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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



PEO representatives attended a holiday reception hosted by Brown & Cohen (B&C) on November 20, 2019. In the photo are (from left to right, bottom row) B&C CEO **Kim Cohen**, PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair and Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., CEO/ Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., GLC Chair and Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., and Director, Policy and Professional Affairs **Bernie Ennis**, P.Eng., (from left to right, top row) B&C President **Howard Brown**, PEO GLC member **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., B&C VP **Wendy Kauffman**, PEO's Chapter Co-ordinator **Julie Hamilton**, Administrative Assistant **Sharon Gillam**, Manager Registration **Faris Georgis** and then B&C Account Director **Bharath Arvind**.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. This is the final issue of the PEO GLP Weekly for 2020. The next issue will be published on January 8, 2021.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO GLP CHAIRS PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE EVENTS WITH NDP MPPS
2. PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON CHAPTER GLP MEMBER JOINS LOCAL MPP IN CELEBRATING NEW LEGISLATION
3. TWO MPPS TO ATTEND PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER EVENT

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

PEO's Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. and East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, participated in online events with their MPPs (see page 3). It is helpful to attend events with MPPs over the holidays, in an effort to stay top of mind and maintain relationships.

PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP member, **Susana Toma**, P.Eng. joined local MPP **Jane McKenna** (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development in celebrating new legislation that was passed (see page 4). It is helpful for PEO licence holders to stay up to date with everything their MPPs are doing at Queen's Park. It shows them your efforts in learning about their work to.

The PEO Mississauga Chapter is hosting a discussion in the New Year and has already secured the attendance of two local MPPs (see page 4). It is important to ensure that MPPs remain involved in PEO Chapter activities.

## QUEEN'S PARK NEWS



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre) (front) and Deputy Premier and Minister of Health **Christine Elliott**, MPP (Newmarket-Aurora) (second from the left) made an announcement related to the province's COVID regional lockdowns. Also with them in the photo is Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health **Dr. David Williams**.

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## PROVINCE ANNOUNCES YORK AND WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONS TO MOVE INTO LOCKDOWN

The Ontario Government announced that York and Windsor-Essex would be entering a lockdown stage, in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in those regions.

These measures came into effect on December 14.

There are nine MPPs in the PEO York Chapter and three MPPs in the PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter. PEO has worked hard to stay in touch with these MPPs during the pandemic.

It is helpful to stay connected with all MPPs from across the province during these challenging times.

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### PEO GLP CHAIRS PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE EVENTS WITH NDP MPPS



PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. (left) participated in an online event hosted by **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Deputy Opposition Leader and NDP Housing Critic (right) on December 12. Here they are at a Brampton Board of Trade event on May 23, 2019.



PEO East Toronto Chapter's AGM with guest speaker **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York), NDP Critic for Colleges and Universities on February 5.

Two PEO GLP Chapter Chairs participated in online events with MPPs on December 12.

PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. attended an event hosted by **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Deputy Opposition Leader and NDP Housing Critic.

Also participating was former PC Party Leader and Mayor of Brampton **Patrick Brown** and Brampton City Councillor **Rewena Santos**.

MPP Singh delivered Christmas and New Year greetings to the constituents of Brampton Centre.

Mr. Panesar reached out to MPP Singh after the event and congratulated her on behalf of the PEO Brampton Chapter for all her hard work this year.

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT attended an event hosted by **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York), NDP Colleges and Universities Critic.

Mr. Sadeghi posted on the online forum during the event saying, "Hi everyone, great to be here. I am Omid Sadeghi from Professional Engineers Ontario."

It is important to stay connected with your local MPPs over the holidays.

While we would normally be attending Holiday events and New Year's Levee's, online platforms are a great way to maintain MPP relationships and remain top of mind.

## QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

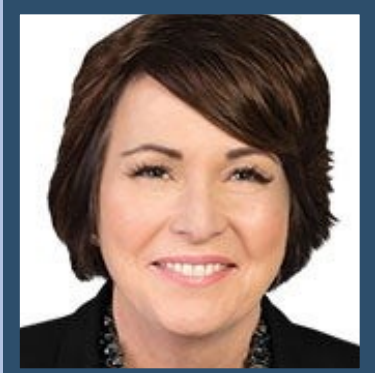
### PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON CHAPTER GLP MEMBER JOINS LOCAL MPP IN CELEBRATING NEW LEGISLATION

PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP representative **Susana Toma**, P.Eng. participated in an online celebration with local MPP **Jane McKenna** (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development on November 30.

The event was held to celebrate the passage of legislation entitled *Bill 201, Magna Carta Act Day (In Memory of Julia Munro, MPP), 2020*.

The Act will result in every June 15 to be declared as Magna Carta Day, to commemorate the document which emphasizes that no person is above the law.

MPP McKenna sent a note to Ms. Toma saying, "Thank you for helping us celebrate the passing of my Private Members Bill."



**Jane McKenna**, MPP  
(Burlington), Parliamentary  
Assistant to the Minister of  
Labour, Training and  
Skills Development

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### TWO MPPS TO ATTEND PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER EVENT



The PEO Mississauga Chapter has invited all six of their Chapter MPPs to participate in an online discussion on Tuesday, January 19.

MPPs **Rudy Cuzzetto** (Mississauga-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board and **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries have so far confirmed.

The discussion is set to focus on Queen's Park updates from each MPP who is attending and will then open up to a broader Q&A.

Local MPPs **Rudy Cuzzetto** (Mississauga-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (second from the left) and **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (centre, right) will be participating in a PEO Mississauga Chapter online event on January 19, 2021. Here they are with PEO Mississauga Chapter's Chair **Karanjeet Singh**, P.Eng. (right), GLP Chair **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng. (second to right), former Mississauga Mayor, **Hazel McCallion** (centre, left) PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (left) at Mississauga Board of Trade event on

### PEO COUNCILLOR RE-ELECTED AS CHAIR OF THE PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE



The Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their last meeting of 2020 on December 16. Participating were (top row to bottom row, left to right): Advisory Committee Volunteer representative **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., P.Eng active in a riding association **Jeffrey Lee**, Chapter member **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., Student representative **Shawn Yanni**, PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., EIT representative **Alexandra Weryha**, EIT, Vice-Chair and PEO Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., and Association of Consulting Engineering Companies representative **Christine Hill**, P.Eng.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted their last meeting of 2020 on December 16. PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng. was re-elected as Chair of the GLC. PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. was elected as Vice-Chair.

Participating were Mr. Turnbull, Vice-Chair and PEO Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., Student representative **Shawn Yanni**, Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Ontario representative **Christine Hill**, P.Eng., Ms. Hilborn, EIT representative **Alexandra Weryha**, EIT, Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., P.Eng active in a riding association **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Both Mr. Arenja and Mr. Tse officially stepped down from their roles and were thanked for their service to the Committee.

Other topics of discussion included: reviewing the GLC's plan for 2021, ongoing feedback from the 2020 Government Relations Conference, hosting virtual Take Your MPP to Work Days in the spring, reviewing MPP Talking Points, GLP rep selection process, sub-committee reports and the GLP quarterly Chairs call.

"It's been a year of success despite COVID-19," said Ms. Chau. "We look forward to continuing this important work in the New Year."

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

**Question:** Which Engineers Canada Director participated in an online event with Ontario's Transportation Minister on November 25?

**Answer:** Changiz Sadr, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** Who from the PEO Simcoe Muskoka Chapter attended an online event with Attorney General Downey on December 3? (Hint: It's the Chapter's GLP Chair).

**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, December 21.

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



Former PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng. is the winner of last week's GLP Weekly Trivia Contest.

## 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/>

## STAY 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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