Government Liaison Committee Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng. attended the Oakville Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Budget Breakfast Event with Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing) on May 6.

Both had a chance to speak with the Minister about the work of PEO.

Other MPPs in attendance were:

- **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Chair of the Finance and Economic Affairs Committee
- **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville-North—Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Mr. Fedeli gave a 40-minute keynote address followed by a 20-minute question and answer period. The Minister announced several significant spending initiatives and discussed the government's priorities of cutting red tape and lowering tax rates.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND PAAC RECEPTION WITH MPPs

PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended the Public Affairs Association of Canada's (PAAC) annual Queen's Park Reception on May 13 in the Ontario Legislative Building.

The event presented an opportunity to network with MPPs and staff.

MPPs from all parties were present. Ms. Chau and Mr. Brown had the opportunity to speak with MPPs such as:

- **Jim McDonnell**, P.Eng. and MPP (PC—Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (PC—Oakville), Chair of the Finance and Economic Affairs Committee
- **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (PC—Mississauga—Erin Mills)
- **Catherine Fife**, MPP (NDP—Waterloo), Jobs, Employment, Research, and Innovation Critic
- **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), Interim Ontario Liberal Party leader
- **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (LIB—Scarborough—Guildwood)



PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (right) with **Jim McDonnell**, P.Eng. and MPP (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (left) at the Public Affairs Association of Canada Queen's Park reception on May 13.

PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (second from the right) and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (left) with **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood), Liberal Finance Critic (second from the left) and **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga—Erin Mills) (right) at the Public Affairs Association of Canada's annual Queen's Park Reception on May 13.

PHOTO CREDIT: MPP Mitzie Hunter's Twitter



EVENTS WITH MPPs

WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL GLP CHAIR MEETS FORMER PREMIER AND FORMER MINISTER AT BOOK LAUNCH

GLP Chair for Willowdale-Thornhill **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., attended the launch of **Dr. Sylvia Bashevkin's**, PhD, new edited volume of *Doing Politics Differently? Women Premiers in Canada's Provinces and Territories* at the University of Toronto on May 8.

Dr. Bashevkin is a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto and is known for her research in the field of women and politics.

The book launch featured a panel discussion between Dr. Bashevkin, former Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West), and former Ontario cabinet minister **Zanana Akande** moderated by the University of Toronto's **Dr. Erin Tolley**, PhD.

Following the discussion, Mr. Lwin had the chance to talk with Ms. Wynne, Ms. Akande, and Dr. Bashevkin.

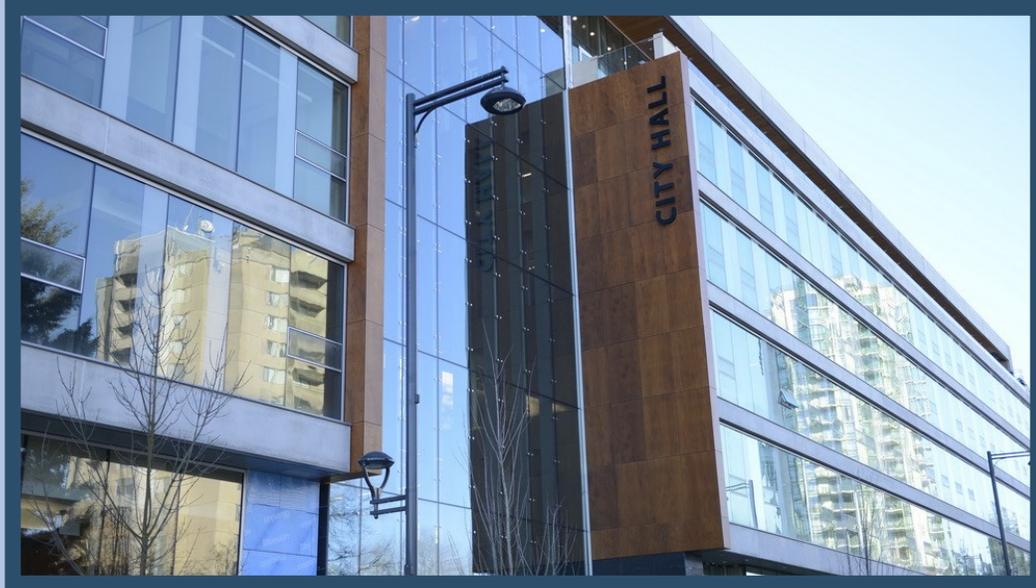
GLP Chair for Willowdale-Thornhill **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., (right) with former Ontario cabinet minister **Zanana Akande** at the launch of **Dr. Sylvia Bashevkin's** new edited volume of *Doing Politics Differently? Women Premiers in Canada's Provinces and Territories* at the University of Toronto on May 8.



GLP Chair for Willowdale-Thornhill **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., (right) with former Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) (left) at the launch of University of Toronto political science professor **Dr. Sylvia Bashevkin's** new edited volume of *Doing Politics Differently? Women Premiers in Canada's Provinces and Territories* at the University of Toronto on May 8.



ENGINEER BANNED FROM WORKING IN B.C. AFTER CODE VIOLATIONS FOUND IN CONDO TOWER



Surrey City Hall

(SURREY, BC) - Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (APEGBC) has concluded a disciplinary action against a structural engineer whose design of a high-rise residential tower in Surrey, BC failed to meet the build code.

In a statement released by the regulator, it advises that “**John Bryson** admitted that he demonstrated unprofessional conduct and acted contrary to the association’s Code of Ethics.”

Mr. Bryson was charged with unprofessional conduct and resigned his engineering license.

He must pay a fine of \$25,000—the maximum allowable under the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act of B.C.*—and must pay the association \$215,000 towards costs.

“The public deserves to have confidence that their homes are being designed to the current standard, and it’s a serious matter when that trust is betrayed,” said APEGBC Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, **Ann English**, P.Eng.

“This individual failed to meet the professional and ethical standards required of him as a professional engineer,” she said.

Engineers and Geoscientists BC has notified the building permitting officials of municipalities and regional districts across the province of this disciplinary outcome.

“This is a rare but very serious offence, for which we sought the maximum fine available, and ensured that this individual can no longer practice engineering,” said Ms. English. “We will not hesitate to act in any situation where we believe that our standards are not being upheld.”

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to GLP Chair for Willowdale-Thornhill, **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which MPP did the PEO Oakville Chapter meet with on April 24?

Answer: Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP (Oakville North—Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

This week's question: Which CBC host delivered the keynote address at the luncheon following the 2019 PEO Annual General Meeting?

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, May 20, alongside the new question. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Thursday, May 23— In Conversation with Hon. Todd Smith, MPP (PC – Bay of Quinte), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade from 7:30 to 9:30 AM at Garden Convention Centre, 8 Clipper Court, Brampton, L6W 4T9. Individual tickets are priced at \$40. To register visit: <http://bit.ly/2UBjGz>

Wednesday, May 29 — Cottage Country Summer Kick-off with Labour Minister Laurie Scott, MPP (PC — Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock), Minister of Labour from 6 to 9 PM at Craft Brasserie and Grille, 107 Atlantic Avenue, Toronto, M6K 1Y2. Individual tickets are priced at \$500. To register visit: https://hklb.ontariopc.ca/cottage_country_summer_kick_off

NEW! Saturday, June 1 – Celebrate Conservative Women in Politics Ottawa from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Heart and Crown Irish Pub Barrhaven, 3161 Strandherd Drive #300, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5P5. Tickets are \$25. To purchase visit: <https://bit.ly/2VgNa15>

Tuesday, June 4 – A Conversation with Kathleen Wynne MPP (LIB – Don Valley West), hosted by the Don Valley West Provincial Liberal Association from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at 122 Buckingham Avenue, Toronto. Tickets are \$400. To RSVP contact Jane Rounthwaite at 416-822-7740 or support@kathleenwynne.ca

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