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FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ATTENDS EVENT WITH TRANSPORTATION MINISTER

Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) was the guest speaker at the Toronto Region Board of Trade Transportation Summit on November 25. Participating from PEO was Engineers Canada Director and former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., who is also the Engineers Canada representative on the PEO Government Liaison Committee representative.

For more on this story, see page 6.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 90,000 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/glpl-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on December 11, 2020.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. SEVENTEEN CANDIDATES DECLARED FOR PEO COUNCIL
2. THREE MINISTERS PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE
3. NDP MPP SHARES VIDEO OF SUPPORT WITH PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

Engineers Canada Director and former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., who is also the Engineers Canada representative on the PEO Government Liaison Committee, participated in an event with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) on November 25 (see pages 1 and 6). It is important for PEO representatives to continue to attend events with MPPs in a virtual format. It allows PEO to stay top of mind and create opportunities to maintain and build relationships with MPPs and Ministers.

Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto– Danforth) sent a video of support for PEO's 30 by 30 initiative to the East Toronto Chapter (see page 8). The messaging in this video highlights the importance of building strong relationships with MPPs and keeping them informed about PEO's work.

SECTOR NEWS

ENGINEERS RANKED AS MOST TRUSTED PROFESSION IN NEW STUDY



PHOTO CREDIT: *This is Engineering*

(LONDON) - A well respected international engineering publication, *The Engineer*, has reported that 89% of residents in the United Kingdom deemed the engineering profession trustworthy. It was the third highest rank profession after nurses at 93% and doctors at 91%.

"The Coronavirus outbreak has presented many challenges across the world and has changed life as we know it," said Dr. **Peter Bannister**, biomedical engineer and chair of the United Kingdom's Institution of Engineering and Technology's healthcare panel. "Engineers have played a vital role in developing technology and rapid processes to not only keep our infrastructure running, but to provide healthcare solutions such as highly efficient ventilators, improve mental health by combatting social isolation, develop remote diagnostics and healthcare tracking apps, as well as biomedical engineering which has led to successful vaccine trials."

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

SEVENTEEN CANDIDATES DECLARED FOR PEO COUNCIL

PEO 2021-2022 Council nominations closed on November 27. Voting opens January 15, 2021.

The nominees are:

PRESIDENT-ELECT



Darla Campbell

P.Eng., CSR-P



Nick Colucci

P.Eng., BAsC, MBA, FEC



Arthur Sinclair

P.Eng.

VICE-PRESIDENT



Marilyn Spink

P.Eng., CSP



John F. Thompson

P.Eng., CMM III, PMP



Gregory Wowchuk

BAsC, Dipl EI Tec, P.Eng.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE



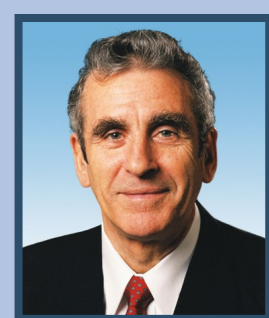
Daryoush Mortazavi

PhD, P.Eng.



Leila Notash

PhD, P.Eng., FEC



Patrick Quinn

PhD, P.Eng., C.Eng., FCAE

For other offices, see page 4.

PEO ANNOUNCES 17 CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

EAST CENTRAL REGION COUNCILLOR



Christopher Chahine

P.Eng., PMP, SSBBP



David Kiguel

P.Eng., FEC



Fanny Wong

FEC, P.Eng., LEED AP

WESTERN REGION COUNCILLOR



Wayne Kershaw

P.Eng., FEC



Susan MacFarlane

M.Sc., PhD., P.Eng.

ACCLAIMED COUNCILLORS



West Central Region Councillor

James J. Chisholm, P.Eng., FEC



Northern Region Councillor

Ramesh Subramanian, PhD,
P.Eng., FEC



Eastern Region Councillor

Randall Walker, P.Eng.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

THREE MINISTERS PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (right) and Minister of Infrastructure **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lake-Brock) (left) at an event on October 15, 2019.

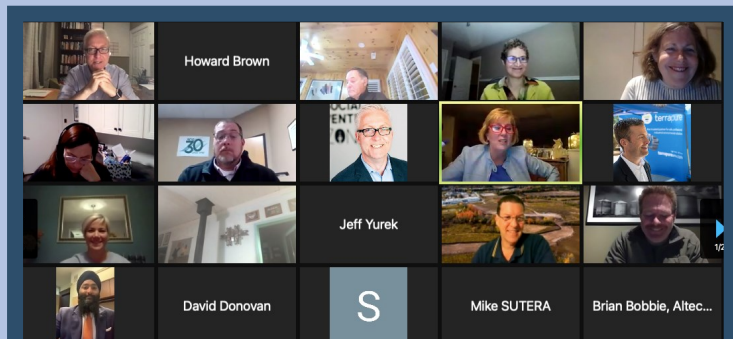
The Ontario Environment Industry Association hosted a Conference from November 23-27.

One of the sessions was a Minister's forum with guest speakers Environment, Conservation and Parks Minister **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Infrastructure Minister **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) and Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) on November 26.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was a speaker at last year's session.

Also participating in the Conference last year from PEO were Temiskaming Chapter Chair **Maria Story**, P.Eng. and Grand River Chapter member **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng.

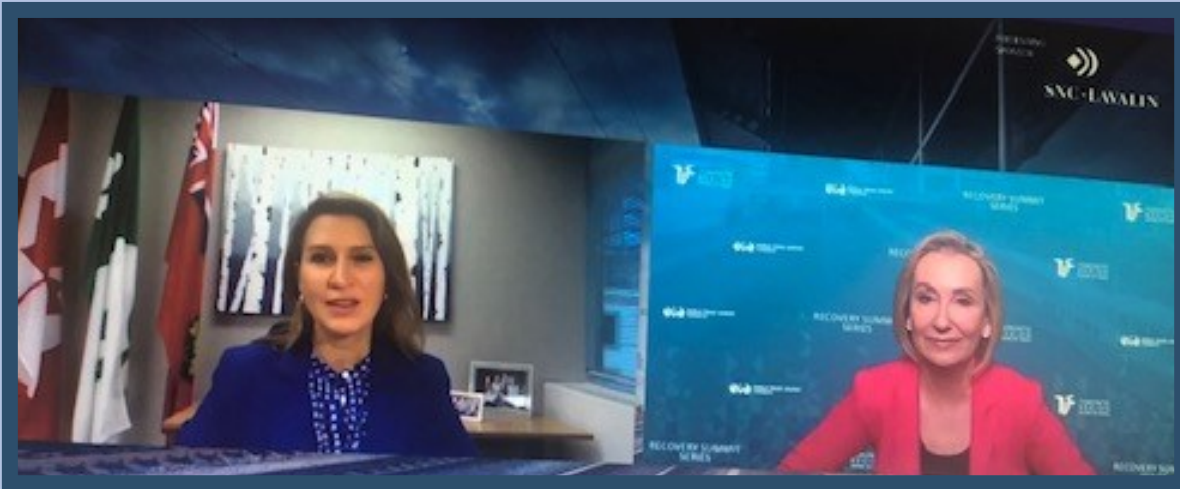
Minister Yurek was a guest speaker at a 2013 PEO GLP Academy and Congress.



Environment, Conservation and Parks Minister **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) (third row, centre), Infrastructure Minister **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) (second row, second from the right) and Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) (fourth row, left) at an online event on November 26.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ATTENDS EVENT WITH TRANSPORTATION MINISTER



Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (left) speaks **Jan DeSilva**, CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade (right) on November 15.

Engineers Canada Director and former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng. attended a Toronto Region Board of Trade event with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) on November 25.

Mr. Sadr is also the Engineers Canada representative on the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

Minister Mulroney is Mr. Sadr's MPP and the former Attorney General of Ontario. She liaised with PEO for a year when she held this title.

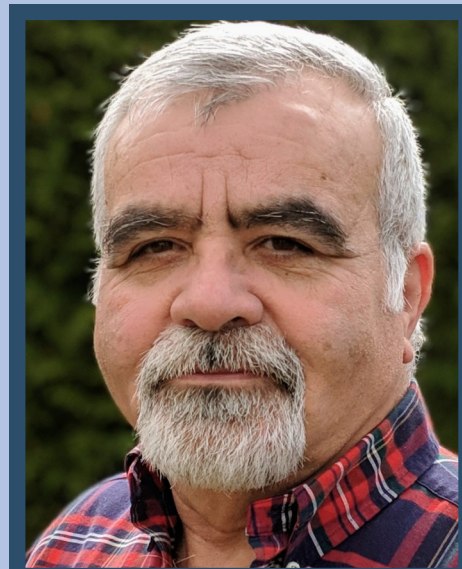
She also holds the Ministerial role of Minister of Francophone Affairs and her newly appointed Parliamentary Assistant is **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre).

"GLP representatives should be using these opportunities," said Mr. Sadr. "We need to sit in on online panels and town halls and stay updated with our local MPPs."

Minister Mulroney shared several updates with attendees including the Government's launch of a 511 mobile app to help truckers, subway projects, high density housing plans and a new local GO station.

She spoke about the importance of Ontario's investment in infrastructure in order to stimulate the economy.

Minister Mulroney also held a fireside chat with TRBOT CEO, **Jan DeSilva**.



Engineers Canada Director and former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

FORMER PREMIERS PARTICIPATE IN PANEL DISCUSSION



Former Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) (bottom) participated in a forum hosted by the Ryerson Democracy Forum on November 26. Also participating were former Alberta Premier **Rachel Notley**, MLA (Edmonton-Strathcona) (top row, right) and Toronto Star columnist **Martin Regg Cohn** (top row, left).

Ontario's 25th Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) participated in an online forum hosted by the Ryerson Democracy Forum on November 26. Also participating were former Alberta Premier **Rachel Notley**, MLA (Edmonton-Strathcona) and Toronto Star columnist **Martin Regg Cohn**.

MLA Notley is still the leader of the opposition in Alberta.

Former Premiers Wynne and Notley discussed the importance of women's involvement in a male dominated political realm.

Also participating was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

TVO's **Steve Paikin** published an article about the panel entitled ["The real reason more women should be in politics."](#)

"It's just very clear that, when there's a critical mass of women at the table, it means different issues get discussed, and there's a different commitment to substance," said MPP Wynne.

"We've got to change the criteria of what a good leader looks like," said MLA Notley. "And, left to their own devices, all political parties will leave women behind."

MPP Wynne recently announced that she is stepping down as an MPP as of the 2022 election.

She has a long time relationship with PEO and has frequently attended events.

PEO Chapter representatives are encouraged to continue participating in online discussions to stay top of mind and build relationships with local elected officials.

NDP MPP SHARES VIDEO OF SUPPORT WITH PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER



Peter Tabuns,
MPP (Toronto–
Danforth), NDP
Energy and
Climate
Crisis Critic

Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Energy and Climate Crisis Critic sent a video the PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng. on November 15.

The video was in support of PEO's 30 by 30 initiative, which hopes to have 30% of newly licensed engineers be women by the year 2030.

"The fact that women are 18% of engineers in Ontario and 50% of the population, says that we're not getting the best talent," said MPP Tabuns. "If you're going to mobilize the best talent in society, you have to make sure that all sectors of society take part in that mobilization."

This is a great example of a strong relationship with a local MPP.

It is important to stay connected with elected officials through virtual Chapter events.



Omid Sadeghi P.Eng., PEO East Toronto
Chapter GLP Chair

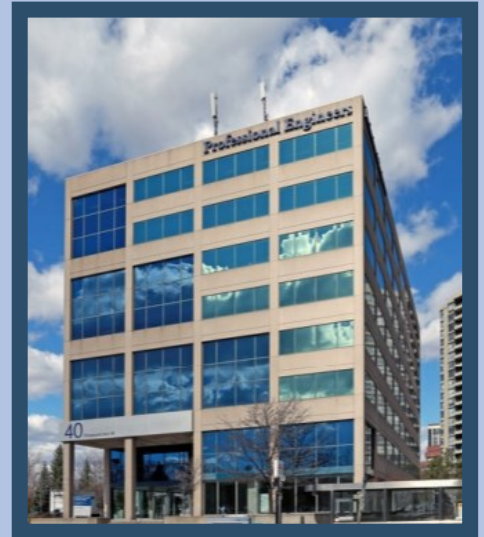
GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

This week's question: Which three MPPs participated in the PEO Scarborough Chapter's first ever virtual Mathletics competition on October 24?

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 by Tuesday, December 8.

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/>

Wednesday, December 9— Whitby Chamber of Commerce presents Protect, Support and Recover, Fall Budget: 2020 with Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) and Chief Government Whip **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby) from 6 to 7 PM. To register, visit: <https://www.whitbychamber.org/attend-events/event-calendar/#id=10755&cid=1445&wid=701&type=Cal>

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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