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For more on this story, see page 7.

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*Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. There will be no issue on February 21 due to the shortened holiday week. The next issue will be published on February 28, 2020.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO LONDON CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTER AND MPP
2. PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS AGM WITH MPP
3. PEO HOLDS 531ST COUNCIL MEETING
4. ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO UNTIL PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING ENDS

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM (GLP)

The PEO Government Liaison Program works to establish local connections with MPPs. For example, the PEO London Chapter regularly attends events with MPPs like the local 'Dragon Gala' (see page 3). This has provided them with an opportunity to speak with MPPs on a regular basis. As well, the PEO Grand River Chapter (see page 9) meets regularly with their MPPs.

These stories are why the GLP matters. Chapters are an important way of ensuring all parts of the province are covered and relationships are maintained with everyone.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

TRANSPORTATION MINISTER ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe), and Minister of Francophone Affairs was the guest speaker at an Economic Club of Canada event in Toronto on February 6.

Minister Mulroney announced changes to environmental assessment regulations for the four new Toronto subway lines.

She said it was a “practical and responsible plan,” adding that the plan would “enable us to build transit faster by getting shovels in the ground sooner.” [See the Toronto Star story](#) for more details.



Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) spoke at an Economic Club of Canada event in Toronto on February 6. PHOTO CREDIT: @C_Mulroney

In attendance was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Mr. Brown had the chance to speak with the Minister, who is familiar with PEO's file because of her former role as Attorney General.

PEO LONDON CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTER AND MPP



PEO London Chapter GLP Representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., (second from left), former Chair **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., (centre) Chair **Kris Popiolek**, P.Eng., (third from right), and Vice-Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., (second from right), attended a Dragon Gala in London on February 8 with **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin—Middlesex—London), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, (third from left) and **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre), NDP LGBTQ Critic (left).

(LONDON) - Five PEO London Chapter representatives participated in a London event with two MPPs, including **Jeff Yurek**, (Elgin—Middlesex—London), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre), NDP LGBTQ Critic on February 8.

Attending on behalf of the London Chapter were GLP representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., former Chair **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., Chair **Kris Popiolek**, P.Eng., and Vice-Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng.

They were all attending the 35th Annual Dragon Gala at the London Convention Centre.

Minister Yurek was first elected in 2011, and participated in the 2013 PEO Western Region GLP Academy and Congress in London. He formerly served as the Transportation Minister, until a June 2019 cabinet shuffle.

The PEO London Chapter has worked hard to build excellent relationships with their local MPPs.

PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS AGM WITH MPP



PEO East Toronto Chapter hosted their Annual General Meeting with guest speaker **Chris Glover**, MPP (NDP Spadina–Fort York) on February 5 in Toronto.

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East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng. provided MPP Glover with a background on PEO's role as a regulator for the public interest prior to his speech. Ms. Aftab said MPP Glover spoke about "the importance of engineers making decisions which are good/useful for the community and for peoples lives." She said he encouraged those in attendance to be "socially responsible when professional engineers are implementing changes."

MPPs are often looking for ways to meet their constituents between elections. PEO Chapter AGMs are a great place to start.

PEO HOLDS 531ST COUNCIL MEETING



PEO Council met in Toronto on February 6 and 7 at PEO Headquarters.

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President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., chaired the meeting.

The meeting covered a variety of important issues including:

- A Governance Solutions presentation by **Deborah** and **David Brown** discussing management of PEO Council deliberations compared to other similar organizations.
- President Hill updated Council on her recent work, including her meetings with young engineers at the Engineers PEI AGM in Charlottetown, and her recent appearance on TVO's *The Agenda* as a panelist on the 30 year Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.
- PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., presented a comprehensive CEO report on various activities and actions, and Legal Counsel **Dan Abrahams** gave an extensive presentation updating Council on the new PEO regulatory activity filter.
- A new funding model was agreed to with Engineers Canada, following a presentation by former PEO and Engineers Canada President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng.
- An update was given on the PEO Succession Planning Task Force (SPTF) by Chair of the task force and former PEO councillor **Paul Ballantyne**, P.Eng. and SPTF consultant **Jonathan Bennett**.
- Council was also provided with a new GLP Info Note, which gave an overview of the action plan to implement recommendations of the Cayton Report.

COUNCILLORS RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE AT PEO COUNCIL MEETING

Two PEO Councillors were recognized for their years of service during the PEO Council meeting on February 7.

PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., presented volunteer recognition certificates to:

- President-elect **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.
- Vice President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.

Ms. Sterling received a five-year volunteer recognition certificate.

Mr. Bellini received a 15-year volunteer recognition certificate.



PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., presents President-elect **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., with a five-year volunteer recognition certificate at a PEO Council meeting on February 7.



PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., presents Vice President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., a certificate recognizing 15-years of volunteer service.

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(GUELPH) - Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) hosted a family skate day on February 9 in Guelph. Also in attendance was the Speaker of the Legislature, **Ted Arnott**, MPP (Wellington—Halton Hills).

Attending on behalf of PEO was Grand River Chapter GLP Representative **Oscar Nespoli**, P.Eng.

Mr. Nespoli reported that he spoke about “PEO’s willingness to engage with MPPs” with MPP Schreiner, reminding him of PEO’s mandate as a regulator.

Speaker Arnott spoke of a previous conversation with Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., in which Mr. Tse had indicated the importance of PEO being consulted on policy issues affecting their mandate.

MPP Schreiner also shared that he was recently asked to speak at an Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO) meeting.

Both MPP Schreiner and Speaker Arnott mentioned that they were very willing to host PEO’s GLP members for meetings at their offices, should the need arise.

ALBERTA FAIR REGISTRATION PRACTICES ACT COMES INTO EFFECT MARCH 1

(EDMONTON) - On March 1, 2020, the Alberta Fair Registration Practices Act will come into force. It is aimed at speeding up the process by which newcomers to Alberta have their professional credentials recognized.

In Alberta, the Act will affect the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists, colleges governed under the Health Professions Act, and others.

The act also means the creation of a new Fair Registration and Practices Office that works with regulators to ensure transparent and impartial practices. This type of body has already been created in Ontario.

Regulatory bodies will be required to complete application assessments within a specific timeline for interim and final registration decisions.

Regulatory bodies will also work with licensing bodies to simplify foreign credential recognition and comply with reviews and audits.

The Fair Registration Practices Act is seen as necessary in Alberta, because – as in other jurisdictions – many skilled newcomers are made to wait months, if not years, to have their credentials acknowledged before they can practise their profession.

Regulatory bodies will need to assess their priorities and the distribution of resources in order to meet the new requirements.

Once the legislation is enacted they will also need to comply with reviews and audits, and make changes based on these outcomes. They will need to prove their practices are objective, impartial, transparent, and fair.

An [article](#) describing some of these changes was published on February 6, in Slaw, Canada's online legal magazine.

Alberta Fair Registration Practices of Regulatory Bodies Proclaimed in Force



by Yosie Saint-Cyr
More posts by Yosie »

The Alberta Fair Registration Practices Act is proclaimed in force on March 1, 2020, to speed up the process of newcomers getting their credentials recognized so they can work in the careers they trained for, and remove unfair barriers.

This new law,

- provides the authority to create a Fair Registration Practices Office
- reduces the red tape associated with the assessment of foreign credentials
- works with regulators to ensure registration practices are transparent, objective, impartial and fair
- maintains Alberta's high professional standards

The above article was published on February 6, in Slaw, Canada's online legal magazine.

ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO UNTIL PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING ENDS

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



Nick Colucci

P.Eng., BASc, MBA, FEC



Christian Bellini

P.Eng., FEC

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



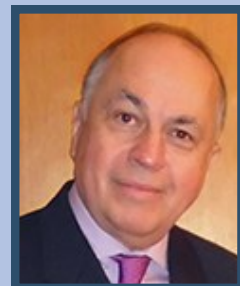
Darla Campbell

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 REGION COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



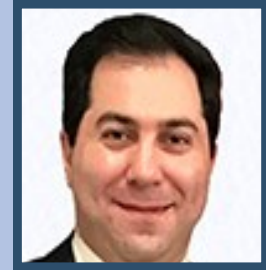
Guy Boone

P.Eng., FEC



Chantal Chiddle

P.Eng., FEC



Arash Imani

P.Eng, PMP, ASQ CSSBB, CQA

EAST CENTRAL REGION COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Christopher Chahine

P.Eng., PMP, SSBBP



Peter Cushman

P.Eng.

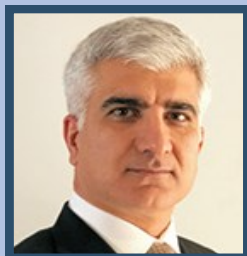


Monica Jain

P.Eng., M.Eng.

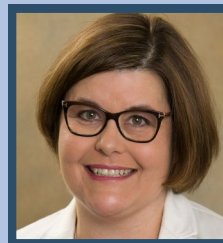
WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two— Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



Muktar Homam

P.Eng., PhD, MBA



Lisa MacCumber

P.Eng., FEC

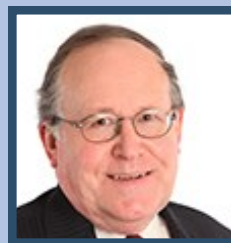
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WESTERN REGION COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



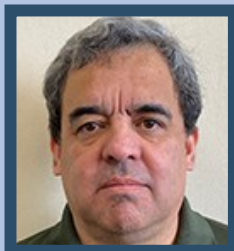
Vivender Adunuri
P.Eng.



Peter John Broad
P.Eng., FEC

NORTHERN REGION COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year term, Members in Region Vote)



Juan Pernia
Ph.D., P.Eng.



Luc R Roberge
P.Eng., FEC

**Councillor—At—Large has
been elected by acclamation**



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

This week's question: *Guess the total cumulative voter turnout to date for the 2020 Council Election, as of Friday February 14, as published on the PEO Website?*

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, February 17. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



PEO Headquarters.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, February 15—Farmer Appreciation Breakfast with Goldie Ghamari, MPP (PC—Carleton), from 8AM to 10AM at Alfred Taylor Rec Centre, 2300 Community Way, North Gower, ON, K0A 2T0. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: <https://goldiempp.ca/event/farmer-appreciation-breakfast-2020/>

Sunday, February 16—Family Day Breakfast and Skate with Goldie Ghamari, MPP (PC—Carleton), from 10AM to 12PM at Richmond Memorial Community Centre, 6095 Perth Street, Richmond, ON, K0A 2Z0. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: <https://goldiempp.ca/event/family-day-breakfast-skate-2020/>

Monday, February 17—Family Day Skate with MPPs Doug Downey (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte), Attorney General, and **Andrea Khanjin** (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, from 1 to 3 PM at the Holly Community Centre, 171 Mapleton Ave, Barrie, ON, L4N 8T6. Attendance is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-day-skate-with-your-barrie-mpps-tickets-90229774685>

Monday, February 17—Family Skate Date with Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP (Mississauga – Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board from 1 to 2:30 PM at Clarkson Community Centre, 2475 Truscott Drive, Mississauga, ON, L5J 2B5. Attendance is free. To register, visit: https://www.cuzzetto.com/free_family_day_skate_2020

Monday, February 17—Family Skate with Merrilee Fullerton, MPP (Kanata- Carleton), Minister of Long-Term Care from 11 AM to 1 PM at Bell Sensplex, 1565 Maple Grove Road, Ottawa, ON, K2V 1A3. Attendance is free. https://www.merrileefullerton.ca/family_skates_feb_17_mar

Monday, February 24—Toronto Region Board of Trade presents Vic Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade from 12 to 1:30 PM at First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, 4th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5X 1A9. Tickets are \$84 for members and \$104 for non-members. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://bit.ly/319872n>

Saturday, February 29—Leap Year Celebration with Natalia Kusendova, MPP (Mississauga Centre) from 7 to 11 PM at Fotografia Boutique, 1525 Cornwall Road, Unit 1, Oakville, ON, L6J 0B2. Tickets are \$200 per person. To purchase, visit: <https://mississaugacentre.ontariopc.ca/leap2020>. This is a party fundraiser, and neither PEO nor any other association, company, or union, are allowed to donate. Only individuals may purchase tickets.

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

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