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## PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON GLP CHAIR

### ATTENDS EVENT WITH TWO PC MPPS



PEO Hamilton-Burlington GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., spoke with **Donna Skelly**, MPP (Flamborough—Glanbrook), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade at an event on February 27. For more on this story, see page 5.

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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO REPRESENTED AT BRAMPTON EVENT WITH MINISTER, DEPUTY LEADER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC
2. PEO YORK CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH DEPUTY PREMIER
3. CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY-ELECTED PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT, VP AND COUNCILLORS

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM (GLP)

The PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) works to establish local connections with MPPs. For example, the PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter regularly attends events with MPPs (see page 1 and 4). This has provided them with an opportunity to speak with MPPs on a regular basis. PEO York Chapter regularly attends events with their nine MPPs such as one on February 27. (See page 4)

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.

## QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

### TWO NEW LIBERAL MPPS ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATURE



Interim Liberal leader **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) (second from left) with newly-elected Liberal MPPs **Stephen Blais** (left) and **Lucille Collard** (second from right) on February 27 in Ottawa. Also in the photo is Amanda Simard, MPP (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell) (right) who has recently joined the Liberal caucus.

(OTTAWA) — Two new Liberal MPPs were elected in by-elections to the Legislature on February 27.

**Stephen Blais**, a former Ottawa city councillor and school board trustee, was elected for Ottawa-Orléans. **Lucille Collard**, a lawyer and longtime school board trustee, was elected for Ottawa-Vanier.

The by-elections were the result of resignations by **Nathalie Des Rosiers** in Ottawa-Vanier and **Marie-France Lalonde** in Ottawa-Orléans.

The victories for MPPs Blais and Collard bring the total number of seats for the Liberal Party at Queen's Park to eight.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO REPRESENTED AT BRAMPTON EVENT WITH MINISTER, DEPUTY LEADER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC



**Kevin Yarde**, MPP (Brampton North), NDP Critic for Community Safety and Correctional Services, **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), NDP Critic for the Attorney General, **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), NDP Deputy Leader and Critic for Housing, **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West), Chair of Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, and **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, joined **Todd Letts**, CEO of the Brampton Board of Trade, at an event on February 28.

(BRAMPTON) The Brampton Board of Trade hosted an event at the Hilton Garden in Brampton on February 28 with five MPPs.

The event provided a opportunity for community members to ask questions and meet informally with:

- **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (PC—Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
- **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), NDP Critic for the Attorney General
- **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), NDP Deputy Leader and Critic for Housing
- **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (PC—Brampton West), Chair of the Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
- **Kevin Yarde**, MPP (Brampton North), NDP Critic for Community Safety and Correctional Services

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had a chance to speak with each of the MPPs, in particular Minister Sarkaria and MPP Gurratan Singh, both whom met PEO President **Nancy Hill** at Queen's Park on November 20.

PEO Brampton Chapter is a regular participant in Brampton Board of Trade events.



## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO YORK CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH DEPUTY PREMIER

(NEWMARKET) - Deputy Premier and Health Minister **Christine Elliott**, MPP (Newmarket-Aurora) hosted a family pancake breakfast in Newmarket on February 27. It was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newmarket.

Among those attending were PEO York Chapter GLP Director **Hannah Ehtemam**, P.Eng., and **Sharon Chen**, EIT.

Ms. Ehtemam told GLP Weekly that "we also met MPP Elliott and briefly introduce ourselves. We also met her scheduler so hopefully it will help in (inviting the Minister) to our future chapter events."

The Minister is very familiar with PEO having participated in many PEO events in the past including two PEO Candidate Colleges where she was a key note speaker.



Deputy Premier and Health Minister **Christine Elliott**, MPP (Newmarket-Aurora) (centre) with **Sharon Chen**, EIT (left) and **Hannah Ehtemam**, P.Eng (right) in February 27 in Newmarket.

### PEO MANAGER ATTENDS EVENT WITH MPP IN MISSISSAUGA

(MISSISSAUGA) - **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore) attended a community event in Port Credit on February 29.

MPP Cuzzetto is Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board.

Also, attending was PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.



PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. with **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore) at an event on February 29.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON GLP CHAIR ATTENDS EVENT WITH TWO PC MPPs



PEO Hamilton-Burlington GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., spoke with **Michael Harris**, MPP (Kitchener—Conestoga), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry at an event on February 27.

**Donna Skelly**, MPP (Flamborough—Glanbrook), was a guest speaker at an event in Toronto on February 27. Also attending the event were:

- PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P. Eng
- **Michael Harris**, MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources

Mr. Bell had a chance to speak with both MPPs about PEO and its regulatory role. He has met MPP Skelly on several occasions since her election in June 2018. MPP Skelly is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

MPP Harris knew that the province was celebrating Ontario Engineers Day this week.

The Hamilton-Burlington Chapter has worked hard to build relationships with their six MPPs.



## CORRECTION

In last week's GLP Weekly story on the PEO Oakville chapter, **Mukul Asthana**, P.Eng., (second from left) was incorrectly identified as **Fred Datto**, P.Eng. Mr. Asthana is the former Innovation Chair of the Oakville Chapter.

## PEO NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY-ELECTED PEO

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT, VP AND COUNCILLORS



**President-Elect**  
**Christian Bellini**  
P.Eng., FEC



**Vice-President**  
**Darla Campbell**  
P.Eng., CSR-P



**Councillor—at—**  
**Large**  
**Michael Chan**  
P.Eng., FEC

PEO today released the official results of the 2020 Council election.

PEO VP **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., is elected as President-elect.

Former PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair, **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., is elected as Vice President. Also elected were:

- **Michael Chan**, P.Eng who is acclaimed as Councillor-at-large
- **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., FEC, is elected as Eastern Region Councillor
- **Peter Cushman**, P.Eng., is elected as East Central Region Councillor
- **Peter John Broad**, P.Eng., is elected as Western Region Councillor
- **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng., is elected as West Central Region Councillor
- **Luc R Roberge**, P.Eng., is elected as Northern Region Councillor



**Eastern Region**  
**Councillor**  
**Chantal Chiddle**  
P.Eng., FEC



**East Central**  
**Region Councillor**  
**Peter Cushman**  
P.Eng.



**Western Region**  
**Councillor**  
**Peter John Broad**  
P.Eng., FEC



**West Central**  
**Region Councillor**  
**Lisa MacCumber**  
P.Eng., FEC



**Northern Region**  
**Councillor**  
**Luc R Roberge**  
P.Eng., FEC



## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former PEO president **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which two PEO Councillors were recently recognized for years of volunteer service at a recent PEO Council meeting on February 7?

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

**This week's question:** Which PEO Councillor and Government Liaison Committee member was interviewed in last week's issue?

**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](mailto:jchau@peo.on.ca) by Monday, March 9. *You may only win once in a four-week span.*



**Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's GLP Trivia contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Sunday, March 8- International Women's Day Breakfast with Goldie Ghamari.** MPP (Carleton), from 1 to 3 PM, at Metcalfe City of Ottawa Branch, 8243 Victoria Street, Metcalfe, ON, K0A2P0. To RSVP, visit: <https://goldiempp.ca/event/international-womens-day-2020-tea-in-metcalfe/>

**Tuesday, March 10—Luncheon with Lisa MacLeod**, MPP (Nepean), Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at The Rec Room, Square One, 100 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON, L5B 2C9. Tickets are \$57.52 for members and \$70.80 for non-members. To purchase, visit: <https://mississaugaoncoc.wliinc14.com/events/Luncheon-with-Minister-Lisa-MacLeod-Minister-of-Heritage-Sport-Tourism-and-Culture-Industries-773/details>

**Tuesday, March 10—Building Ontario Together with Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax), Finance Minister of Ontario, from 12:00 – 1:45 PM, Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M5H 2M9, Canada. Tickets are \$95. For more information: <https://www.empireclubofcanada.com/event-details/the-honourable-rod-phillips-finance-minister-of-ontario>

**Wednesday, March 11—A Taste of Algoma-Manitoulin with Michael Mantha**, MPP (Algoma—Manitoulin) Northern Development and Mines Critic, and Special Guest **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre), Official Opposition Leader and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic, from 6 to 8 PM at The University Club, 380 University Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5G 1R6. Ticket prices range from \$250 to \$1625. To purchase, visit: [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9a9295d47ebbb4828631768d4/files/c42bb07b-94bb-46c0-9efb-8787af1f1c3d/Wild\\_Game\\_Order\\_Form\\_2020\\_.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9a9295d47ebbb4828631768d4/files/c42bb07b-94bb-46c0-9efb-8787af1f1c3d/Wild_Game_Order_Form_2020_.pdf)

**Friday, March 13—Breakfast with Lindsey Park**, MPP (Durham), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, from 7:30 to 9:30 AM, at Bowmanville Creek Retirement Community, 105 Queen St, Bowmanville, ON, L1C 1M7. Tickets are \$25 for members \$35 for non-members. To purchase, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2652179154830689/>

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