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



PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH PEO PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) will be meeting with PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., on October 27. Also participating in the online meeting are PEO's CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. and Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. The Ministry of the Attorney General is responsible for the oversight of the *Professional Engineers Act* and the Attorney General of the day often hosts an annual meeting with PEO.

For more on this story, see page 7.

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 October 30, 2020.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE HOLDS ONLINE MONTHLY MEETING
2. PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER HOLDS MEETING WITH LOCAL MPP
3. MINISTER PROVIDES GREETINGS FOR PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER EVENT
4. REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATES

The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted a meeting with MPP **Stephen Crawford** (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure on October 15 (see page 4). PEO Chapters are encouraged to stay connected with their local MPPs, in order to stay top of mind and maintain relationships.

The PEO Scarborough Chapter is also working hard to build their relationships with local MPPs. They are hosting an online event and have received written and video greetings from **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (see page 5).

PEO's Government Relations Conference is two weeks away. Planning continues and registration is open. The conference is a great opportunity to raise PEO's profile so that the government becomes more aware of the work of PEO in the public interest (see pages 7 and 8).

## CORRECTION

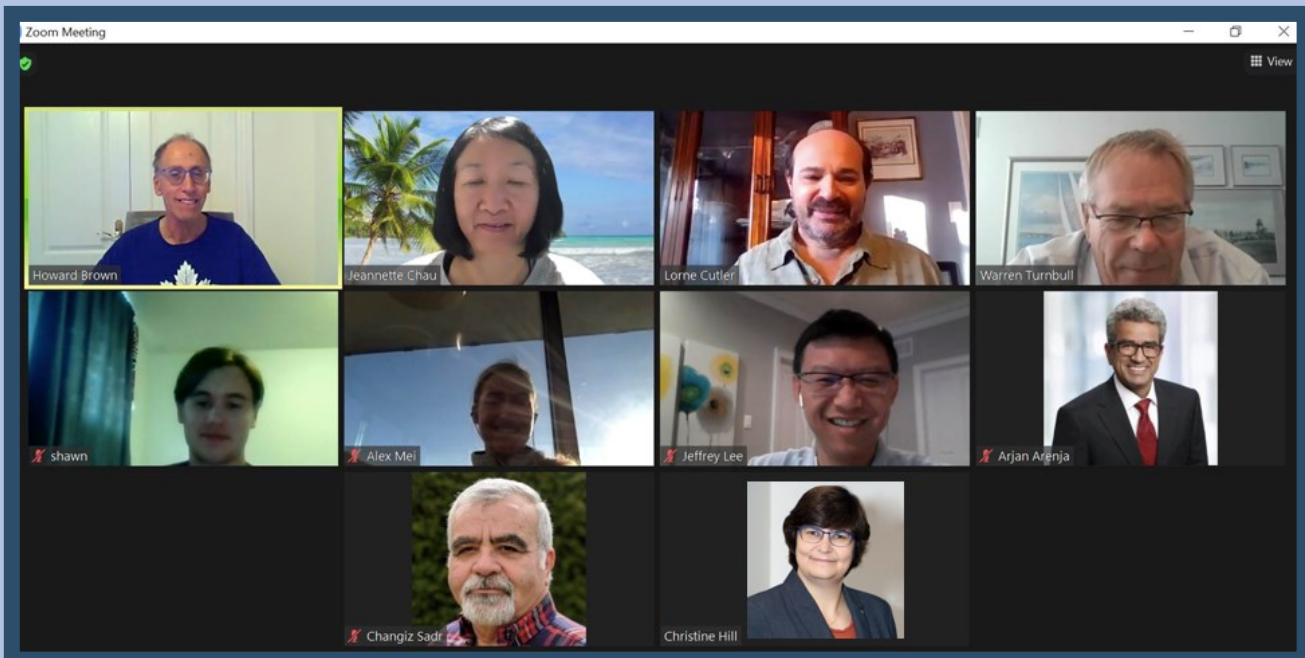
### GEORGIAN BAY CHAPTER EXECUTIVE UPDATE



In the October 9th GLP Weekly, we incorrectly identified **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng., (right) as the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter Chair. He is in fact a former Chapter Chair. With him in the photo are (left to right) PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice-Chair and Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., then PEO Georgian Bay Chapter GLP Chair **Glenn Sutton**, P.Eng. and **Bill Walker**, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Associate Minister of Energy at a meeting in August 2018.

## PEO NEWS

### PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE HOLDS ONLINE MONTHLY MEETING



The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their monthly meeting online on October 14. Participating were (top row to bottom row, left to right) PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Student representative **Shawn Yanni**, EIT representative **Alex Weryha**, EIT, P.Eng active in a rising association **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., GLC Vice-Chair and PEO Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng. and Consulting Engineers Ontario representative **Christine Hill**, P.Eng.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their monthly online meeting on October 14.

Chairing the meeting was GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng.

Also participating were GLC Vice-Chair and PEO Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., Consulting Engineers Ontario representative **Christine Hill**, P.Eng., EIT representative **Alex Weryha**, EIT, student representative **Shawn Yanni**, PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

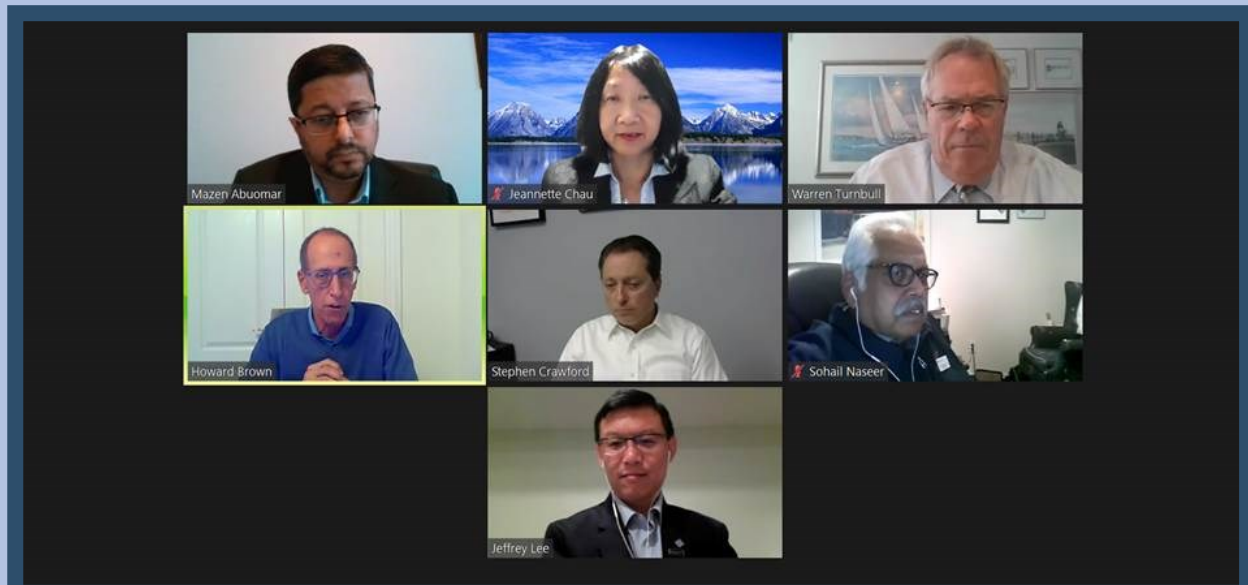
Items discussed included:

- Government Liaison Program representative recruitment/role description
- Reports from Engineers Canada, Consulting Engineers Ontario and the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario
- The PEO 2020 Government Relations Conference
- Virtual Take Your MPP to Work Days

The GLC is continuing to plan sessions, coordinate with speakers and finalize logistics for the upcoming conference in two weeks (November 6). To read more about the conference, see page 7.

## MEETINGS WITH MPPS

### PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER HOLDS MEETING WITH LOCAL MPP



The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted a meeting with local MPP **Stephen Crawford** (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure (middle row, centre) on October 15. Participating in the meeting were PEO Oakville Chapter's GLP member **Mazen Abuomar**, P.Eng., (top row, left), Co-ordinator **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (bottom row), GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., (middle row, right), Government Liaison Committee Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., (top row, right), PEO, Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., (top row, centre) and PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown (middle row, left).

(OAKVILLE) -The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted a 40-minute online meeting with local MPP **Stephen Crawford** (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure on October 15.

Participating in the meeting were: Oakville Chapter's GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., GLP co-ordinator **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., GLP member **Mazen Abuomar**, P.Eng., PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The delegation discussed Queen's Park activities, the work of the Oakville Chapter, information about the PEO GLC, hosting an online Take Your MPP to Work Day and then had a question and answer session.

MPP Crawford has always been a long time supporter of PEO and has participated in summer picnics, Licence Ceremonies, AGMs and local events with the Oakville Chapter.

He gave the delegation great advice on how to build relationships with MPPs.

MPP Crawford was instrumental in getting PEO a meeting with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) last year, as MPP Crawford was the former Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs when Minister Downey was the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance.

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### MINISTER PROVIDES GREETINGS FOR PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER EVENT



**Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North),  
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility



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

The PEO Scarborough Chapter is hosting their 2020 Mathletics Competition on October 24.

In preparation for the event, PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng. sent letters to their six MPPs requesting that they share online greetings for the competition participants and attendees.

**Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility sent greetings via scroll and video.

Minister Cho said “I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Santosh Gupta, Chair of Government Liaison Program for Scarborough Chapter, for your leadership in organizing this wonderful event.”

The Chapter has used this as a way to connect with their MPPs, in addition to other events they traditionally do.



The PEO Scarborough Chapter received scroll greetings from **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility ahead of their 2020 Mathletics Competition, which will be held on October 24.

### TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS FIND CANADIAN VOICE IN LANDMARK UNION



**Cheryl Farrow**, Technology Professionals Canada Administrator and CEO, Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists

Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) announced the joining of the provincial technology regulatory bodies of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador on October 7.

With their original members (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario) TPC now represents nine provincial engineers technology and applied science associations.

The mandate of TPC is to better protect the Canadian public by regulating the conduct of engineering technology and applied science professionals.

“The joining of five new jurisdictions adds weight and credibility to our strong and consistent Canadian voice in matters relating to Canadian standards, professional certification and registration practices”, said **Cheryl Farrow**, TPC Administrator and CEO, Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists.

“As we move forward together we can unequivocally pledge our continued commitment to the success of our regulated members, students and post-secondary institutions.”

This story was adapted from the official TPC announcement. To read it, click [here](#).

## REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

The PEO Government Relations Conference Committee continues to plan for the upcoming 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference. It will be held online on Friday, November 6 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

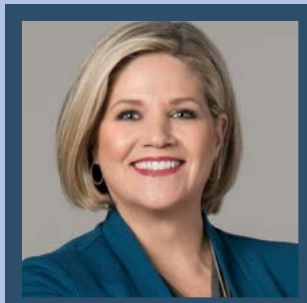
PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., will be meeting with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) ahead of the Conference on October 27. She will be sharing information from the meeting during her Conference address.

All four party leaders will be sharing their thoughts at the conference:

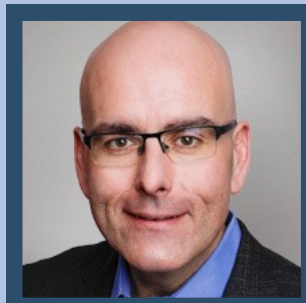
- Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North)
- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre)
- Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca**
- Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph)



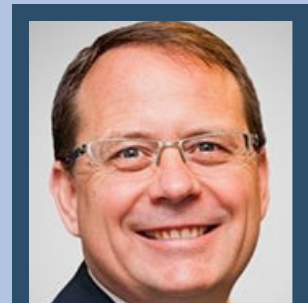
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The following individuals will be sharing thoughts as well:

- **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 also the only female P.Eng., who has ever been elected to the House of Commons.
- **Ann English**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC



**Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (Sarnia-Lambton)



**Ann English**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

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### REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Also speaking at the Conference are:

- NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East)
- Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa Vanier)



NDP Attorney General Critic  
**Gurratan Singh**, MPP  
(Brampton East)



Liberal Attorney General Critic  
**Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa  
Vanier)

An interview with **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Conference Co-Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., will also be featured at the Conference. As well as an interview with **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Critic for Infrastructure, Transportation and Highways.



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



**Jennifer French**, MPP  
(Oshawa), NDP Critic for  
Infrastructure,  
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Highways

To register for the PEO 2020 Government Relations Conference, click [here](#).



## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

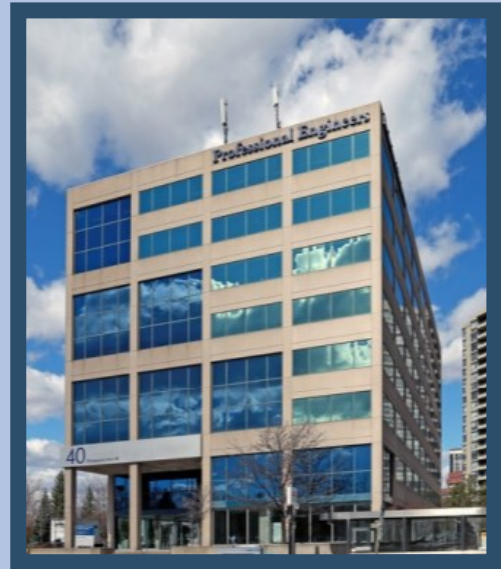
### This week's question:

Which former PEO Councillor participated in an online event with Joel Harden on September 26, as reported in the October 2nd GLP Weekly?

There was no 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 [jchau@peo.on.ca](mailto:jchau@peo.on.ca) by Monday, October 26.

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



## ONLINE MPP EVENTS

**Monday October 26—Community Update** with **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) at 7 PM. MPP Hunter will be joined by her federal and municipal counterparts, as well as three local leaders in the healthcare field. The event is free.

To join, visit: [rebrand.ly/THOCT26](https://rebrand.ly/THOCT26)

## 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.



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