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ATTORNEY GENERAL MEETS WITH PEO PRESIDENT AND CEO/REGISTRAR

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (top row, left) met with PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (bottom row, left) on October 27. Also participating in the online meeting were Minister Downey's Senior Policy and Legal Affairs Advisor **Patrick Schertzer** (top row, right), PEO's CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (bottom row, right) and Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (top row, centre).

For more on this story, see page 7.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 93,000 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 November 6, 2020.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO PRESIDENT MEETS WITH ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE INTERNS
2. MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND NDP TRANSPORTATION CRITIC TO BE INTERVIEWED
3. REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATES

It has been a busy few weeks for PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. On October 27, she held an engaging meeting with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (see pages 1 and 7). As well, she met with the Ontario Legislature Interns on October 9 (see page 3). This ongoing relationship helps raise PEO's profile as the regulator of professional engineering in the public interest.

Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds– Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) , Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and **Jennifer French**, NDP MPP (Oshawa) will be interviewed for the PEO Government Relations Conference (see page 5). These interviews will allow GLP representatives to build relationships with their local MPPs. It will also help Conference attendees better understand MPPs specific roles and their take on the work of PEO and its Government Liaison Program's effectiveness.

QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

FINANCE MINISTER TO RELEASE 2020 BUDGET NEXT WEEK



Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) (right) has announced that he will be introducing the Government's budget on November 5.

Here he is with then PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. (left) at an event in October 2019.

Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) has announced that he will be introducing the Ontario Government budget on November 5.

"The upcoming Budget will strike a balance that will focus on continuing to protect everyone's health and safety, while creating the right conditions for our economic recovery," said Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) in a press release issued by his office on October 26.

To read the full release, click [here](#).

PEO PRESIDENT MEETS WITH ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE INTERNS



PEO's President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (top row, centre right) and PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., (top row, left) met with 10 Ontario Legislative Interns on October 9.

PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng held an online meeting with the Ontario Legislative Interns on October 9 to discuss PEO's role in protecting the public interest.

The 2020-2021 OLIP Interns are **Amelia Boughn, Mackenzie Scott, Gurkamal Dhahan, Ritika Gupta, Elizabeth Haig, Monica Mann, Meriem Mezdoor, David Nightingale, Alexander Stover and Chelsea Tao.**

Also participating in the meeting were PEO's Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Ms. Chau provided an overview of the PEO Government Liaison Program and its objectives and activities.

President Sterling initiated the relationship between PEO and OLIP when she worked at PEO nine years ago.

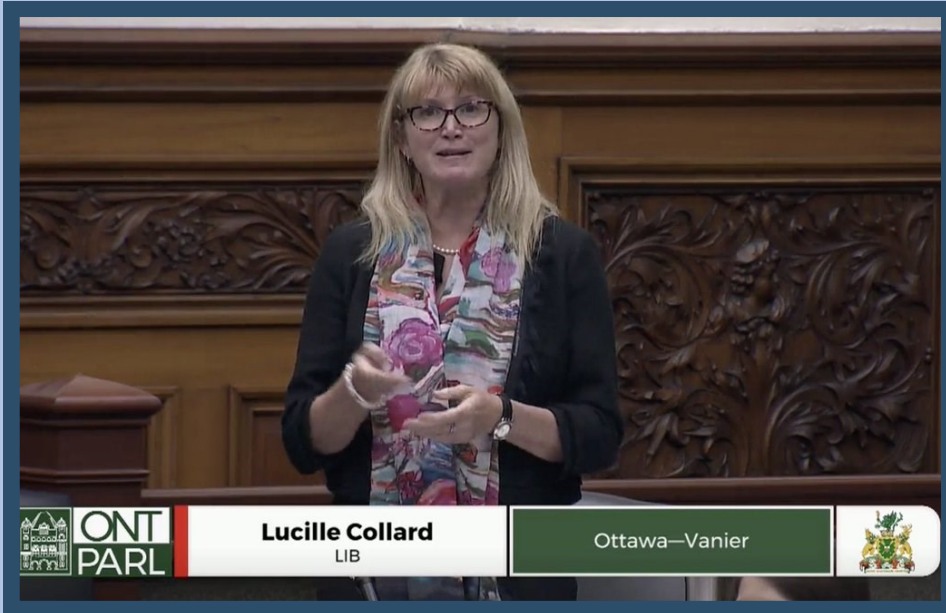
Each intern is currently working at an agency at the Legislature and will be assigned to work with one government and then one Opposition MPP in the coming months.

As well, every intern had the opportunity to provide the PEO delegation with information about their own educational and work experience background.

"Many of these Interns go on to work in senior roles in Government," said Ms. Chau.

To read more about the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, click [here](#).

LIBERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC RECEIVES BRIEFING ON PEO AHEAD OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE



Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa Vanier) in the Legislature.

(OTTAWA) - Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa Vanier) held a one hour online meeting with PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** on October 23.

MPP Collard wanted to be briefed on the work of PEO and its Government Liaison Program, prior to her delivering a virtual address at the 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference on November 6.

Joining MPP Collard for the meeting were her Executive Assistant **Jacques Moissac** and Communications Advisor **Liam Roche**, who is an engineering graduate from the University of Ottawa.

The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- History of PEO
- Relationship with the Attorney General
- Makeup of PEO Council and Chapter systems
- Issues that PEO has addressed such as:
 - ♦ Ontario Building Code
 - ♦ Industrial Exception to the *Professional Engineers Act*
 - ♦ External Regulatory Performance Review—Cayton Report
 - ♦ Elliot Lake Inquiry
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

MPP Collard was very impressed with the work of PEO, particularly with the relationships Chapter members have with their local MPPs. Following the Conference, she intends to reach out to the PEO Ottawa Chapter and inquire about how she can be involved in virtual events.

MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND NDP TRANSPORTATION CRITIC TO BE INTERVIEWED



Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (centre) will be interviewed for the 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference.

Here he is at the PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress in Kingston in 2019.

Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has agreed to be interviewed for the 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference. He will be interviewed by Conference Co-Chair and EIT representative for the Government Liaison Committee **Alex Weryha**, EIT.

A dispute over jurisdiction with this Ministry was the reason the Government Liaison Program was founded in 2005.

Other Conference interviews include:

- **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier with Conference Co-Chair and PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.
- **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Critic for Infrastructure, Transportation and Highways



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REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

The PEO Government Relations Conference Committee has finalized plans for the 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference. It will be held on Friday November 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM. PEO licence holders and EIT's who are interested in the Government Liaison Program and attending the Conference can contact PEO Manager Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

All four Party Leaders will be sharing their thoughts at the Conference:

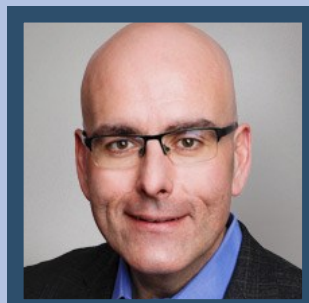
- Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North)
- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre)
- Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca**
- Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph)



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP
(Etobicoke Centre)



NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton
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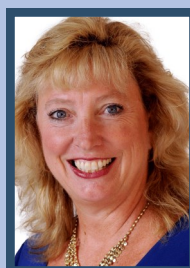
Liberal Leader **Steven Del
Duca**



Green Party Leader
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(Guelph)

The following individuals will be sharing thoughts as well (bottom, left to right):

- NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East)
- Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa Vanier)
- **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (Sarnia-Lambton), Opposition Critic for the President of the Queen's Privy Council and Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. She is the first female professional engineer who has ever been elected to the House of Commons.
- **Ann English**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC



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

PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. met with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) on October 27.

Both President Sterling and Minister Downey were Legislative Pages at Queen's Park in the 1980s (one year apart).

Joining them for the online meeting were Minister Downey's Senior Policy and Legal Affairs Advisor **Patrick Schertzer**, PEO's CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. and Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

The delegation spoke about the following:

- Updates on PEO activities
- PEO Skills & Attributes Matrix - This Matrix was approved by PEO Council. It will be a helpful tool for the Attorney General to reference to see whether there are any gaps in skills or attributes of members on Council that the government might be able to help fill when selecting Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointments. For example, to help close the gender gap.
- Continuing Professional Development and the Practice Evaluation and Knowledge Program (PEAK) - Minister Downey was supportive of PEO's work.

The delegation also provided Minister Downey with a summary of recent meetings with previous Attorney General's and PEO (from 2013 to present).

Minister Downey congratulated PEO on the COVID-19 actions they have taken.

President Sterling requested that Minister Downey do an interview with her on the issues he faces as Attorney General for *Engineering Dimensions*.

"It was an excellent meeting," said President Sterling. "We saw an engaged Attorney General who is very interested in PEO's work in the public interest."

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

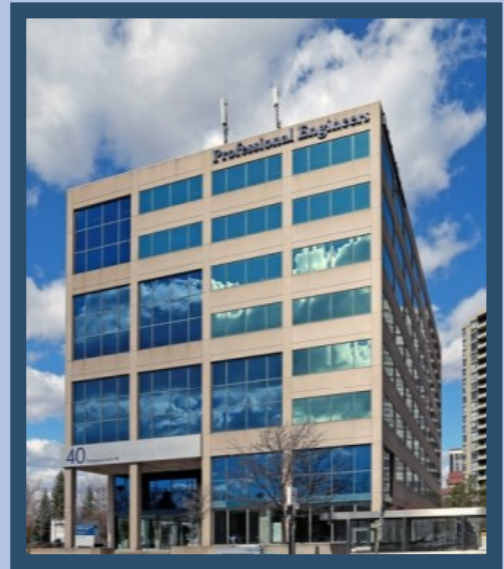
This week's question:

Which PEO Chapter hosted an online meeting with local MPP Stephen Crawford on October 15?

There was no eligible winner of last week's question, so GLP Weekly has chosen a new question.

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 by Monday, November 2.

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



ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Monday, November 2—Virtual Town Hall with Mitzie Hunter, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood) at 7 PM. MPP Hunter will be joined by her federal counterpart **Hon. John McKay**, MP (Scarborough-Guildwood) and municipal counterpart Councillor **Paul Ainslie**. They will also be joined by special guest Toronto Mayor **John Tory**. To join, visit: rebrand.ly/THNOV2

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MPPs DURING COVID-19

At this time, 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.



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

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