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## PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER MEETS WITH NDP MPP



PEO Grand River GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse**, P.Eng., (right) and GLP Representative **Glen Sutton**, P.Eng., (left) met with **Catherine Fife**, MPP(NDP-Waterloo) at her constituency office in Waterloo on February 22. MPP Fife is the Opposition Critic for International Trade, Economic Growth, Job Creation, Research and Innovation. Mr. Tse is a member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee and Mr. Sutton is a former Mayor and Councillor of Kincardine. For more on this story, see page 6.

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\* Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on March 20, 2020.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER AGM
2. FORMER MINISTER ELECTED ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY LEADER
3. PEO REPRESENTED AT PREMIER'S ANNUAL DINNER

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM (GLP)

The PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) works to establish local connections with MPPs. For example, the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter invited one of their local MPPs to their 2020 AGM and Licence Certificate Ceremony recently and the Grand River Chapter met with one of their local MPPs at her constituency office. Both Lake Ontario Chapter and Grand River Chapter each represent six MPPs including members of the government and the opposition. (see pages 1, 3 and 6). Local connections are what the GLP and its Chapters are all about, and they ensure MPPs have personal relationships with PEO members from their ridings.

## QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

### ONTARIO BUDGET ANNOUNCED FOR MARCH 25



Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) (right) addressed a crowd at an Empire Club of Canada event on March 10 in Toronto.

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Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) was the guest speaker at an Empire Club of Canada event in Toronto on March 10. He will present the Spring budget on March 25 at Queen's Park. This will be his first full budget since his appointment in June 2019.

### MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER AGM



Chief Government Whip **Lorne Coe**, MPP (PC-Whitby) (centre) was the guest speaker at the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter AGM and Licence Certificate Ceremony on January 25. Chapter representatives in the photo are (left to right): former Chair **Raymond Chokelal**, P.Eng., FEC, Director **Karen Chan**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., and Chair **Manraj Pannu**, P.Eng.

(WHITBY) - PEO Lake Ontario Chapter hosted their AGM and Licence Certificate Ceremony on January 25 at the Whitby Campus of Durham College.

The guest speaker was **Lorne Coe**, MPP (PC-Whitby), who is the Chief Government Whip. MPP Coe delivered remarks during the AGM, which was followed by a licence certificate presentation.

At a Queen's Park reception on March 10, MPP Coe told PEO Government Relations Consultant, **Howard Brown**, that during his speech at the Lake Ontario Chapter AGM he said that licensure was the back bone of society.

MPP Coe has been a longtime supporter of PEO and regularly attends local chapter events in his riding, which demonstrates the value of having a local connection.



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### FORMER MINISTER ELECTED ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY LEADER



**Steven Del Duca** (second from the left with his family) was elected leader of the Ontario Liberal Party on March 7.

(MISSISSAUGA) - Former Ontario Transportation Minister **Steven Del Duca** was elected leader of the Ontario Liberal Party on March 7 at a convention in Mississauga at the International Centre.

The event was attended by over 3000 delegates from across Ontario including many elected officials, business and community leaders

Mr. Del Duca, who regularly took an interest in PEO issues, was an MPP from 2012 –2018.

He served as the Minister of Transportation as well as Economic Development and Trade under then Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West).

Mr. Del Duca won 59% of the vote on the first ballot and defeated five other leadership candidates including MPPs **Michael Coteau** (Don Valley East) and **Mitzie Hunter** (Scarborough—Guildwood).

Mr. Del Duca said in his speech to the delegates that “ I think that we need to find a path so that everyone in Ontario has a basic benefits package and ...a clear path that helps internationally trained professionals like doctors, engineers, nurses and more, get their credentials recognized because we can't afford here in Ontario to have our talent sitting on the sidelines.”

Also in attendance was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, who was interviewed on TVO at the end of the convention by former PEO Presidents Award winner, **Steve Paikin**.

To watch TVO's full coverage of the event, click [here](#).

### PEO REPRESENTED AT PREMIER'S ANNUAL DINNER



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) at the Annual Ontario PC Leader's Dinner, on March 5

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) was the guest speaker at the annual Ontario PC dinner's at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on March 5.

Dozens of Ministers and MPPs, including Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) and his Parliamentary Assistant **Lindsey Park**, MPP (Durham) were in attendance as well as over 2000 business leaders and stakeholders from across the province.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was also in attendance and had the opportunity to speak with the Premier, Ministers and MPPs, including both Minister Downey and MPP Park.

Mr. Brown had the chance to thank Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) and **Rick Nicholls**, MPP (Chatham—Kent—Leamington) for their participation in the PEO Regional Academies and Congresses in both Kingston and Chatham.

The Premier was introduced by his daughter and spoke about the government's work on building the economy.

Other speakers included Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) and Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North).

## MEETINGS WITH MPPs

### PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER MEETS WITH NDP MPP



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(WATERLOO)- PEO Grand River Chapter held a meeting with **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo) at her constituency office on February 22. Participating were Grand River GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse**, P.Eng and GLP Representative **Glen Sutton**, P.Eng.

MPP Fife is the Opposition Critic for International Trade, Economic Growth, Job Creation, Research and Innovation. Mr. Tse is a member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee and Mr. Sutton is a former Mayor and Councillor of Kincardine.

According to Mr. Tse, the PEO delegation “had the opportunity to discuss the definition and role of PEO in contrast to the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, and all the contributions that PEO has given to the engineering profession.”

Mr. Tse told GLP Weekly that “they did a review of PEO as an organization and spoke about how to enhance governance in the province.”

He further added that “MPP Fife has always been very passionate about engineering issues and is a strong supporter of PEO’s work.”

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

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

**Answer:** Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** Who is PEO's new President—Elect?

**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 16. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



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

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 17-March Break Free Skate with Opposition House Leader, Gilles Bisson**, MPP (Timmins), from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Whitney Arena, 4969 Harold Ave, Timmins, ON, P0N 1K0. Attendance is free. To RSVP, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/march-break-free-skate-tickets-94416232493>

**Friday, March 20,- Skating day with Transportation, Highways and Infrastructure Critic Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), from 11:30 AM to 12:50 PM at Donevan Recreation Complex, 171 Harmony Rd S, Oshawa ON, L1H 6T4. Attendance is free. For more information visit: <https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/events/9858276--free-public-skate-sponsored-by-mpp/>

**Friday, March 27- MPP Mobile Office of Caledon East with Solicitor General Commissioner, Board of Internal Economy Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon), , from 1 to 4 PM at St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East 6025 Old Church Road, Caledon East, ON, L7C 1H8. Attendance is free. To confirm your appointment, call 519-941-7751 or email [sylvia.jonesca@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jonesca@pc.ola.org)

**Monday, April 6—Canadian Club of Toronto lunch with Treasury Board President Peter Bethlenfalvy** , MPP (Pickering—Uxbridge), from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, ON, M5J 1E3. Attendance is \$85 for subscribers and \$100 for no subscribers. To RSVP, visit: <https://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3515>

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