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For more on this story, see page 5.

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

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. FINANCE MINISTER ANNOUNCES ONTARIO'S BUDGET
2. PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE HOSTS MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETING

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., attended an online event with Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) (see pages 1 and 5). It is important for Chapters to find ways to connect and stay top of mind with their local MPPs and attending virtual events is a great opportunity to do so.

Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) announced the Ontario Government's budget on November 5, as reported in last week's GLP Weekly (see page 3). The Budget announced the Government's plan to 'Protect, Support and Recover' from the impacts associated with COVID-19. PEO licence holders should continue to stay informed about updates coming out of Queen's Park.

PEO NEWS

PEO COUNCIL HOSTS 537TH MEETING TODAY



PEO Council at an in-person meeting hosted at PEO Headquarters in February 2020.

PEO Council will be hosting their 537th meeting today.

The meeting will be chaired by PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

Topics on the agenda include reports from PEO President, Executive Committee and CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., 30 by 30 metrics and acoustical engineering services in land-use planning.

Other key items include Governance and the 2021 Budget.

A full recap will be shared in next week's GLP Weekly.

FINANCE MINISTER ANNOUNCES ONTARIO'S BUDGET



Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) (photo left) announced Ontario's Budget on November 5 in the Legislature.

With him in the photo is Ontario's Health Minister and Deputy Premier **Christine Elliot**, MPP (Aurora-Newmarket).

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Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) announced Ontario's Budget on November 5.

The Budget comes with three primary pillars to help the province rebound from COVID-19: Protect, Support and Recover.

The Ontario Government is:

- Hiring 98 new occupational health and safety inspectors to help ensure workplaces across Ontario to prevent the spread of COVID 19
- Allocating \$2.6 billion in 2020–21 for the rehabilitation and expansion of Ontario's highways and bridges across the province
- Expediting the current subway expansion plan, reducing electricity rates and investing in the improvement of emission reductions
- Investing in various research initiatives, including Ontario Health Data Platform and the Canada Foundation for Innovation. As well, they are extending reporting deadlines for the Ontario Research and Development Tax Credit

Many of these initiatives will involve professional engineers and will be of beneficial impact to the engineering profession.

To read the entire Ontario 2020 Budget, click [here](#).

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE HOSTS MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETING



The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their monthly virtual meeting on November 18. Participating were (top row to bottom row, left to right): PEO's Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, PEO Councillor and GLC Vice-Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor and GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng. and P.Eng. active in a riding association **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.

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Items discussed were:

- Review of the 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference. A separate post-mortem was held on November 19. Feedback survey results so far have shown a very positive response.
- Developing Winter Talking Points
- Importance of developing relationships with individual MPPs

Vice-Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., has announced he will be stepping down from the GLC at the end of his term in December 2020.

A notice will be sent out to Chapters to seek nominees for a Chapter representative on the Committee.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

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The event was hosted by the Empire Club of Canada. Minister Sarkaria was joined by former MP and Minister of Transportation **Hon. Lisa Raitt**, Vice-Chair, Global Investment Banking, CIBC Capital Markets. Ms. Raitt also served as Deputy Leader of the Opposition from 2017-2019.

The two spoke about challenges facing small businesses across the province and steps Minister Sarkaria's Ministry is taking to help them reopen safer and rebuild stronger.

The PEO Brampton Chapter has always maintained strong relationships with their local MPPs.

Participating in online events with your elected officials is a great way of staying informed about what they are doing at Queen's Park during the pandemic.

After attending virtual events, Chapters are encouraged to send a follow up note to the MPP providing them with background information about the work of PEO as a regulator, if they aren't already familiar.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

This week's question:

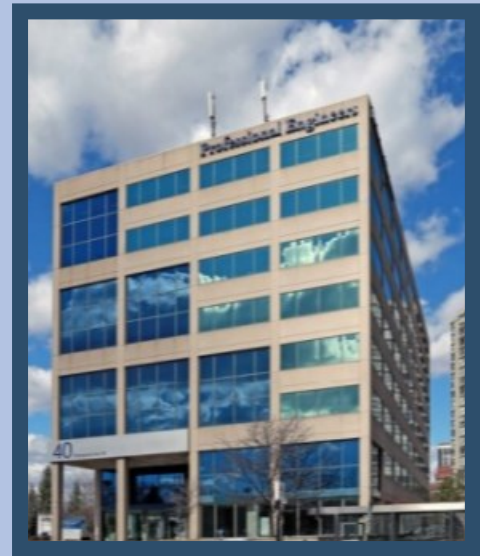
Who was the keynote speaker at the PEO Government Relations Conference?

Hint: She was the first ever female engineer to be elected to the House of Commons

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 jchau@peo.on.ca by Monday, November 22.

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



ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Saturday-Coffee with your MPP hosted by **Faisal Hassan**, MPP (York-South Weston), NDP Critic for Youth Engagement from 3 to 4 PM. To join visit: <https://www.facebook.com/FaisalHassanNDP/>

November 23-27- Ontario Environment Industry Association presents 'Environment Industry Week' with Minister of Infrastructure **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Halliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) and Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South). To register, visit: <https://www.oneia.ca/event-4027235>

November 25- Ryerson Democracy Forum presents former Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) from 5 to 6:30 PM. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2UxLCC0>

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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