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## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM GLP WEEKLY

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### PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN NEW YEAR'S LEVEE HOSTED BY OSHAWA MPP



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng. (top row, second from the left) participated in a New Year's Levee hosted by **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Critic for Infrastructure and Transportation and Highways (top row, centre) on January 9. Also attending were her MPP caucus colleagues: Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre), **Marit Stiles** (bottom row, left), **Jamie West** (third row, right), **Doly Begum**, **Peter Tabuns** and **Judith Monteith-Farrell**.

For more on this story, see page 3.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on January 22, 2021.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING OPENS TODAY
2. ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC TO BEGIN ENTITY REGULATION

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

PEO representatives attended online New Year's Levees hosted by MPPs over the last two weeks. Some of the Ministers and MPPs participating included Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (see pages 1 and 3). It is important for PEO members to continue to participate in online events, in order to maintain relationships with their local MPPs.

PEO Mississauga Chapter will be hosting an online event with local MPPs on January 19. Participating will be **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 (see page 5). This is a great opportunity for Chapter representatives to maintain relationships with MPPs by informing them of the work the Chapter continues to do.

## PEO NEWS

### PEO PRESIDENT AND FORMER MINISTER SPEAK AT LAKEHEAD CHAPTER SYMPOSIUM



**Chris Ballard**, former  
Ontario Minister



**Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., PEO  
President Minister

(THUNDER BAY) - Both PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. and former Ontario Minister **Chris Ballard** were guest speakers at the PEO Lakehead Chapter Symposium on January 8.

During her address, President Sterling referenced the success of PEO's online Government Relations Conference, which took place in November 2020.

Mr. Ballard is now the CEO of Passive House Canada, a not for profit organization dedicated to improving building standards.

He was formerly the Minister of both Environment and Climate Change and Municipal Affairs and Housing, working closely with PEO in both Ministries.

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

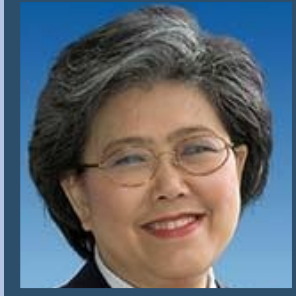
### PEO REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE IN LEVEES WITH PREMIER, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER MPPS



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) participated in **Daisy Wai's**, MPP (Richmond Hill) New Year's Levee on January 7.



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater– Oro Medonte) hosted his New Year's Levee on January 10.



**Daisy Wai**, MPP (Richmond Hill), hosted her New Year's Levee with a number of MPPs on January 7.



**Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), participated in MPP Wai's on New Year's Levee on January 7.

A number of MPP New Year's Levees were held over the last two weeks.

As reported on Page 1 in this week's GLP Weekly, PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., participated in an event hosted by **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Critic for Highways, Transportation and Infrastructure on January 9.

Joining MPP French were NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) and her NDP caucus colleagues **Doly Begum** (Scarborough Southwest), Deputy Opposition Whip and Early Learning and Childcare Critic, **Jamie West** (Sudbury), Labour Critic, **Peter Tabuns** (Toronto-Danforth), Energy and Climate Crisis Critic, **Marit Stiles** (Davenport), Education Critic and **Judith Monteith-Farrell** (Thunder Bay-Atikokan), Natural Resources, Forestry, Conservation and Parks Critic.

MPP French has a long time relationship with PEO and was recently interviewed by Mr. Panchal for the PEO Government Relations Conference, which was hosted on November 6, 2020.

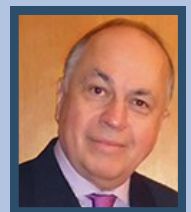
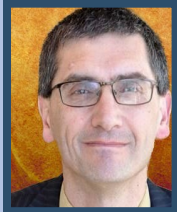
PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** participated in two New Year's Levees with:

- Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) on January 10. Also attending were Barrie MP **Doug Shipley** and former MPP and PC Leader **Patrick Brown**, who is now the Mayor of Brampton.
- **Daisy Wai**, MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility on January 7. The event was interactive, allowing each participant to speak with every MPP in attendance. Mr. Brown had a chance to say hello on behalf of PEO and speak with MPP Wai, as well as Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), **Lindsey Park**, MPP (Durham), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General and **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

## PEO ELECTION NEWS

### PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING OPENS TODAY

PEO Council voting opens today. The candidates are:

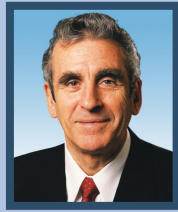
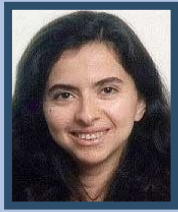


For President-Elect (left to right):

- **Darla Campbell, P.Eng.**
- **Nick Colucci, P.Eng.**
- **Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng.**

For Vice-President (left to right):

- **Marilyn Spink, P.Eng.**
- **John F. Thompson, P.Eng.**
- **Gregory Wowchuk, P.Eng.**

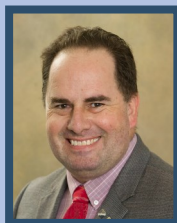


For Councillor-At-Large (left to right):

- **Daryoush Mortazavi, P.Eng.**
- **Leila Notash, P.Eng.**
- **Patrick Quinn, P.Eng.**

For East Central Region Councillor (left to right):

- **Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.,**
- **David Kiguel, P.Eng.**
- **Fanny Wong, P.Eng.**



For Western Region Councillor (left to right):

- **Wayne Kershaw, P.Eng.**
- **Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.**

PEO Council All Candidates meetings were held from January 4 to 6.

Voting closes on Friday, February 19 at 4 PM.

For more Council election related information and to watch the debates click [here](#).



## SECTOR NEWS

### ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC TO BEGIN ENTITY REGULATION



**Ann English, P.Eng.,**  
CEO, Engineers and  
Geoscientists BC. Ms.  
English was a guest  
speaker at the PEO 2020  
Government Relations  
Conference.

(VICTORIA, BC) - The Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (EGBC) has announced that their *Professional Governance Act* will come into force by February 2021. This will allow them to “have the legislative authority to regulate engineering and geoscience firms in British Columbia.”

To read the full announcement from the EGBC website, click [here](#).

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER TO HOST ONLINE EVENT WITH LOCAL MPPS NEXT WEEK



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.

In the photo to the left are 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 September 6, 2019.

The PEO Mississauga Chapter will be hosting an online event with MPPs on January 19.

**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 will be participating.

The discussion will provide an opportunity for each MPP to share an update with participants and will then open up for questions.

## CORRECTION

GLP Weekly identified **Susana Toma, P.Eng.**, as a GLP representative for the Hamilton-Burlington Chapter in the December 18 issue. She was attending an online event hosted by Jane McKenna, MPP, as a PEO member, not as a GLP representative. Also in that issue on page 2, we would like to amend one of the sentences to state “It (supporting MPPs legislation) shows them (MPPs) your (PEO Chapter's) efforts in learning about their work too.”

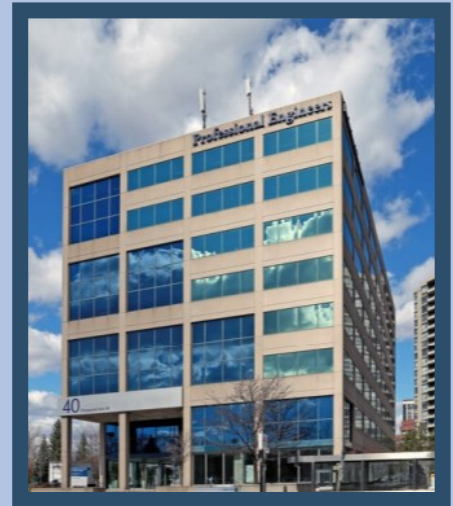
## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

This week's question: Ontario Attorney General Doug Downey served as a Queen's Park Legislative Page in the 1980's a year apart from which PEO President?

(Hint: Read GLP Weekly [October 30](#) issue)

**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, January 18.

*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/>

**Saturday, January 16—Trivia Night** hosted by **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre), Associate Transportation Minister at 7 PM. This event repeats every two weeks. To register, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=9876543210&from=joinlink>

**Saturday, January 16—New Year's Levee** hosted by **Doly Begum**, MPP (Scarborough Southwest), Deputy Opposition Whip and NDP Critic for Early Learning and Childcare at noon. To register, click [here](#).

**Thursday, January 21—Housing for All townhall** hosted by **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Anti-Racism and Citizenship and Immigration Services from noon to 1 PM. To tune in, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/212240430549983/>

## 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



If you have any comments, additions or questions about *The GLP Weekly* please do not hesitate to call or email:

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