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PEO COUNCILLOR AND GLP CHAIRS PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE EVENTS WITH MINISTER AND MPPS



PEO Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng.



Monte McNaughton, MPP
(Lambton– Kent–Middlesex),
Minister of Labour, Training and
Skills Development

PEO Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng. attended an online New Year's Levee hosted by **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton– Kent–Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development on January 9. Other PEO representatives also participated in events with MPPs over the last week.

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 29, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTANT INTERVIEWS NDP MPP
2. PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING CLOSES FEB 19

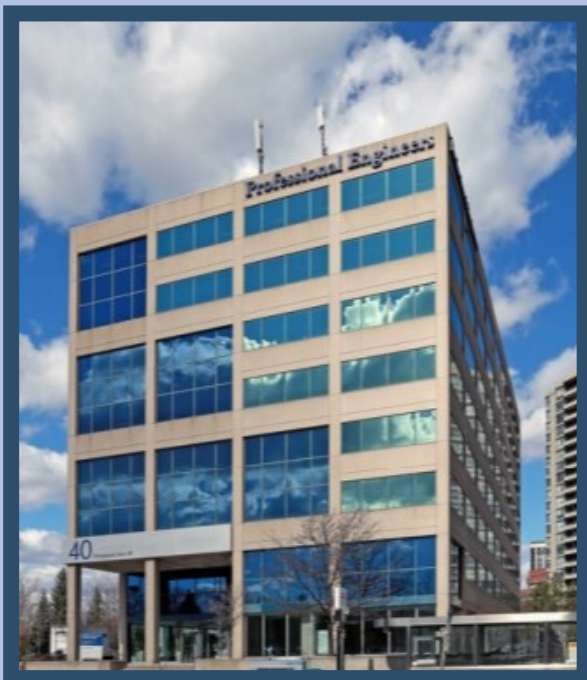
PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

PEO representatives attended online New Year's Levees hosted by MPPs over the last two weeks. Some of the Ministers and MPPs participating included **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton– Kent-Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) and **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) (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 Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** interviewed NDP MPP **Laura Mae Lindo** (Kitchener Centre), Critic for Anti-Racism and Critic for Citizenship and Immigration Services for a GLP Journal Column in *Engineering Dimensions* (see page 4). Encouraging MPPs to read the GLP Journal columns and other publications is a great way to keep them informed on the work PEO is doing as a regulator in the public interest.

PEO NEWS

PEO ADOPTS NOTARIUS' DIGITAL SIGNATURE FOR ITS MEMBERS



PEO has adopted a digital signature for its members. Here is the regulators' headquarters in Toronto.

(MONTREAL) - PEO has selected CertifiO digital signature solution for its members. Professional engineers in Ontario will be able to apply a regulator-issued digital signature to engineering documents, in conjunction with the image of their seal, to securely sign documents and ensure competent and ethical practice in support of the public interest.

"The technology helps PEO do what it needs to do with respect to their mission of protecting the public and helps the licence holders protect their work at the same time," said **Marc St-Jacques**, Notarius' Vice-President of Sales and Digital Transformation.

Learn more: <https://www.peo.on.ca/licence-holders/peo-digital-signature>

EVENTS WITH MPPS

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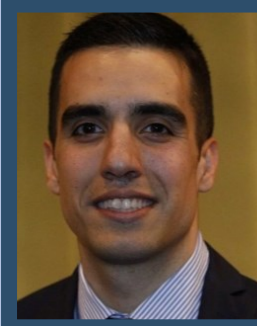
Mitzie Hunter, MPP
(Scarborough-Guildwood)



Santosh Gupta, P.Eng.,
PEO Scarborough Chapter
GLP Chair



Kathleen Wynne, MPP
(Don Valley West)



Omid Sadeghi, EIT,
PEO East Toronto
Chapter GLP Chair

PEO representatives continue to participate in online events with MPPs.

As reported on Page 1 in this week's GLP Weekly, PEO Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng., participated in an event hosted by **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton– Kent-Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

"Minister McNaughton has been doing well during COVID and has made great strides in the Labour portfolio", said Councillor Brunet. "A focus on health and safety worker re-training have been amongst his main goals."

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., participated in two events hosted by **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough Guildwood).

- The first was held on January 14 with guest speakers Scarborough-Guildwood MP **John McKay**, Toronto City Councillor **Paul Ainslie** and Toronto's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. **Eileen de Villa**.
- The second was MPP Hunter's New Year's Levee, which was hosted on January 17. MPP Hunter spoke about COVID-19, the stay at home order and what the province is doing to help Ontarians at this difficult time.

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT participated in a New Year's Levee hosted by former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) on January 17.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in the events with both MPPs Wynne and Hunter.

Both MPP Hunter and Wynne have long time relationships with Mr. Gupta and Mr. Sadeghi, as well as the rest of the Chapter representatives.

It is important for PEO to continue participating in online events.

It will allow PEO to stay top of mind with MPPs.

MINISTERIAL PROMOTIONS

ENGINEERS GET NEW POSTS IN FEDERAL CABINET SHUFFLE



Omar Alhabra,
P.Eng., MP
(Mississauga
Centre), Canada's
Minister of
Transportation

(OTTAWA) - **Omar Alhabra**, P.Eng., MP (Mississauga Centre) has been appointed as Canada's Minister of Transportation.

He replaced another professional engineer, **Marc Garneau**, P.Eng., MP (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Westmount), who is now the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Minister Alhabra was a former Visiting Fellow at Ryerson University and Minister Garneau was a Canadian astronaut.

PEO NEWS

PEO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTANT INTERVIEWS NDP MPP



PEO Grand River GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (left) with **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Citizenship, Immigration Services and Anti-Racism (right) at a community event on January 19, 2020

(KITCHENER) - PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** conducted an interview with **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Citizenship, Immigration Services and Anti-Racism on January 13, 2021.

The interview is for next month's GLP Journal column in *Engineering Dimensions*, which will be on the topic of Diversity in Engineering.

MPP Lindo is the Chair of the NDP Black Caucus. She shared insight on why professions need to make strong efforts to include all groups and the importance of a diverse Legislature.

CORRECTION

A technical error in a reference to PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. in the January 15, 2021 issue, resulted in her title being misstated.

GLP Weekly would like to apologize for the error.

PEO ELECTION NEWS

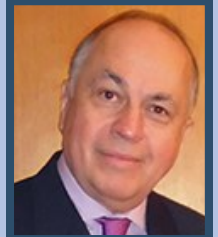
PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING CLOSES FEB 19

PEO Council voting closes on February 19. The candidates are:



For President-Elect (left to right):

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



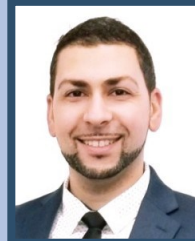
For Vice-President (left to right):

- **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.**

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



Acclaimed Councillors (left to right):

- West Central Region Councillor **James J. Chisholm, P.Eng.**
- Northern Region Councillor **Ramesh Subramanian, P.Eng.**
- Eastern Region Councillor **Randy Walker,**

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., Chair of the PEO Willowdale Thornhill Chapter for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

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)

Answer: Marisa Sterling, P.Eng.

This week's question: Which Party Leader attended a New Year's Levee hosted by MPP Jennifer French on January 9?

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, January 25.

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



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng, is the winner of this week's GLP 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/>

Thursday, February 4— Ontario Energy Association presents a Speaker Series with **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks at 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/oea-speaker-series-opportunities-for-hydrogen-in-ontario-webinar-tickets-133230180055>

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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