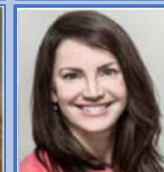




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TWO PEO CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH YORK CENTRE MPP



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (centre) spoke with **Roman Baber**, MPP (York Centre) (right) and Ontario College of Teachers Councillor, **Bob Cooper** (left) at a New Year's Levee hosted by MPP Baber on January 19. For more on this story, see page 7.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 89,000 licence and certificate holders, and regulates and advances engineering practice in Ontario to protect the public interest. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glpl-weekly-newsletter>

*Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue of the GLP Weekly will be published on January 31, 2020.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER ATTENDS CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT WITH TWO MPPS
2. ENGINEERS SPEAK WITH MPP AT LEVEE IN WATERLOO
3. PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE RE-ELECTS COUNCILLORS AS CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR
4. ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES STORY ABOUT MP ENGINEERS
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EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM (GLP)

The PEO Government Liaison Program's main objective is to ensure that government, PEO members, and the public continue to recognize PEOs regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest. The GLP is based on a strong local presence, a legislative framework, and policy and communications support. Some of the many events and activities that the local PEO chapter GLP representatives engage in to develop relationships and further recognition and understanding of PEO's role with local MPPs are profiled in this newsletter.

EAST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH NDP MPP

Rima Berns-McGown, MPP (Beaches—East York), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness held a New Years Levee on January 18.

East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng., attended the event, and had a chance to speak with MPP Berns-McGown, who told her that her own father was an architect, and felt she “knows very well the importance of an engineer.”

Ms. Aftab explained the process of becoming a professional engineer, as well as the differences between the mandates of PEO and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE).



PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng., had an opportunity to speak with **Rima Berns-McGown**, MPP (Beaches—East York), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness at her Levee on January 18.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER ATTENDS CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT WITH TWO MPPs



PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (left), with **Belinda Karahalios**, MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General (right) at the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre on January 19.



PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (left), with **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Citizenship, Immigration Services and Anti-Racism (right) at a Chinese New Year celebration on January 19.

(KITCHENER) - PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., attended a Chinese New Year celebration at the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre on January 19 in Kitchener.

He had a chance to speak with:

- **Belinda Karahalios**, MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General
- **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Citizenship and Immigration Services Critic and Anti-Racism

Both MPPs were elected for the first time in 2018.

The PEO Grand River Chapter represents a total of six ridings in the Western Region.

Mr. Tse is an active member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee and regularly attends local MPP events to build relationships with MPPs.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

ENGINEERS SPEAK WITH MPP AT LEVEE IN WATERLOO



Catherine Fife, MPP (Waterloo), NDP International Trade, Economic Growth & Job Creation and Research & Innovation Critic (centre) spoke with former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., and past Chair of the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter and Grand River Chapter GLP representative **Glenn Sutton**, P.Eng., (right) at her New Year's Levee on January 19 in Waterloo.

(WATERLOO) - **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo), NDP Critic for International Trade, Economic Growth, Job Creation, Research and Innovation Critic hosted a New Year's Levee on January 19 in Waterloo.

Participating in the event were former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., Georgian Bay Chapter past Chair and Grand River Chapter GLP representative **Glenn Sutton**, P.Eng., Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., and Waterloo Regional Chair **Karen Redman**.

MPP Fife is a regular participant in PEO events, and led efforts in the legislature in support of the appeal of the Industrial Exception in the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE RE-ELECTS COUNCILLORS AS CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR



Warren Turnbull, P. Eng (centre left) was re-elected as Chair of the Government Liaison Committee on January 16. With him in the photo are (left to right) Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs, **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Vice-Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter Co-ordinator **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee held a Face-to-Face meeting at PEO Headquarters on January 16. PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., was re-elected as Chair of the Committee. Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng. was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

The meeting discussed ways the GLP can focus more directly on the regulation of the profession. Also attending the meeting were:

- Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng.
- **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., member who is involved in a riding association
- **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng. - Grand River Chapter GLP Chair
- **Shawn Yanni**, student representative, (via teleconference)
- **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs
- **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant

The discussions also covered plans for Government Relations training, a revised committee structure, discussion on the repeal of the Industrial Exception and the concept of a chief engineer.

PEO GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH BURLINGTON MPP



Jane McKenna, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour (left) spoke with PEO Hamilton-Burlington GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng. (right) at a New Year's Levee she hosted on January 11.

(BURLINGTON) - **Jane McKenna**, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development held a New Year's Levee at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington on January 11.

Attending were PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P. Eng., and **Ron Finnigan**, P.Eng.

Mr. Bell discussed with MPP McKenna how the profession of engineering falls under the Ministry of the Attorney General as a self-regulated profession.

MPP McKenna participated in a PEO *Take Your MPP to Work Day* with the Hamilton-Burlington Chapter on September 23, which was organized by Mr. Bell.

PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter represents six ridings in PEO's Western Region.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

TWO PEO CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH YORK CENTRE MPP



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (centre), and Toronto Humber Chapter GLP Rep **Manoj Shukla**, EIT, (right) participated in a New Year's Levee hosted by **Roman Baber**, MPP (York Centre) (second from left) on January 19. Also in the photo are York Centre MP **Michael Levitt** (left), and Toronto City Councillor **James Pasternak** (second from right).

York Centre MPP **Roman Baber** hosted a New Year's Levee on January 19.

PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair, **Janet Han**, P. Eng., and Toronto Humber Chapter GLP rep **Manoj Shukla**, EIT, participated in the event and had a chance to speak with MPP Baber.

Mr. Baber told her that both his father and grandfather were engineers, and that he was proud to have 700 engineers in his riding.

Others in attendance included: **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre), **Michael Levitt**, MP (York Centre), Toronto City Councillor **James Pasternak**, and former Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Justice, **Peter MacKay**.

Also attending was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, who had a chance to introduce the PEO delegation to MPP Baber and **Bob Cooper**, who is currently the first teacher to be appointed by the current Ontario Government to the Ontario College of Teachers, which regulates the teaching profession in the public interest.

ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES STORY ABOUT MP ENGINEERS



This article was published in the January/February Issue of
Engineering Dimensions.

Engineering Dimensions published a full page story with interviews of two Ontario engineers, who were elected to the House of Commons in 2015 and re-elected in 2019.

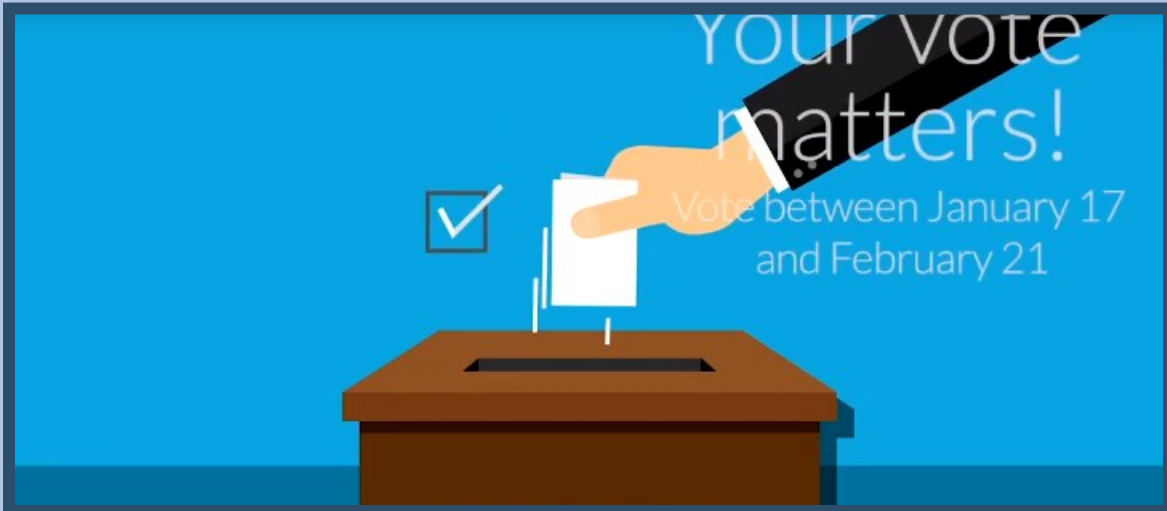
They were interviewed by PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The engineers were **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., who has announced that she is seeking the Federal Conservative Leadership, and the other is **Omar Alghabra**, P.Eng., who is the Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**, MP, (Papineau).

To read the full story, click [here](#).

PEO NEWS

PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING OPEN UNTIL FEB 21



PEO began its 2020 council elections last week. Voting is open to all licence holders and can be done easily [online](#) or by phone (1-888-492-4763). The deadline to vote is February 21.

Here are the 2020 Candidates:

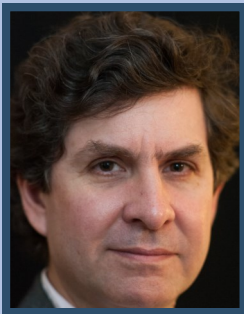
PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



Nick Colucci

P.Eng., BAsC,
MBA. FEC



Christian Bellini

P.Eng., FEC



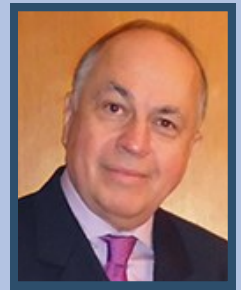
Darla Campbell

P.Eng., CSR-P



Tim Kirkby

C.E.T., P.Eng., FEC



Gregory Wowchuk

BAsC, Dipl El Tech, P.Eng.

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REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

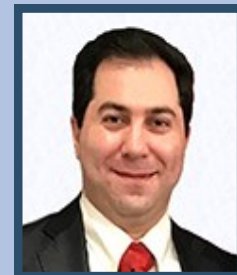
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Guy Boone
P.Eng., FEC



Chantal Chiddle
P.Eng., FEC



Arash Imani
P.Eng, PMP, ASQ CSSBB,
CQA

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Christopher Chahine
P.Eng., PMP, SSBP



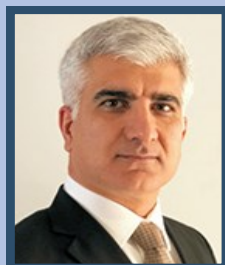
Peter Cushman
P.Eng.



Monica Jain
P.Eng., M.Eng.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Muktar Homam
P.Eng., PhD, MBA



Lisa MacCumber
P.Eng., FEC

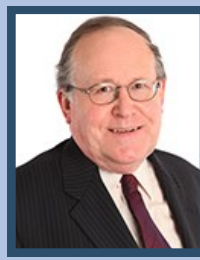
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WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



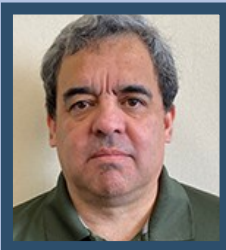
Vivender Adunuri
P.Eng.



Peter John Broad
P.Eng., FEC

NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year term, Members in Region Vote)



Juan Pernia
Ph.D., P.Eng.



Luc R Roberge
P.Eng., FEC

COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Councillor—At—Large



Michael Chan, P.Eng.,
FEC

Congratulations to Mr. Chan!

Good luck to all the candidates.

Everyone is encouraged to watch the online election debates

which were conducted on [January 6, 7, 8, and 9.](#)

PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

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

Answer: 14 pages

This week's question:

Which Chapter participated in an event with an MPP and with a Mayor and Councillors?

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, January 27. ***You may only win once in a four-week span.***



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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

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.

Thursday, January 30— New Year's Levee with Kaleed Rasheed, MPP (Mississauga East—Cooksville), Deputy Government Whip from 6 to 8 PM at 1420 Burnhamthorpe Road, Unit 315, Mississauga, ON, L4X 2Z9. Attendance is free. Guests are asked to bring non-perishable items to donate to the Mississauga Food Bank.

Saturday, February 8—Skate with Sara Singh, MPP (Brampton Centre), NDP Deputy Leader and Housing Critic from 2 to 4 PM at Greenbriar Recreation Centre, 1100 Central Park Drive, Brampton, ON, L6S 2C9. Attendance is free. Guests are asked to bring their own skates.

If you have any comments, additions or questions about *The GLP Weekly* please do not hesitate to call or email:
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