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### ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MPP ATTEND PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY



The PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter invited Ontario Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (second from left) and **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (third from left) to a licensing ceremony on November 9.

The ten licence recipients were: Sonia Rahman, P.Eng., Maseeh Rezazadah, P.Eng., Natalie Wright, P.Eng., Ryan Bridge, P.Eng., Todd Harris, P.Eng., Brandon Vriens, P.Eng., Shao Hui Xu, P.Eng., Andrew Miller, P.Eng., Hardeep Chohan, P.Eng., and Parang Bhorania, P.Eng.

This is the second time this year that Minister Downey and MPP Khanjin have participated in a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licensing ceremony.

For more on this story, see page 5.

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#### 1. THREE MPPS TO ATTEND EASTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS NEXT WEEK

2. PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER ATTENDS EVENT WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

#### **PEO NEWS**

#### FORMER PEO PRESIDENT APPOINTED AS TOWNSHIP MAYOR



Former PEO President, **George Comrie**, P. Eng., (centre) was appointed the Mayor of Whitestone on October 22. With him in the photo are two of his fellow Whitestone Councillors, **Beth Gorham—Matthews** (left) and **Josh McEwen** (right).

(WHITESTONE) - Former PEO President **George Comrie**, P.Eng., was appointed Mayor of the Township of Whitestone on October 22. He has served as a Councillor for the municipality since 2014.

Mr. Comrie was selected by his fellow Council members after the former Mayor, **Chris Armstrong**, passed away in August.

Mayor Comrie served as PEO President from 2004-2005 and from 2016—2017.

He was also a founder of both the PEO Government Liaison Program and the PEO Engineer-in-Residence program.

He has been recognized as a recipient of the PEO Order of Honour, to acknowledge his contributions to PEO.

"Let me simply say it has been a privilege to be part of this council now for almost five years," said Mayor Comrie.

He was quoted in the *Parry Sound North Star* saying, "I look forward to filling the responsibilities that you have given me. I will attempt to do so with the utmost of care and in the best interest of all the residents of this municipality."

#### **GLP NEWS**

# THREE MPPS TO ATTEND EASTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS NEXT WEEK



Kingston is the location of the 2019 PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress next week.

(KINGSTON) - **Randy Hillier**, MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston) (bottom, left) will be speaking at the PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress on November 23. MPP Hillier was a member of the PC caucus until May and is now sitting as an Independent.

Also speaking are Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), (bottom, centre), and NDP Environment Critic **Ian Arthur**, MPP (Kingston & the Islands), (bottom, right).



#### **EVENTS WITH MPPs**

# PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER ATTENDS EVENT WITH

#### MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION



PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Pæsar**, P.Eng. (centre right) spoke with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe), (centre left) at a Brampton Board of Trade event on November 12. Also in the photo are **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction (left) and **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West) (right).

(BRAMPTON) - PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., attended a Brampton Board of Trade event on November 12. The guest speaker at the event was Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe).

Minister Mulroney spoke about the government's recent announcements about transportation initiatives in the GTHA.

Also attending the event were:

- **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
- Amarjot Sandhu, MPP (Brampton West)
- Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton and former Ontario PC Leader
- Allan Thompson, Mayor of Caledon
- Howard Brown, PEO Government Relations Consultant

Mr. Brown and Mr. Panesar had the chance to speak with each MPP about upcoming PEO activities, including the November 20 visit to Queen's Park and licence certificate ceremonies.

Minister Mulroney was previously the Attorney General of Ontario.

#### **EVENTS WITH MPPs**

## ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MPP ATTEND PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY

(BARRIE) - Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) was the special guest at the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licensing ceremony on November 9. Also attending was **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Ten new licences were issued during the ceremony. The recipients were: **Sonia Rahman**, P.Eng., **Maseeh Rezazadah**, P.Eng., **Natalie Wright**, .Eng., **Ryan Bridge**, P.Eng., **Todd Harris**, P.Eng., **Brandon Vriens**, P.Eng., **Shao Hui Xu**, P.Eng., **Andrew Miller**, P.Eng., **Hardeep Chohan**, P.Eng., and **Parang Bhorania**, P.Eng.

Minister Downey and MPP Khanjin delivered greetings to the attendees and provided all the recipients with a recognition certificate on behalf of the Ontario government.

This is the second time this year that Minister Downey and MPP Khanjin have participated in a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licensing ceremony.

Minister Downey also met with PEO's President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar, **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., and Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., on October 29 at Queen's Park.

Also attending the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licensing ceremony was OSPE's CEO **Sandro Perruzza**, who presented data and facts in a presentation which demonstrated 'The Value of Engineering to Society'.



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater- Oro Medonte) bringing greetings on behalf of the Ontario government at the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licensing ceremony.

#### **GLP TRIVIA CONTEST**

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Representative **Samuel Jacob** P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** How many engineers were elected to Parliament in the October 21 elections?

#### **Answer: Five**

This week's question: Who will be introducing PEO President Nancy Hill, P.Eng. in the Legislature on November 20?

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, November 18. You may only win once in a four-week span.



**Samuel Jacobs,** P.Eng., is the winner of the last GLP Trivia contest.

#### **UPCOMING MPP EVENTS**

**Monday, November 18-Environment Industry Day (EID) 2019**, hosted by Ontario Environment Industry Association, from 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM at the Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto. Tickets are \$295 for non-members. The event will be attended by **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. For more information visit: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/environment-industry-day-eid-2019-tickets-69098031071</u>

**Friday, November 22-An Evening with Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham-Unionville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture (Tourism) from 7 to 10 PM at Hamilton Club, 6 Main Street E, Hamilton, L8N 1E8. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased here: https://hamiltoncentre.ontariopc.ca/billy\_pang\_at\_the\_hamilton\_club

**Tuesday, December 3- Canadian Club Presents-Education: The Next Generation** with **Ross Romano**, MPP (Sault. St. Marie), Minister of Colleges and Universities from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM at The Fairmont Royal York, 100 Front Street. Tickets are \$100 for non-members and \$85 for members. To purchase tickets, visit: <u>https://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3494</u>

**Friday, December 13-Holiday Open House with Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (NDP-Kitchener Centre), Citizenship and Immigration Services and Anti-Racism Critic, from 2 to 4 PM at 25 Frederick Street, Suite 212, Kitchener, N2H 6M8. To RSVP visit: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mpp-laura-mae-lindos-holiday-openhouse-tickets-79593310735?utm\_term=eventurl\_text&aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR3e-Bj58EK-GuAcp5CcHTfoSbJULDRA1XkT1yt9bCGcdi2t9mpGl6bePNY</u>

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