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SIX ENGINEERS MEET MPPs, MPs, MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS AT MISSISSAUGA EVENT

PEO members attended the Mississauga Board Of Trade Annual Politicians Reception with a number of elected officials in Mississauga on April 24. In the photo are (from left to right), **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng., **Deepak Anand**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Malton), **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Erin Mills), **Iqra Khalid**, MP (LIB—Mississauga - Erin Mills), **Khaled El—Rahi**, P.Eng., **Jakub Saad**, P.Eng., **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Lakeshore) and **Khaled Rasheed**, MPP(PC—Mississauga - Cooksville). For more on this story, see page 5.

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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. MINISTER AND MPP RECOGNIZE PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER
2. PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT MPP
3. PICKERING MAN FINED FOR BREACHING *PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT* AND ILLEGALLY USING P.ENG
4. CHATHAM-KENT MPP TO SPEAK AT PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY NEXT WEEK

EVENTS WITH MPPs

MINISTER AND MPP RECOGNIZE PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER



Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, **Raymond Cho**, MPP (PC—Scarborough North) (right) and **Vijay Thanigasalam** MPP, (PC—Scarborough - Rouge Park) (left) presented the PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., (centre) with a scroll of recognition at a National Engineering Month event on March 30.

The PEO Scarborough Chapter was presented with a scroll of recognition by two MPPs on March 30. The MPPs were:

- **Raymond Cho** MPP (PC—Scarborough North), Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
- **Vijay Thanigasalam** MPP, (PC—Scarborough - Rouge Park)

PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., shared the story with the GLP Weekly: The MPPs presented “a token of appreciation to PEO for organizing the 16th Annual Bridge Building Competition and Seismic Resistance Competition in conjunction with National Engineering Month.”

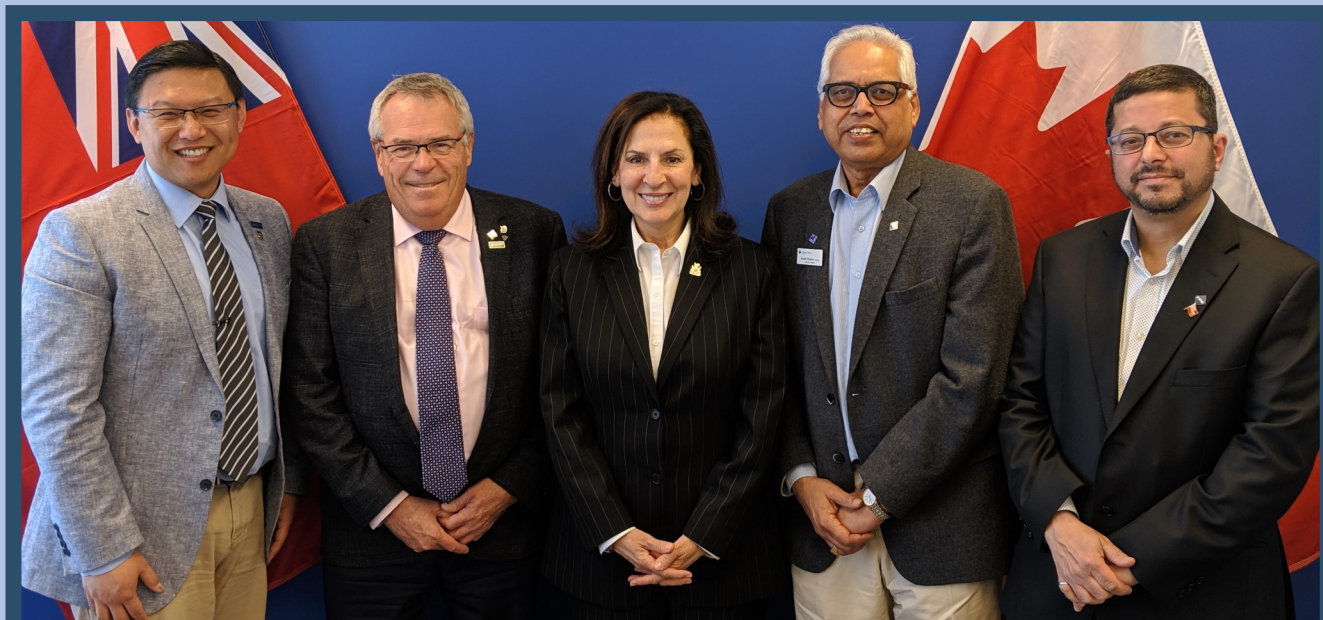
The scroll also said, “engineering is a key aspect of our daily lives, from tunnels to bridges that we drive through every day; to the buildings that we live in; all have something to do with engineering.

These contests stimulate students’ interest in this essential field. And such competitions can help the next generation of engineers to thrive.”

This event helped increase awareness of PEO and its regulatory role.

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT MPP



PEO Oakville Chapter met with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (PC—Oakville - North Burlington) (centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in Oakville on April 24. With her in the photo are (from left to right): Oakville Chapter Treasurer and GLP Chair **Jeffery Lee**, P.Eng., West Central Regional Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., and Chapter GLP Coordinator **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng.

(OAKVILLE) - The PEO Oakville Chapter met with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (PC – Oakville - North Burlington) in Oakville on April 24. They introduced PEO as the regulator of the practice of professional engineering in Ontario. They also explained that the profession is governed under the *Professional Engineers Act*, with the authority residing with the Attorney General.

In attendance were:

- PEO West Central Region Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., who is also the Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC)
- Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng.
- Chapter Treasurer **Jeffery Lee**, P.Eng., who is also a GLC member
- Chapter GLP Coordinator **Mazen Abu Omar**, P.Eng.

MPP Triantafilopoulos participated in a conversation with the participants, which lasted for 50 minutes. She was briefed about the process of obtaining the P.Eng., designation and license.

Mr. Turnbull provided an update of the PEO's regulatory review. He also explained PEO's efforts in increasing efficiency and better serving the public. MPP Triantafilopoulos encouraged engineers to provide suggestions and comments on improving government processes. She assured them that they have her continued support and attendance to future chapter events.

PICKERING MAN FINED FOR BREACHING *PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT* AND ILLEGALLY USING P.ENG

The Ontario Court of Justice has fined **Cosimo 'Cosmo' Polidoro** for \$10,000, after he pleaded guilty to one count of breaching the *Professional Engineering Act*.

A PEO official press release confirmed that Mr. Polidoro was working as a 'construction superintendent' and he illegally used the 'P.Eng.' title in 40 emails between May 12, 2016 and June 15, 2017.

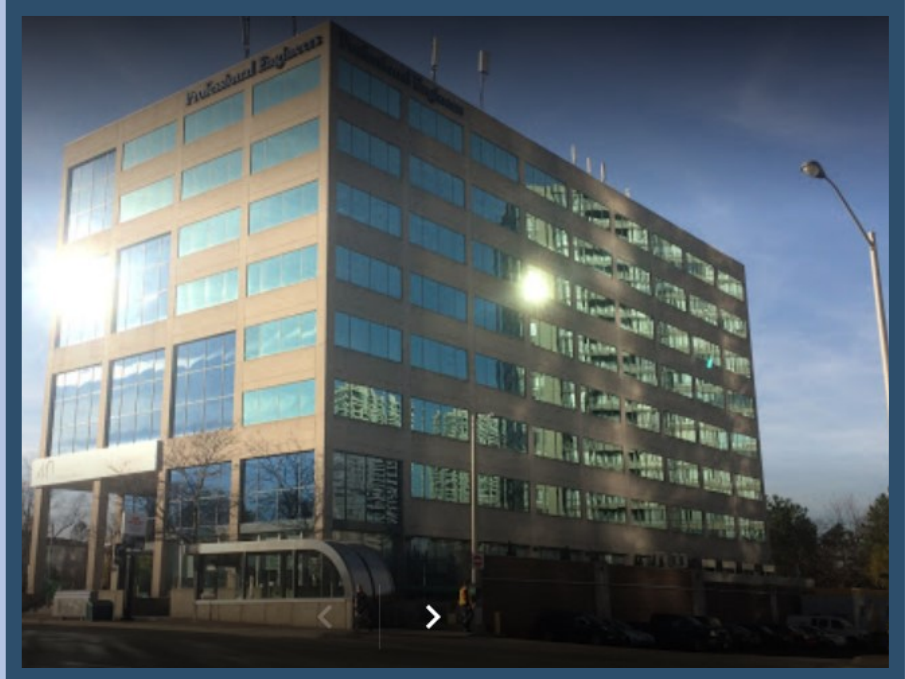
The emails addressed day-to-day operations of the construction project he was apart of.

Canadian Consulting Engineer reported, "Mr. Polidoro also used P.Eng. in a resume and in two emails in response to an employment opportunity with a Toronto-area construction firm."

PEO in its statement said, "On March 7, 2019, Her Worship Justice of the Peace **Ludres M. Cruz** convicted Mr. Polidoro for one count of breaking section 40 (20) (a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, which strictly prohibits the use of the title P.Eng. by any person who is not the holder of a license or a temporary license."

Mr. Polidoro was previously convicted of three counts of breaching the Act on March 14, 2016 and fined \$6,000.

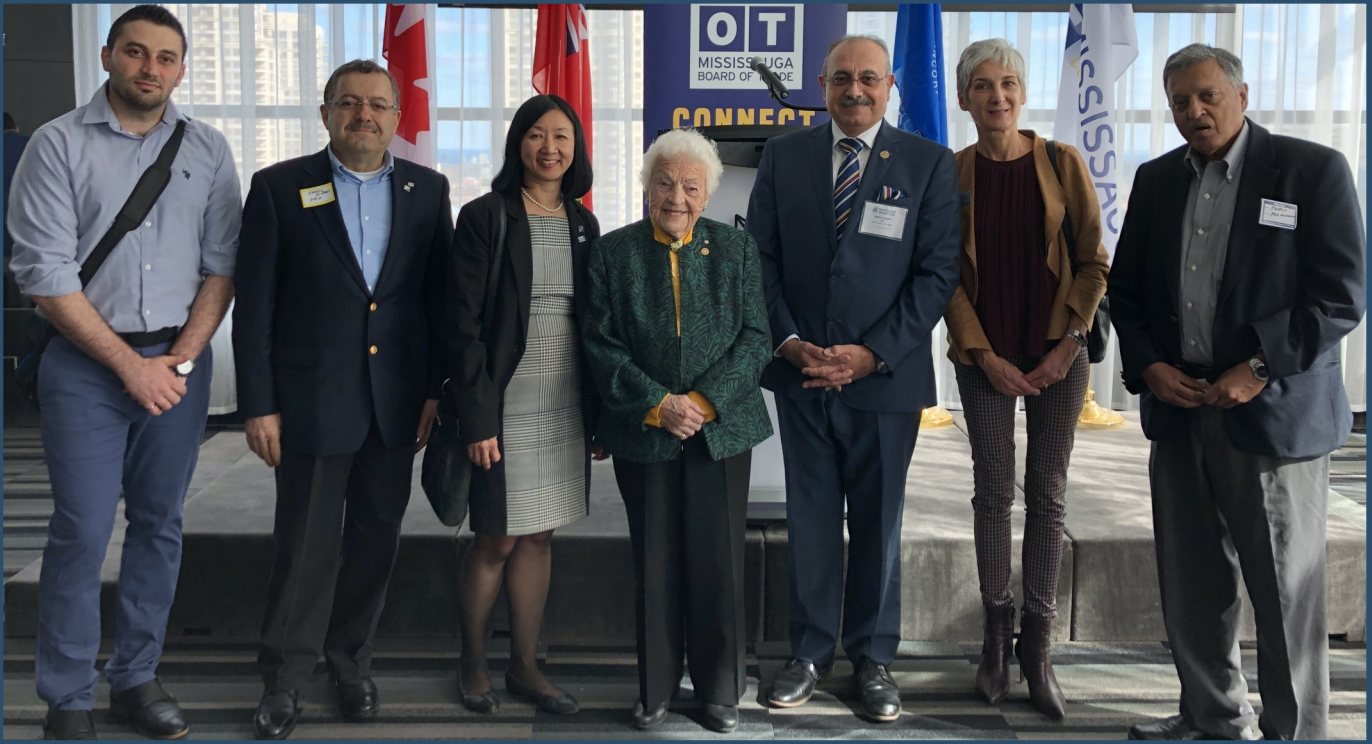
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EVENTS WITH MPPs

SIX ENGINEERS MEET MPPs, MPs, MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS AT MISSISSAUGA EVENT



Engineers participated in the Mississauga Board of Trade Annual Politicians Reception on April 24. The event was attended by elected officials from all three levels of government. In this photo are (from left to right) PEO Mississauga Chapter member **Jakub Saad**, P.Eng., PEO Mississauga Chapter Vice-Chair **Khalid El-Rahi**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., former Mississauga Mayor **Hazel McCallion**, **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Erin Mills), PEO Etobicoke Chapter executive member **Linda Drisdelle**, P.Eng., and GLP Chair, **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng.

(MISSISSAUGA) - The Mississauga Board of Trade held their Annual Politicians Reception in Mississauga on April 24.

A large number of elected members representing the three levels of government attended including, **Deepak Anand**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Malton), **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP(PC—Mississauga - Lakeshore), **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Erin Mills), **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (PC—Mississauga Centre) and **Khaled Rasheed**, MPP (PC—Mississauga - Cooksville).

Also in attendance were Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie** and **Iqra Khalid**, MP (LIB—Mississauga - Erin Mills).

PEO Mississauga Chapter was represented by:

- Vice-Chair **Khaled El-Rahi**, P.Eng.
- GLP Chair **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng.
- GLP Committee member **Jakub Saad**, P.Eng.
- Mississauga Councillor **Ron Starr**, P.Eng.
- PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

PEO Etobicoke Chapter executive **Linda Drisdelle**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended.

CHATHAM-KENT MPP TO SPEAK AT PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY NEXT WEEK



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 the 2019 PEO Western Region GLP Academy in Chatham on May 11. The meeting will take place at the Retro Suites Hotel. MPP Nicholls was first elected in 2011 and has a long time interest in PEO issues.

Each of the nine Western Region Chapters are being asked to send their GLP representatives for a full day of government relations training.

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 be presenting government relations training material.

This is the first time Chatham will be hosting the Western Region GLP Academy. In previous years, Western Region GLP Academies have been held in Cambridge, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Collingwood and Goderich.



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

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former Vaughan provincial candidate **Tony Genco**, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which MPPs attended the Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter AGM and Licence Certificate Ceremony on March 31?

Answer: **Doug Downey**, MPP (PC—Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte), Parliamentary Assistant to the Finance Minister and **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (PC—Barrie - Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

This week's question: Which Ontario cabinet minister attended the PEO Algonquin Chapter National Engineering Month event on April 6?

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



Tony Genco is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Sunday, May 5— PC Women In Politics – Candid Discussion with Hon. Rod Phillips, MPP (PC – Ajax), Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Oakville City Councillor **Dr. Natalia Lishchyna**, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at Streetsville Legion, 101 Church Street, Mississauga, M5C 2G3. Tickets are priced at \$37. For registration visit: <http://bit.ly/2Zya2MU>

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>

NEW! Monday, May 13— Annual Wild Game Feast hosted by Michael Mantha, MPP (NDP – Algoma - Manitoulin) and with guest speaker **John Vanthof**, MPP (NDP – Timiskaming - Cochrane), Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Critic. The event runs from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the University Club, 380 University Avenue, Toronto. Prices start from \$250. To register visit: <http://bit.ly/2UQyVQ8>

NEW! 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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