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### PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER CORRESPONDS WITH LOCAL MPP

Former PEO Councillor and Scarborough GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., sent a note to **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood) after attending her virtual town hall meeting last month. This photo was taken at a local event last summer. MPP Hunter is hosting an Anti-Black Racism virtual event on Saturday, June 20 from 1 to 2 PM. For more on this story, see pages 3 and 8.

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.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on June 19, 2020.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MPPS HOST ONLINE TOWN HALLS
2. OTTAWA VANIER MPP TAKES ON LIBERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC ROLE
3. PEO VICE PRESIDENT (ELECTED) SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON THE GLP

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

In this week's issue, GLP Weekly looks at three virtual town halls and the importance of building MPP relationships. We have also featured the new Liberal Attorney General Critic at Queen's Park and interviewed new PEO Vice President (elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. Ms. Campbell is the former Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

## PEO NEWS



PEO has announced that complaints are now being processed online.  
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## PEO ACCEPTING ONLINE COMPLAINTS

PEO's head office remains closed, due to COVID-19. Because of the office closure and the temporary mail suspension, complaints are now being processed online.

Here are the steps to complete an online [Complaint Form](#):

1. Complete the form (hyperlinked above). If your concerns involve more than one practitioner, a separate form is required for each practitioner.
2. Include attachments of any documents that are relevant. Please note that additional supporting documentation can be submitted during the course of the investigation.
3. Send the completed form to [complaints@peo.on.ca](mailto:complaints@peo.on.ca)

**If you have any questions , please contact: Telephone: 416-224-1100 or 800-339-3716 or Email: [complaints@peo.on.ca](mailto:complaints@peo.on.ca)** For more information on the process, click [here](#).

## INTERACTIONS WITH MPPS

### PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER CORRESPONDS WITH LOCAL MPP



PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**,  
P.Eng.



**Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Liberal– Scarborough  
Guildwood)

Former PEO Councillor and Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., participated in a virtual town hall hosted by **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood) on May 11.

Following the town hall, Mr. Gupta sent MPP Hunter a note thanking her for *“providing an online forum for constituents to engage in meaningful discussion.”*

Mr. Gupta also made reference to the work of PEO and MPP Hunter’s involvement with the Chapter, saying *“You, too, graced our several events at the Chapter, and we are grateful for that.”*

An invitation was extended for MPP Hunter to *“participate in Chapter events, following the COVID-19 pandemic.”*

Writing letters to your local MPP and participating in their virtual events are a great way to stay in touch and build new relationships.

## ONLINE EVENTS WITH MPPs

### ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MPPs HOST ONLINE TOWN HALLS

The Attorney General and two MPPs hosted three individual town halls last week.



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte).

(BARRIE) - Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) hosted a virtual town hall on June 5. It was hosted through the Barrie Chamber of Commerce.

Minister Downey is responsible for PEO's file and has attended a number of PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter events.

He held a meeting with then PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., and CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., on October 29, 2019.



**Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier.

(BRANTFORD) - **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier hosted a virtual town hall on June 5. MPP Bouma is a licensed optometrist.

He participated in a Take Your MPP to Work Day with the PEO Brantford Chapter in March 2020.



**Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton)

(MISSISSAUGA) - **Deepak Anand**, MPP (PC-Mississauga Malton), hosted a virtual town hall on June 5.

MPP Anand has spoken with PEO Mississauga Chapter representatives at a number of events since his election in 2018.

PEO licence holders are encouraged to register, listen in, and send a follow up note to the MPP letting them know you participated and information about the work of PEO.



# OTTAWA VAINER MPP TAKES ON LIBERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC ROLE

Ontario Liberal Party Leader **Steven Del Duca** has announced the party's critic roles.

**Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) (photo right) is the new Attorney General Critic. The Attorney General's office is the Ministry responsible for the *Professional Engineers Act*.

MPP Collard's other Critic portfolios are Women's Issues, Solicitor General and Environment, Conservation and Parks.

She was elected in a by-election in February 2020.

MPP Collard previously worked as a lawyer and as a trustee and board chair of the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (Eastern Ontario Public School Board).



Other Liberal Critic roles announced by Mr. Del Duca include:

- **Michael Coteau**, MPP (Don Valley East) - Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Labour, Training and Skills Development, Children Community and Social Services and Anti-Racism Directorate
- **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) - Education and Colleges and Universities
- **Amanda Simard**, MPP (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell) - Francophone Affairs, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture and Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
- **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orléans) - Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation and Infrastructure, Government and Consumer Services, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) - House Leader, Health and Long-Term Care, Intergovernmental Affairs and Seniors Affairs and Accessibility
- **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) - Finance, Treasury Board, Energy and Democratic Renewal and Electoral Reform
- **Michael Gravelle**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Super North) - Northern Development and Mines and Natural Resources and Forestry

# PEO VICE PRESIDENT (ELECTED) SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON THE GLP

Below is a June 10th interview with PEO Vice President (elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. She was sworn in at the PEO AGM on May 30. She was previously Chair of the Government Liaison Committee (GLC) from 2011-2017.

### 1. What is your experience dealing with the political process?

My first experience with the political process was helping my mom get elected as a school trustee in Dauphin, Manitoba when I was old enough to drop off flyers on my own.

Through my volunteer leadership roles with the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW Canada), I helped to write resolutions that became briefs to the federal and the provincial governments on topics related to the environment, childcare and equality in the workplace. We developed a campaign for “Dignity and Decorum” in parliament and legislatures.

I was invited to speak to the Committee on the Status of Women on Parliament Hill on the challenges of women working in non-traditional fields like engineering.

In 2003, I ran for Halton regional council, and in 2004 and 2007 ran for Federal nominations in Oakville. In my professional role at Dillon Consulting, understanding how governments make decisions is a key factor in successfully delivering projects for our clients.

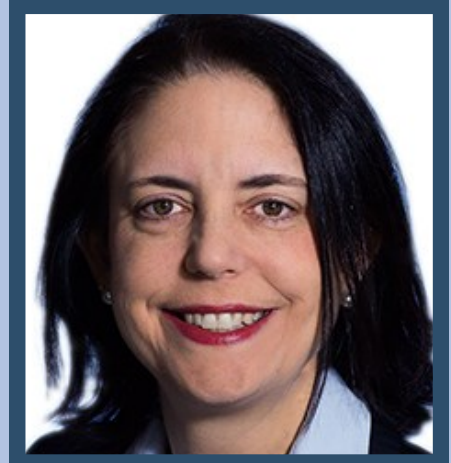
### 2. Why did you get interested in government liaison activities at PEO?

I was invited to join the Government Liaison Committee (GLC) when it was formed back in 2011, as the oversight body for the Government Liaison Program (GLP). My position on the GLC was the designated ‘member active in a riding association’ and I was elected as the Chair after Barry Steinberg stepped down.

I very much enjoyed being asked to Chair the first PEO-OSPE Government Relations Conference in 2011. We had some amazing speakers, including former Education Minister Sean Conway, Terry Fallis, the Stephen Leacock Award Winning Author, and Doris Grinspun, CEO, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. As GLC Chair, I helped organize the 2016 PEO-OSPE Government Relations Conference. We had panels with other regulatory bodies and MPPs, including the now Leader of the Opposition, Andrea Horwath.

I was also pleased to participate in seven ‘Take Your MPP to Work Days’ across the province, and eight annual Queen’s Park receptions, several of which I was asked to be the Master of Ceremonies for. At these sessions I got to see first-hand, the value of informing MPPs of the role of engineers in their communities, and showing them PEO’s contribution of protecting the public interest.

I believe strongly in the need for the voice of engineers to be heard at the decision-making table of governments at all levels, and I felt as though the GLC and GLP would be a good way to apply my experience with the political process.



PEO Vice President (elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. was the Chair of the Government Liaison Committee from 2015-2017.

### PEO VICE PRESIDENT (ELECTED) SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON THE GLP



PEO Vice President (elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., participated in an event with the PEO Oakville Chapter in Milton on June 23, 2019 with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care (second from the left) and **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure (centre right).

#### 3. What do you think the biggest challenges are for the GLP?

The internal challenge is to provide the right support and training for volunteers who want to participate in the GLP. The external challenge is to focus on regulatory issues.

However, I know MPPs take an interest in engineers who are aware of issues being debated at Queen's Park, particularly in regards to protecting the public interest. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that during COVID-19, it is harder to maintain relationships with the Government.

I have been impressed with the number of Chapter GLP Chairs and representatives that have been participating in online events with Ministers and MPPs.

#### 4. What do you think the biggest opportunities are for the GLP?

I see the biggest opportunity for the GLP is to focus on regulatory issues, i.e. take on tasks and initiatives that meet the activity filter test, and to do that really well. This provides a leadership opportunity for our volunteers, as well as building engineers' capacity in knowing how the political process works.

PEO's GLP creates awareness of our regulatory role with MPPs across the province. Another area of opportunity for the GLP is to not forget PEO's role in encouraging both locally and internationally educated engineering graduates to get licensed.

I know both MPPs and the Fairness Commissioner want to see PEO helping get new engineers licensed. It is often newly licensed members that have the most interest in the GLP year after year in the Chapters.

A final thought, could the GLP help to strengthen the brand of "the P.Eng." through its focus on regulatory issues? If so, that's a big opportunity.

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair, **Mike Bell** P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

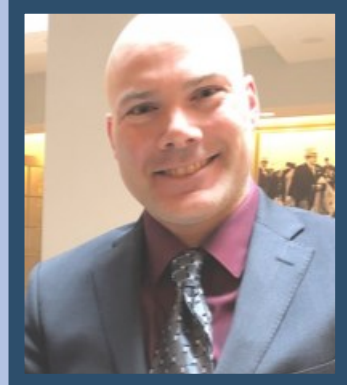
**Question:** What are the names of the three PEO GLP Chapter Chairs that participated in online MPP town halls, as reported in the May 29 GLP Weekly issue?

**Answer:** John Severino, P.Eng., Janet Han, P.Eng., and Anita Eisakhani, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** What is the name of the former PEO Councillor and Engineers Canada Director who was elected as Engineers Canada's 2020-2021 President?

**Join the Contest:** Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at [ichau@peo.on.ca](mailto:ichau@peo.on.ca) by Monday, June 15.

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



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

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL MPP EVENT

**Saturday, June 20 - Remembering George Floyd and All Lost to Anti-Black Racism'** hosted by **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood) from 1 to 2 PM. To watch the livestream, click [here](#).

## STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MPPs DURING COVID-19

At this time, the PEO GLP Weekly will not be sharing any upcoming in-person events, in order to encourage PEO licence holders to practice social distancing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This does not mean they will no longer have opportunities to engage with MPPs that they have built relationships with.

MPPs are still receiving and sending emails, taking calls, conducting meetings remotely, and happy to connect.



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