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## FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ATTENDS NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH MINISTER



Former PEO Councillor and Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., (left) had the chance to speak with **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton), Minister of Long Term Care (centre), and **Elena**, a volunteer in the Minister's office, at a New Year's Levee in Ottawa on January 5. For more on this story, see page 8.

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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER RUNNING FOR CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP
2. PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS HOLIDAY EVENT WITH MPP
3. PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER REPS ATTEND NEW YEARS LEVEE WITH MPP
4. PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS EVENT WITH MILTON MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS
5. OTTAWA GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH INTERIM LIBERAL PARTY LEADER

### EVENTS WITH MPPs

## HAMILTON-BURLINGTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIR ATTENDS OPEN HOUSE WITH MPP



Hamilton- Burlington Chapter GLP Chair, **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., (right) spoke with **Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton Mountain), Deputy Opposition Whip, Critic, Children and Youth Services, (left) at a Holiday Open House in Hamilton on December 18.

(HAMILTON) - Hamilton Burlington Chapter Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., attended a Holiday Cheer Open House with **Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton Mountain), Deputy Opposition Whip, Children and Youth Services Critic on December 18.

They discussed the Ministry of the Attorney General and how PEO falls under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Bell has spoken with several MPPs over the last few years. He recently organized a Take Your MPP to Work Day with **Jane McKenna**, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour in September.

Attending these events has been very helpful in building MPPs' knowledge about PEO's mandate as a regulator.



# PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER RUNNING FOR CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP



**Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (PC– Sarnia Lambton) (front row, centre) announced her candidacy for leadership of the Conservative Party of Canada. She is photographed here at the PEO Student Conference in 2016 in Ottawa, where she was a guest speaker.

(OTTAWA) - **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (PC– Sarnia Lambton) announced her candidacy for leadership of the Conservative Party of Canada.

MP Gladu worked as a chemical engineer for 30 years before entering politics six years ago.

She is currently the Official Opposition Health Critic.

Gladu told [CBC](#) that her background in chemical engineering taught her to take a "science-based approach" to problems and "as an engineer I tend to solve complex problems."

MP Gladu was a guest speaker at the PEO Student Conference in 2016 and she participated in several interviews for [Engineering Dimensions](#) about the need for professional engineers to get involved in all levels of government.



**Marilyn Gladu**,  
P.Eng., MP (PC–  
Sarnia Lambton).

### PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS HOLIDAY EVENT WITH MPP



PEO Oakville Chapter's GLP Committee Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., (left), and GLP Rep **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., (right) spoke with **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure (centre) at a Holiday event on December 17 in Oakville.

(OAKVILLE)- Oakville Chapter's GLP Committee Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., and GLP Rep **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., participated in an event hosted by **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure on December 17 in Oakville.

MPP Crawford has participated in a number of Oakville Chapter Events, including the 2019 Picnic and BBQ and a licence certificate presentation ceremony.

Oakville Chapter representatives met with MPP Crawford at his constituency office last year to explain PEO's role as a regulator of the Ontario engineering profession, and its mandate of protecting and serving the public interest.

Mr. Naseer and Dr. AbuOmar invited MPP Crawford to the chapter's upcoming AGM and Licence Certificate presentation on January 23, 2020.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER REPS ATTEND NEW YEARS LEVEE WITH MPP



PEO Scarborough Chapter's GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., (left), and Chapter GLP Representative **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., (right) spoke with **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood) (centre) at her New Year's Levee on January 5 in Scarborough.

PEO Scarborough Chapter's GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., and GLP Representative **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., attended a New Year's Levee hosted by **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood), at the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club on January 5.

MPP Hunter has spoken with several PEO representatives in the past at various events.

She is one of the six Ontario Liberal Party Leadership Candidates.

Mr. Gupta and Mr. Jacobs spoke to MPP Hunter about the PEO External Regulatory Review conducted by Harry Cayton, as well as the recent work of the Ontario Fairness Commission.

They discussed upcoming PEO Scarborough Chapter activities, which were all outlined in a custom Scarborough Chapter calendar that they provided to her.

## EVENTS WITH MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES

### PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN AN EVENT WITH MILTON MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS



PEO Oakville Chapter's GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng (right), GLP Rep **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., (centre), **Davinder Bhatia** (second from left) and **Khurshid Khan**, P.Eng. (left) spoke with Milton Mayor **Gordon Krantz** (second from the right).

(OAKVILLE) - Oakville Chapter's GLP Committee Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., and GLP Rep **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., participated in the Milton Town Council's New Year's Day Levee event on January 1 at Milton Town Hall.

The delegation met with Milton Mayor **Gordon Krantz** and Milton City Councillors **Colin Best**, **Rick DiLorenzo**, **Sameera Ali** and **Zeeshan Hamid**.

The PEO representatives invited the Mayor and Councillors to the Oakville Chapter's upcoming AGM and Licence Certificate presentation ceremony.

Milton Town Councillors have participated in several Chapter events, including the 2019 Picnic and BBQ and the Winter Licence Certificate Presentation ceremony.



## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### OTTAWA GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH INTERIM LIBERAL PARTY LEADER



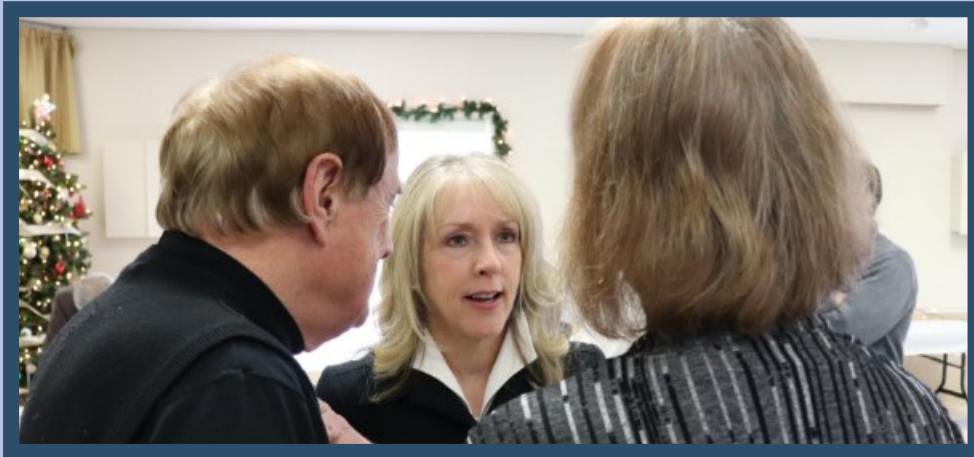
Liberal Party Interim Leader **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) (left) spoke with PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. (right) at an event on December 23 in Ottawa.

(OTTAWA) - PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., attended an event hosted by Ontario Liberal Party Interim Leader, **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) on December 23 in Ottawa.

Mr. Bhatia spoke to MPP Fraser about the work of professional engineers and the 8,500 PEO Ottawa Chapter members.

They also spoke about the upcoming Liberal Leadership Elections.

### FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ATTENDS NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH MINISTER



**Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton), Minister of Long Term Care (centre) at her New Year's Levee on January 5.

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(OTTAWA) - PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Representative and former Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng, attended a New Year's Levee hosted by **Merilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton), Minister of Long Term Care on January 5.

Minister Fullerton and Mr. Bhatia discussed similarities between the PEO regulatory body and regulatory bodies for physicians, as Ms. Fullerton is a medical doctor.

"She believes the public interest is everything," said Mr. Bhatia.

Minister Fullerton said that she was impressed with the work of PEO and would like to be involved with future PEO Ottawa Chapter ceremonies and events.

Ms. Fullerton was the previous Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.



## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nanda Lwin**, Chair of the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question: Which Chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work day on November 29?**

**Answer: Oakville Chapter**

***This week's question:***

**How many pages long was the PEO 2019 GLP Year in Review?**

**Join the Contest:** Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau** at [ichau@peo.on.ca](mailto:ichau@peo.on.ca) by Monday, January 20. ***You may only win once in a four-week span.***



**Nanda Lwin, P.Eng.,** is the winner of the last GLP Trivia contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Saturday, January 18 – Constituency Office Open House with Rima Berns McGown**, MPP (Beaches – East York) from 1 to 3 PM at 1821 Danforth Avenue, Toronto, M4C 1J2. Admission is free.

**Sunday, January 19 – New Year's Lunch with Roman Baber**, MPP (York Centre) from noon to 2PM at 539 Wilson Heights Blvd, North York, M3H 2V7. Admission is free. To RSVP email: [roman.baberco@pc.ola.org](mailto:roman.baberco@pc.ola.org)

**Sunday, January 19 – New Year's Levee with Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Liberal - Don Valley West) from 1 to 3 PM at Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East at Leslie Street, Toronto, M3C 1P2. Admission is free.

**Sunday, January 19 – 8th Annual New Year's Levee with Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo), NDP International Trade, Economic Growth and Job Creation and Research Innovation Critic from 11AM to 1 PM at Golf's Steakhouse, 598 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener, N2K 1M3. Admission is free.

**Thursday, January 22 – New Year's Levee with Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West), Deputy Opposition Leader, Pay Equity, Employment Standards and Democratic Reform Critic from 6:30 to 8 PM at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 533, 1276 Commissioners Road West, London, N6K 1E1. Admission is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2020-new-years-levee-and-community-recognition-awards-tickets-85803968981>

**Saturday, January 25 – New Year's Levee with Doly Begum**, MPP (Scarborough Southwest), NDP Early Childhood Critic from 12:30 to 3 PM at West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre, 313 Pharmacy Avenue East, Toronto, M1L 3E7. Admission is free.

**Sunday, January 26 – New Year's Levee with Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre), NDP LGBTQ Critic from 11 AM to 2 PM at Elsie Perrin Williams Estate, 101 Windermere Road, London, N6G 2J4. Admission is free.

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