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PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP

The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted an online meeting with local MPP **Effie Triantafilopoulos** (Oakville-North Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care (centre, right) on October 30. This week, a number of her colleagues will join PEO for their Government Relations Conference.

Here she is with (left to right) PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Oakville Chapter Vice- Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair (GLC) and Regional Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Rockwool President **Trent Ogilvie**, P.Eng., Rockwool Director of Operations **Andrew Avgousti**, P.Eng., and GLC member and PEO Oakville Chapter Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. at a Take Your MPP to Work Day at Rockwool Production Plant in Milton on November 29, 2019.

For more on this story, see page 4.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on November 13, 2020.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER INTERVIEWS NDP TRANSPORTATION CRITIC
2. TODAY IS THE PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

The PEO Lake Ontario Chapter representative **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., held an interview with **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Transportation, Highways and Infrastructure Critic on November 2 for the PEO Government Relations Conference (see page 3). As reported in last week's GLP Weekly, Government Liaison Committee EIT representative and Conference Co-Chair **Alex Weryha**, EIT interviewed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) on November 2 as well. These interviews allow for 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.

The PEO Oakville Chapter held an online meeting with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville-North Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care on October 30 (see pages 1 and 4). The Chapter has a strong relationship with this MPP and it is important that they are continuing to maintain contact with her, even if it's virtually, as it allows PEO to stay top of mind with government.

QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

MINISTER DISCUSSES IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH REPORTING AGENCIES



Lisa MacLeod, MPP (Nepean), Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (right) with **Nick Kypreos**, former SportsNet correspondent at an Empire Club event on October 30.

Lisa MacLeod, MPP (Nepean), Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries was the guest speaker at an Empire Club event on October 30. Also participating were over 1,200 attendees, including PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Minister MacLeod provided a comprehensive one hour update on a post COVID recovery plan for the sectors she oversees. She emphasized the importance of maintaining strong relationships with agencies that her Ministry partners with. To watch the entire event, click [here](#).

The PEO Ottawa Chapter have participated in many of the Minister's events.

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER INTERVIEWS NDP TRANSPORTATION CRITIC



Jennifer French, MPP (Oshawa), NDP
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PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj
Panchal**, P.Eng.

PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng. interviewed **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Transportation, Highways and Infrastructure Critic on November 2.

The interview will be used at the 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference today.

As reported in last week's GLP Weekly, other interviews were given by **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier the Conference.

MPP French and Mr. Panchal discussed

- The work of the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter
- Ways for PEO members to connect with MPPs of all parties
- New communications during COVID-19
- The role of Opposition members in the Legislature
- The importance of self-regulation

MPP French was the guest speaker at the PEO :

- 2018 Student Conference
- 2017 East and West Central Academy and Congress
- 2017 Lake Ontario Chapter AGM

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The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted an online meeting with local MPP **Effie Triantafilopoulos** (Oakville-North Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care (bottom row, right) on October 30. Participating in the meeting were (top row, left to right and bottom row, left to right) PEO Oakville Chapter's Chapter Vice-Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., PEO, Manager Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Oakville Chapter's Treasurer and PEO Government Liaison Committee member **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

(OAKVILLE) - The PEO Oakville Chapter held an online meeting with MPP **Effie Triantafilopoulos** (Oakville -North Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care on October 30.

Participating in the meeting were PEO Oakville Chapter's Chapter Vice-Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., Treasurer and PEO Government Liaison Committee member **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. and PEO's Manager Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The delegation spoke about:

- Oakville Chapter activities in a COVID environment
- PEO organizational review

MPP Triantafilopoulos spoke about her role in the Legislature. She has attended several Chapter events in the past including Licence Certificate Ceremonies, Annual BBQs and Take Your MPP to Work Day.

The Oakville Chapter holds a meeting with MPP Triantafilopoulos every year. They also participate in her community events, when invited.

It is important to maintain relationships with your local MPP, even virtually, so that you can remain top of mind with them. As well, so that MPPs can better understand the role of PEO in protecting the public.

TODAY IS THE PEO 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

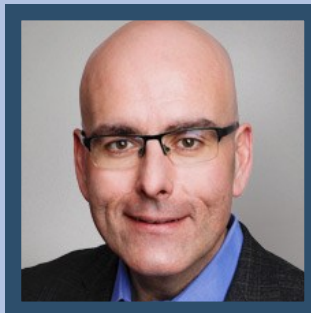
The PEO 2020 Government Relations Conference is being held today. It began this morning at 10 AM and will run until 3PM. A full Conference recap will be featured in next week's GLP Weekly.

The following Party Leaders have shared their thoughts with attendees:

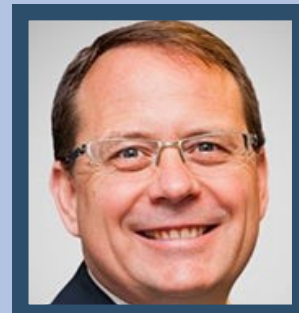
- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre)
- Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca**
- Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph)



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As well, the following individuals participated in the Conference today:

- 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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GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former PEO President Thomas Chong, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

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

Answer: PEO Oakville Chapter

This week's question: What day did PEO meet with the Ontario Legislative Interns?

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 9.

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



Thomas Chong, P.Eng. is the winner of last week's GLP Trivia Contest.

ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Saturday, November 2—Coffee with your MPP hosted by **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), Liberal Attorney General Critic from 10 to 11 AM. To join visit: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlud-ugqj4tHtBhLgsU9wBxBsBnHRjVfgCx](https://zoom.us/join/91234567890)

Thursday, November 12—Ryerson Democracy Forum presents **Bhutila Karpoche**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park), NDP Mental Health and Addictions Critic from 4 to 5 PM. To register visit: <https://www.ryerson.ca/arts/news-events/2020/11/lif-and-death-in-tibet-how-one-town-rose-up/>

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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