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# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WEEKLY

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Over the last 15 years, the PEO Government Liaison Program Weekly has been featuring PEO's work with MPPs in the public interest. In the next 14 pages, we share highlights from each of the 43 issues of 2020.

Although this year looked a bit different, there are many accomplishments to celebrate. From a very successful virtual Government Relations Conference, to attending and hosting dozens of events with MPPs, PEO and its Council as well as staff and Chapters have had a good year, given the pandemic.

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.

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# JANUARY 2020



## FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ATTENDS NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH MINISTER

(OTTAWA) - Former PEO Councillor and Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., (left) had the chance to speak with **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton), Minister of Long Term Care (centre), at a New Year's Levee in Ottawa on January 5. Also in the photo is **Elena** (right) a volunteer in the Minister's office.

This helped to maintain relationships with MPPs in order to stay top of mind.



## TWO PEO CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH YORK CENTRE MPP

PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (centre), and Toronto Humber Chapter GLP Rep **Manoj Shukla**, EIT, (right) participated in a New Year's Levee hosted by **Roman Baber**, MPP (York Centre) (second from left) on January 19.

Also in the photo are then York Centre MP **Michael Levitt** (left), and Toronto City Councillor **James Pasternak** (second from the right).

Attending events with MPPs showed them we were taking an interest in their work too.



## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE RE-ELECTS COUNCILLORS AS CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

**Warren Turnbull**, P. Eng. (centre left) was re-elected as Chair of the Government Liaison Committee and **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng. (centre, right) was re-elected Vice-Chair on January 16. With them in the photo are (left to right) Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter Co-ordinator **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.



## PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH NDP MPP

Then PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng., had an opportunity to speak with **Rima Berns-McGown**, MPP (Beaches –East York), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness at her New Year's Levee on January 18.

By participating in this local event, it created an opportunity for the Chapter to inform their MPP about the work of their Chapter and PEO.

# FEBRUARY 2020



## PEO LONDON CHAPTER SPEAKS WITH LOCAL MINISTER AND MPP

(LONDON) - PEO London Chapter GLP Representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., (second from left), former Chair **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., (centre) Chair **Kris Popiolek**, P.Eng., (third from right), and Vice-Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., (second from right), attended a Dragon Gala in London on February 8 with **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, (third from left) and **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre), NDP LGBTQ Critic (left).

Speaking with local MPPs at events as a Chapter representative allowed them to establish a consistent point of contact for maintaining a strong relationships.



## MINISTER PARTICIPATES IN 50TH ANNIVERSARY ENGINEERING SYMPOSIUM IN NORTH BAY

(NORTH BAY) - Then PEO President-Elect **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (right), PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., (left) and PEO North Bay Chapter Chair **Lindsay Keats**, P.Eng., (centre, left), spoke with **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (centre, right) at the PEO 50th Anniversary Engineering Symposium in North Bay.

Engaging with MPPs at events was a good way to maintain relationships.



## PEO MEETS WITH NDP MPP IN WATERLOO

(WATERLOO) - PEO Grand River GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse**, P.Eng., (right) and GLP Representative **Glen Sutton**, P.Eng., (left) met with **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo) at her constituency office in Waterloo on February 22.

MPP Fife is the NDP Critic for International Trade, Economic Growth, Job Creation, Research and Innovation.

Holding formal meetings with MPPs was an excellent way to provide thorough updates on PEO's work.



## PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH LEGISLATIVE SPEAKER AND GREEN PARTY LEADER

(GUELPH) - PEO Grand River Chapter GLP representative **Oscar Nespoli**, P.Eng., (right) attended an event hosted by Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) (left) on February 9. Also in attendance was **Ted Arnott**, MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills), Speaker of the Legislature (centre). Attending an event doesn't necessarily mean you're only going to speak with one MPP— you'll likely have the opportunity to establish a relationship with other members of the Legislature too.

# MARCH 2020



## PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER HOLDS DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER

(OAKVILLE) - PEO Oakville Chapter's Innovation Chair (left) **Pavan Mehta**, EIT, and Chapter Vice Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., (second from the left) were invited to participate, on March 6, in a 'Women in Skilled Trades' discussion with **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North), Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues (centre).

Also in the photo are **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (right) and Milton Mayor **Gord Krantz** (second from the right).



## PEO WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH LIBERAL PARTY LEADER

(WINDSOR) - PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (right) had a chance to speak with newly - elected Liberal Party leader **Steven Del Duca** (left) at an event in Windsor on March 9.

Mr. Del Duca is a former Minister of both Transportation and Economic Development and Trade.

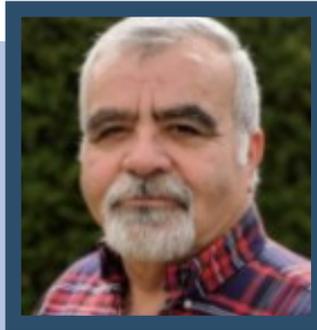
He was elected Leader of the Party on March 7.



## PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER HOSTS TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY

(BRANTFORD) - PEO Brantford hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day with **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier. It was organized by Brantford Chapter GLP Chair **Matt Gagliardi**, P.Eng., at a LCL Builds construction site in Brantford on March 13. The event was held just prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, which led to the province wide lockdown. Take Your MPP to Work Days helped MPPs understand the work of professional engineers in their community and PEO's regulatory role.

# APRIL 2020



## TWO NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Two new members have been appointed to the PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) by PEO Council.

PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., (top left) now serves as the Advisory Committee Volunteer representative of the GLC. She participated in the Western Region GLP Academy and Congress in Chatham in May of 2019.

Former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., (top right) is the new Engineers Canada representative for the GLC. He was a long-time Chair and Vice-Chair for the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter.



## PEO GLC MEMBER DISCUSSES THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MPP RELATIONSHIPS

(KITCHENER) -PEO Grand River Chapter Representative **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (left) was interviewed by the GLP Weekly on [April 1](#).

Here he is at an event on January 19 with **Belinda Karahalios**, MPP (Cambridge), then Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General (right). MPP Karahalios is now an Independent MPP.



## TWO NEW LGAs APPOINTED TO PEO COUNCIL FROM NORTHERN ONTARIO

The announcement of two new Councillors appointment by the Ontario government to serve on PEO Council was featured in the [April 3](#) issue of GLP Weekly.

They are:

- **Todd Bruyere**, P.Eng., who is from Fort Frances, ON (top left)
- **Andy William Dryland**, C.E.T., who is from Sudbury, ON (top right)

LGA's are Lieutenant Governor Appointees.

# MAY 2020



## PEO GLC VICE-CHAIR SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ON THE VALUE OF THE GLP

(KINCARDINE) - PEO Councillor and then Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., (second from the right) was interviewed by the GLP Weekly in the [May 1](#) issue.

Councillor Arenja said “By increasing the awareness and knowledge MPPs have about their local engineers, and PEO in general, we also ensure they’re well informed when questions are raised at the provincial level.”

Here he is at a Queen’s Park meeting in 2019 with a PEO delegation and NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East) (right).



## NEW PEO COUNCILLOR PROVIDES HIS TAKE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GLP

PEO Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng., (left) was interviewed by the GLP Weekly on [May 13](#).

Councillor Brunet said “Making public officials aware of the need for engineers to be involved in crisis is a current opportunity for the GLP to raise awareness of the importance of a well-regulated engineering profession to public health in the province.”

Here he is with **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford), Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (right) at an event in Niagara Falls on Feb 21.



## ATTORNEY GENERAL HOSTS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

(BARRIE) - Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (centre) hosted a virtual town hall for his constituents on May 22. Participating was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Here is Minister Downey with then PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. (left) and CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (right) at a meeting in October 2019.

Minister Downey is one of several Ministers and MPPs who hosted online events throughout the year.

# JUNE 2020



## PEO SWEARS IN 101ST PRESIDENT

Over 400 PEO members attended the 98th Annual General Meeting on May 30 online.

This was the largest number of attendees at a PEO AGM in over a decade.

**Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., was sworn in as the new President.

She is only the eighth woman to lead the organization.



## NEW EIT REP APPOINTED TO PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

**Alexandra Weryha**, EIT, an Engineering Intern, has been appointed as the new EIT representative on the PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

Here she is with Dean **Bill Rosehart** receiving the Teaching Assistant award at Schulich School of Engineering in Calgary.



## PEO VICE-PRESIDENT (ELECTED) SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON THE GLP

PEO Vice President (elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. (left) was interviewed by GLP Weekly on [June 10](#).

She was previously Chair of the Government Liaison Committee (GLC) from 2011-2017.

Vice-President Campbell said "I believe strongly in the need for the voice of engineers to be heard at the decision-making table of governments at all levels, and I felt as though the GLC and GLP would be a good way to apply my experience with the political process."

Here she is with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care (second from the left) and **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure (centre right) at an event with the PEO Oakville Chapter in Milton on June 23, 2019.



## PEO COUNCILLOR SHARES INSIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM

PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson Kouakou**, (right) was interviewed by GLP Weekly in the [July 10](#) issue.

Here she is with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) at a reception in October 2019.

During her interview Councillor Jackson Kouakou said “My past experiences brought to light the advantages of having long lasting relationships with elected officials. MPPs don’t like when people only call on them when they need help.”



## ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES NEW GLP JOURNAL COLUMN

The July-August issue of Engineering Dimensions published a GLP Journal column called [What the Government Liaison Program Wants MPPs To Know About PEO’s Complaints Process](#).

It was written by PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The article says in part “MPPs in Ontario should know PEO annually receives a small number of complaints against engineers compared to other regulated professional bodies.”



## PEO VICE-PRESIDENT (APPOINTED) INTERVIEWED BY GLP WEEKLY

PEO Vice-President (Appointed) **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng. (right) was interviewed by GLP Weekly in the [July 24](#) issue.

He said “My interest in politics, and by extension Government Liaison, is integral to my interest in society.”

Here he is at an event in Toronto on December 5, 2018 with then Attorney General **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York - Simcoe) and then PEO East Toronto Chapter Vice-Chair **Larisse Nana**, P.Eng. Minister Mulroney is now Ontario’s Minister Transpiration Minister and Minister of Francophone Affairs.

# AUGUST 2020



## PEO PRESIDENT SHARES GOALS WITH THE GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., joined the Government Liaison Committee (GLC) for their virtual monthly meeting on August 19. She spoke about her vision for PEO for the next 10 years, looking at regulation from both a micro and macro point of view.



## LONG-TIME LAKE OF THE WOODS CHAPTER EXECUTIVE APPOINTED BY PROVINCE TO PEO COUNCIL

Former PEO Lake of the Woods Chapter Chair and former GLP representative **Scott Schelske**, P.Eng., (back row, third from the left) has been appointed by the province as a new PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointed Councillor.

In this photo, he is with **Greg Rickford** (bottom row, centre), then MP and now MPP and Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Indigenous Affairs at the Chapter's 2014 AGM.



## PEO COUNCILLOR SHARES HIS INSIGHT ON THE VALUE OF THE GLP

PEO Councillor-At-Large **Michael Chan**, P.Eng. was interviewed by GLP Weekly in the [August 28 issue](#).

He said "Due to the pandemic, MPPs have more time on their hands as most of their normal riding activities are reduced, cancelled or changed to virtual meetings. This presents us with more opportunity to contact them and get their attention."



## PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER CHAIR ATTENDS EVENT WITH LOCAL MPP

PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., (left) attended an event with local MPP **Christina Mitas** (Scarborough Centre) (right) at McGregor Park Community Centre on August 30.

It was important that even during a pandemic, efforts were made to stay connected with local MPPs.

# SEPTEMBER 2020



## ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS FEATURES HOSPITAL THAT HOSTED PEO MEMBERS FOR TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY

(BURLINGTON) - **Jane McKenna**, MPP (Burlington) (centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, was the guest of honour at the PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' on September 23, 2019.

It was hosted at Joseph Brant Hospital, which *Engineering Dimensions* featured in an [article](#) about the hospital becoming Ontario's first temporary pandemic response unit.

Also in the photo are (left to right) PEO Hamilton Burlington Chapter Chair **Julie Wedzinga**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., Joseph Brant Hospital's Facilities Manager **Andy Niendorf**, President and Chief Executive Officer **Eric Vandewall** and Chapter Representatives **Darcy Snyder**, P.Eng., and **Ron Finnigan**, P.Eng.



## PEO PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN YORK CHAPTER TOWN HALL WITH THORNHILL MPP

**Gila Martow**, MPP (Thornhill) (centre) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs was the guest speaker at the PEO York Chapter virtual town hall on September 9.

Also in the photo are PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng (top of the screen, centre left) and (left to right): : Former PEO Councillor and Engineers Canada Director **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., York Chapter Chair **Annabelle Lee**, P.Eng., York Chapter's Business and Community Outreach Director **Oliver Xiao**, P.Eng and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter representative and mechanical engineer from Innovative Automations Inc, **Trefor Armstrong**, P.Eng.



## PEO EASTERN REGION COUNCILLOR SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON THE GLP

(KINGSTON) - PEO Eastern Region Councillor **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., (third from the left) was interviewed by GLP Weekly in the [September 18 issue](#).

She said "By far, PEO's biggest opportunity is the breadth and scope of the expertise within the volunteer pool and the licence holders as a whole. PEO needs to leverage share their knowledge with MPPs so that the government can be aware of the insight PEO has to offer."

Here she is with Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville -Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (centre) at the 2019 PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress in Kingston on November 23, 2019.

# OCTOBER 2020



## ATTORNEY GENERAL MEETS WITH PEO PRESIDENT AND CEO/REGISTRAR

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (top row, left) met virtually with PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (bottom row, left) on October 27.

Also participating in the online meeting were Minister Downey's Senior Policy and Legal Affairs Advisor **Patrick Schertzer** (top row, right), PEO's CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (bottom row, right) and Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (top row, centre).



## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR ATTENDS VIRTUAL EVENT WITH MINISTER

PEO Councillor and Government Liaison Committee Vice-Chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., (left) attended a virtual event with **Bill Walker**, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Associate Minister of Energy (centre right) on October 5. In the photo above they are with PEO Georgian Bay Chapter's Chair **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng., (right) and then GLP Chair **Glenn Sutton**, P.Eng., (centre left) at a meeting at Minister Walker's constituency office in August 2018.



## 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 Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (middle row, left).



## PEO PRESIDENT MEETS WITH ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng spoke at an online meeting with the Ontario Legislative Interns on October 9 to discuss PEO's role in protecting the public interest.

The 2020-2021 OLIP Interns are **Amelia Boughn, Mackenzie Scott, Gurkamal Dhahan, Ritika Gupta, Elizabeth Haig, Monica Mann, Meriem Mezdour, David Nightingale, Alexander Stover** and **Chelsea Tao**.

Also participating in the meeting were PEO's Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

PEO holds a meeting with every new round of OLIP interns to educate them about PEO's regulatory role. The interns also work closely with MPPs during their term.

# CONFERENCE —NOVEMBER 6th 2020



## ENGINEERS FROM ACROSS ONTARIO AND EIGHT MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO'S 2020 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

The PEO 2020 Government Relations Conference Committee co-hosts **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., and **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. kicked off the day with their opening remarks on November 6. Engineers including 13 PEO Councillors, as well as eight MPPs and one MP from across Ontario participated. A panel on self-regulation was held.



NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) shared remarks



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



Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca** shared remarks



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



Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) shared remarks



**Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (top left) was interviewed by Government Liaison Committee EIT representative and Conference Committee Co-Chair **Alexandra Weryha**, EIT (top right). The Conference Committee wanted attendees to hear from a Minister on the importance of PEO's role as a regulator.

# CONFERENCE —NOVEMBER 6th 2020



## MP GLADU DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT CONFERENCE

**Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (Sarnia-Lambton) (left) was the keynote speaker at the PEO Government Relations Conference. MP Gladu said, “Reach out to MPPs, but be aware that they may not know about PEO. Always prepare a concise message and leave a meeting with a recap summary document.”

Following her address, a Q&A was held with MP Gladu and PEO Vice-President (Elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. (right) and Conference attendees.



PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (top row, left) moderated a panel on self regulation. Panelists included CEO/ Registrar, Association of Professional Engineers of BC **Ann English**, P.Eng., (top row, right), former CEO of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario **Shenda Tanchak**, LL.B., B.Ed. (bottom row, left) and General Counsel for PEO **Dan Abrahams**, LL.B. (bottom row, right).



**Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (left) was interviewed by Conference Co-Chair and Chair of the PEO Brantford Chapter **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. (right). This enabled attendees to hear from a backbencher PC MPP on the importance of regulation.



**Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Transportation, Highways and Infrastructure Critic (left) was interviewed by PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng. (right). This enabled attendees to hear from an Opposition Critic on the importance of building relationships with MPPs.

# NOVEMBER 2020



## PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP

In the November 6 issue, GLP Weekly reported that 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.

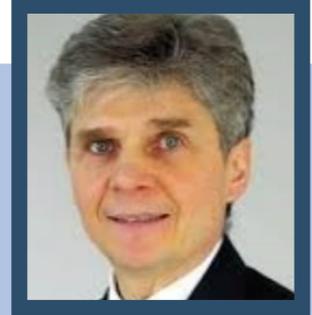
Participating in the meeting were (top row, left to right and bottom row, left to right) PEO Oakville Chapter's Chapter Vice-Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., PEO, Manager Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Oakville Chapter's Treasurer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

Holding frequent meetings with local MPPs, even virtually, ensured that a strong relationship was maintained and that PEO stayed top of mind.



## PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN ONLINE EVENT

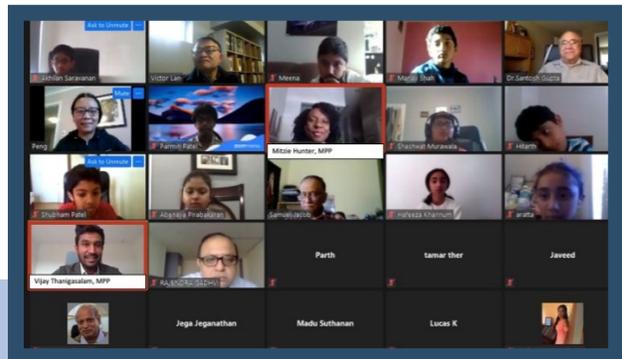
PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., (centre right) participated in an online event with Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) (left) on November 19. Here they are with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (centre left) and **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West) (right) at a Brampton Board of Trade event on November 12, 2019. It is important to participate in MPP online events, as it shows them you are engaged in local issues and what they are doing in the community.



## PEO MEETS WITH NEW OTTAWA MPP

PEO held a meeting with **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orléans) (left) on November 9. Participating from PEO were CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., (right) Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., former Councillor and Acting Division Manager, Licensing and Manager of Enforcement **Cliff Knox**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

It was important to establish a relationship with this newly elected member of the Legislature, so they could become informed on the work of PEO.



## MINISTER AND MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER MATHLETICS COMPETITION

In the November 27 issue, GLP Weekly reported that the PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted its first-ever virtual Mathletics Competition on October 24.

**Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (not pictured), **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough-Rouge Park), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation (fourth row, left) and Liberal Finance Critic **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) (second row, centre) participated.

Inviting MPPs to participate in Chapter events provided them an opportunity to connect with their constituents and build stronger relationships.

# DECEMBER 2020



## PEO PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED ON WOMEN IN ENGINEERING BY ONTARIO'S 25TH PREMIER

Ontario's 25th Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) (left) [interviewed](#) PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. (right) on December 1.

The two spoke about the 31st Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, involving the tragic death of 14 women, 12 of which were engineering students.

MPP Wynne and President Sterling also spoke about PEO's 30 by 30 Initiative, to have 30% of newly licensed engineers be women by the year 2030.

Part of maintaining relationships with MPPs is engaging in frequent dialogue about relevant topics and PEO's ongoing work and new initiatives.



## THREE LOCAL MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY

(OAKVILLE) - The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted an online licence ceremony on November 28, which was featured in the December 11 issue. The following elected officials participated and shared remarks:

- **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure
- **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care
- **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

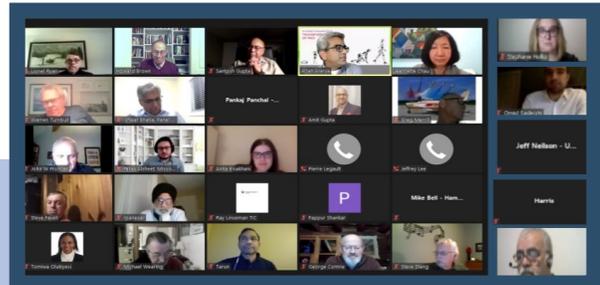
Great to see continued active participation by MPPs, even during the pandemic.



## NDP MPP SHARES VIDEO OF SUPPORT WITH PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER

As reported in the December 11 issue of GLP Weekly, **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Energy and Climate Crisis Critic sent a video the PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, 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.



## OVER 30 PARTICIPATE IN PEO GLP CHAIRS QUARTERLY CALL

The PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) Chapter Chairs from across the province held their quarterly call on December 3.

The meeting was chaired by PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair and PEO Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng. and attended by almost 30 PEO GLP Chapter representatives.

Other participants included former PEO President **George Comrie**, P.Eng., GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada Director and GLC member **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng. and former PEO Councillor **Tomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR READERS!



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