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### PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER HOSTS TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



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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/glp-weekly-newsletter>

\* Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on March 27, 2020.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO WINDSOR—ESSEX CHAPTER GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH LIBERAL PARTY LEADER
2. PEO REPRESENTED AT MPP RECEPTION WITH NDP LEADER
3. ONTARIO BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT SCALED BACK

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM (GLP)

The PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) works to establish local connections with MPPs. For example, last week the PEO Brantford Chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day with their local PC MPP. This allowed them to show the MPP the work of professional engineers first hand, as well as help build a strong relationship with him (see pages 1 and 5). As well, the PEO Windsor—Essex Chapter attended an event in Windsor with the newly elected Liberal leader (see page 3). PEO has learned that it is important to establish relationships with MPPs of all parties. Local connections are what the GLP and its chapters are all about.

## PEO NEWS

### PEO'S RESPONSE TO COVID—19

On March 17, Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) declared a state of emergency for the province of Ontario.

To watch coverage of his official announcement, click [here](#).

In response to the outbreak of COVID-19, PEO is taking several precautionary measures, including:

- All in person meetings and interviews will be postponed or conducted electronically, where feasible (this includes today's PEO Council meeting, which was held via teleconference).
- Closure of the head office. Staff are working remotely and business is continuing on a virtual basis as much as possible

For PEO's official statement regarding COVID—19, click [here](#).

Governments at the federal, provincial and municipal levels are encouraging citizens to practice social distancing.

GLP Weekly, in an effort to promote social distancing, will not be publishing a list of upcoming events with MPPs. Additionally, PEO licence holders are encouraged to not attend events at this time.

The GLP Weekly will continue to be published every Friday, to bring updates from Queen's Park.



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## EVENTS WITH PARTY LEADERS

### PEO WINDSOR—ESSEX CHAPTER GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH LIBERAL PARTY LEADER



PEO Windsor—Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (right) had a chance to speak with newly - elected Liberal Party leader **Steven Del Duca** (left) at an event in Windsor on March 9.

(WINDSOR) - PEO Windsor—Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., attended an event with newly -elected Liberal leader **Steven Del Duca** in Windsor on March 9.

Mr. Del Duca had scheduled a series of events following his election win on March 7. His first stop in the province was Windsor.

Mr. Khan told GLP Weekly that he:

- Had the chance to speak with Mr. Del Duca about PEO as a regulator and the Government Liaison Program
- Discussed opportunities to stay in touch in the future
- Will send a copy of this week's GLP Weekly to Mr. Del Duca

After his stop in Windsor, Del Duca then went to Ottawa and Thunder Bay on March 10 and 11.



## EVENTS WITH PARTY LEADERS AND MPPs

### PEO REPRESENTED AT MPP RECEPTION WITH NDP LEADER



An event was hosted by **Michael Mantha**, MPP (NDP—Algoma—Manitoulin), Caucus Chair and Critic for Northern Development and Mines (left) on March 11 in Toronto. His special guest was NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre). This photo was taken in 2018, after MPP Mantha was sworn in for his third term. PHOTO CREDIT: myalgomamanitoulinnow

NDP Caucus Chair **Michael Mantha**, MPP (NDP—Algoma—Manitoulin), Critic for Northern Development and Mines hosted a reception for stakeholders at the University Club on March 11. The event's special guest was NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre).

Also in attendance was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Mr. Brown had the chance to speak with both MPPs Mantha and Horwath.

Both have had a long time interest in PEO.

MPP Horwath was the guest speaker at the PEO Government Relations Conference in 2016 and at several PEO Queen's Park receptions.

MPP Mantha was the guest speaker at the first PEO Northern Region Academy and Congress in 2012, shortly after his election in 2011. He was interviewed by *Engineering Dimensions* in 2016 on the Elliot Lake Mall collapse. To read the article, click [here](#).

Before the 2016 article was published, MPP Mantha met with former PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., who is the current CEO of Engineers Canada.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER HOSTS TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



PEO Brantford Chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day with **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford—Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (left) on March 13 at a LCL Builds construction site in Brantford.



**Matt Gagliardi**, P.Eng., who organized the Brantford Chapter Take Your MPP to Work Day, is an elevator engineer on the LCL Builds site in Brantford.

(BRANTFORD) - PEO directed that effective as of March 16, all non-essential in-person meetings were to be avoided until further notice. This was due to the COVID-19 situation that was unfolding. Other Take Your MPP to Work events have now been cancelled.

The PEO Brantford Chapter hosted an excellent Take Your MPP to Work Day at a construction site on March 13 in Brantford with **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford—Brant).

MPP Bouma is the Parliamentary Assistant to Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North).

He is a licensed optometrist, and has a great appreciation for the regulated professions.

The event was hosted by LCL Builds President **Mark Garland**, who was trained as an engineer in the U.S.

It was organized by Brantford Chapter GLP Chair **Matt Gagliardi**, P.Eng., (top right), who is an elevator engineer on the project, with the assistance of Chapter Chair **Vicki Hillborn**, P.Eng.

MPP Bouma was provided with a tour of the six semi-completed levels of the construction site.

He had a good discussion with the PEO representatives on PEO's mandate as the regulator of professional engineering in the province in the public interest.

Also in attendance was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Take Your MPP to Work Days are a great way to show MPPs the work of professional engineers first hand, as well as build a relationship with the Chapter and local MPP.

## QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

### ONTARIO BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT SCALED BACK

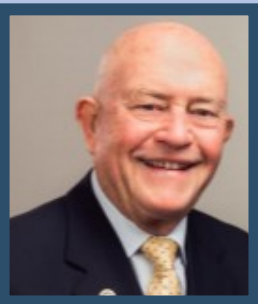


Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) centre) at a press conference on March 16. With him in the photo are (from left to right) **Dr. David Williams**, Ontario's Medical Officer of Health, **Christine Elliott**, MPP (Newmarket—Aurora, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton—Kent—Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

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Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) announced that the Spring Budget, which was scheduled to be announced on March 25, will now take the form of a scaled back economic statement, due to the COVID—19 outbreak.

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST



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

CONGRATULATIONS to Mississauga City Councillor **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Who is PEO's President—Elect?

**Answer:** Christian Bellini, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** Who was the guest speaker at a PEO Lake Ontario Chapter AGM on January 25 in Whitby?

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