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LOCAL PC MPP SPEAKS AT PEO WILLOWDALE/THORNHILL CHAPTER LICENCE PRESENTATION CEREMONY



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For more on this story, see page 5.

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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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on March 5, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY-ELECTED PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT, VP AND COUNCILLORS
2. PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER GLP CHAIR VIRTUALLY ATTENDS EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MPPS
3. GLP REP SELECTION APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

The PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter hosted an online Licence Presentation Ceremony on February 20 with guest speaker **Vincent Ke**, MPP (Don Valley North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (see pages 1 and 5). It is important for PEO Chapters to continue to invite MPPs to participate in local events, even though they are online. It keeps MPPs engaged in the ongoing work PEO is doing as a regulator.

PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng., virtually attended an online town hall discussion on February 19 with three Ministers and two other MPPs, including Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (see page 4). It is important that PEO GLP representatives continue to tune in to MPPs townhalls, in order to keep up with what they are doing at Queen's Park. It makes for great talking points and the MPP will be glad that their constituents are staying engaged with local issues.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee held their monthly meeting on February 17 (see page 6). PEO GLP members should stay informed about GLC updates, as they may be relevant for local MPPs.

PEO EVENTS

PEO HOLDING ITS 538TH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY



PEO Council at an in person meeting in February 2020.

PEO is holding their 538th Council meeting today, which is being held virtually.

PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. will be chairing the meeting.

At the time this issue was going to press, an item on the agenda included a discussion about rescinding a previous motion to action a new governance direction, and implement mandatory continuing professional development without a member referendum.

PEO COUNCIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY-ELECTED PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT, VP AND COUNCILLORS



PEO President-Elect **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng.



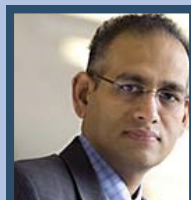
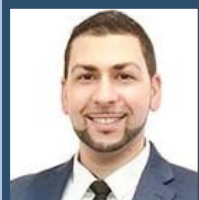
PEO Vice President **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng.

PEO released the official results of the 2021—2022 Council election yesterday.

Former PEO Councillor **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., has been elected as President-Elect. He is a former member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee. Former PEO Councillor **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng, is elected as Vice President.

Also elected were (pictured below, left to right):

- **Leila Notash**, P.Eng., as Councillor-at-Large
- Former PEO President **Pat Quinn**, P.Eng., as Councillor-at-Large
- **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., as East Central Region Councillor
- **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng., as Western Region Councillor
- **Ramesh Subramanian**, P.Eng., who was acclaimed as Northern Region Councillor
- **Randy Walker**, P.Eng., who was acclaimed as Eastern Region Councillor
- **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., who was acclaimed as West Central Region Councillor



Congratulations to all candidates who put their name forward! The new PEO Council will be sworn in at this year's Annual General Meeting, which will be held online on Friday, May 14.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER GLP CHAIR VIRTUALLY ATTENDS EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MPPS



PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng. (not pictured) virtually attended an online town hall hosted by the Barrie Chamber of Commerce on February 19.

Participating were Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater Oro Medonte) (second row, right), Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (second row, second from the right), Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North) (top row, left), Deputy Government House Leader **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (bottom row, right) and **Norm Miller**, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (bottom row, centre).

The Barrie Chamber of Commerce hosted a town hall meeting with five MPPs, municipal leaders and local medical officers of health on February 19.

Attending from PEO were Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The guest speakers were:

- Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater Oro Medonte)
- Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe)
- Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North)
- Deputy Government House Leader **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- **Norm Miller**, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

All five MPPs have participated in PEO events in the past.

To watch the entire town hall, click [here](#).

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Vincent Ke, MPP (Don Valley North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries



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



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

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Guest speakers included:

- **Vincent Ke**, MPP (Don Valley North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
- PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

Also in attendance was former PEO Councillor and current Engineers Canada Director **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., who was introduced at the beginning of the event.

Mr. Sadr is also a member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee, who provided a report sharing this story with GLP Weekly.

It is important that PEO Chapters continue to invite their local MPPs to events such as:

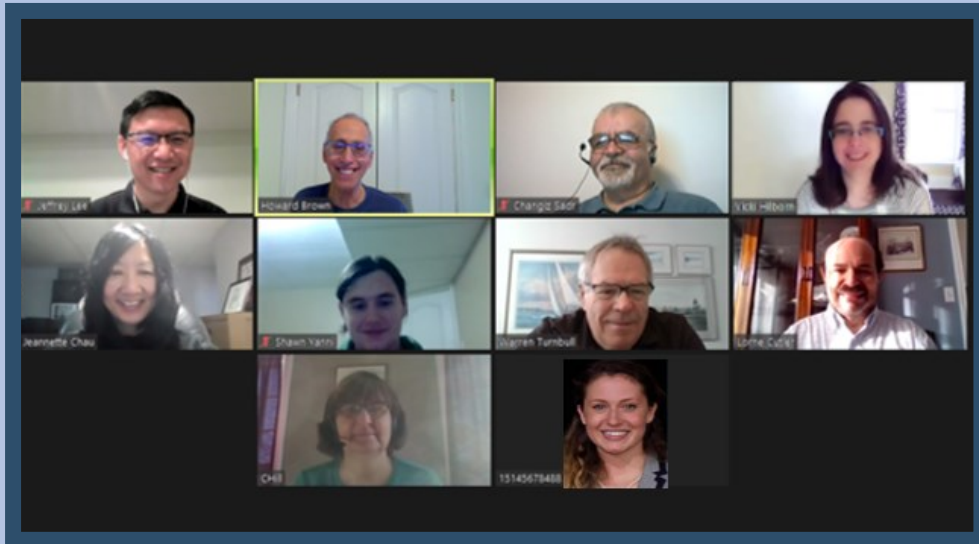
- Licence Presentation Ceremonies,
- AGMs
- Virtual Town Halls

It keeps the MPPs engaged in what you are doing, builds a stronger relationship and allows PEO to stay top of mind.

Congratulations to all the licence recipients!

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETS



The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) held their monthly meeting on February 17. Participating were (top row to bottom row, left to right) Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Student representative **Shawn Yanni**, Past Chair and current PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Ontario representative **Christine Hill**, P.Eng. and EIT representative **Alexandra Weryha**, EIT.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee held their monthly online meeting on February 17.

Participating were:

- Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.
- Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.,
- Engineers Canada representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng.
- Past Chair and current PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng
- PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng.
- Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Ontario representative **Christine Hill**, P.Eng.
- EIT representative **Alexandra Weryha**, EIT
- Student representative **Shawn Yanni**
- PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng
- PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**

Topics of discussion included committee reports, GLP representative selection, GLP Info Notes, Continuing Professional Development and a Training Certification Program for GLP members.

There are two vacant positions on the GLC and the deadline for those applications is March 1.

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GLP REP SELECTION APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN

The PEO GLP is transitioning to a one representative per riding system.

A position description can be found [here](#).

Interested applicants should review the [mandatory requirements for volunteering with PEO](#) and send a completed [volunteer application form](#) and a copy of your resume to volunteering@peo.on.ca.

The deadline to submit is March 10.

Below are the 27 ridings of the 124 total that still require representation:

Electoral District/Riding	MPP	Political Party
Algoma-Manitoulin	Mike Mantha	NDP
Brampton South	Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria	PC
Brampton Centre	Sara Singh	NDP
Beaches-East York	Rima Berns-McGown	NDP
Toronto-Danforth	Peter Tabuns	NDP
Toronto-Centre	Suze Morrison	NDP
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	Bill Walker	PC
Guelph	Mike Schreiner	Green
Kitchener-Conestoga	Mike Harris	PC
Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	Paul Miller	NDP
Oshawa	Jennifer French	NDP
Perth-Wellington	Randy Pettapiece	PC
Oxford	Ernie Hardeman	PC
Mississauga-Lakeshore	Rudy Cuzzetto	PC
Mushkegowuk-James Bay	Guy Bourgoin	NDP
Northumberland	David Piccini	PC
Hastings -Lennox and Addington	Daryl Kramp	PC
Parry Sound-Muskoka	Norm Miller	PC
Simcoe North	Jill Dunlop	PC
Humber River-Black Creek	Tom Rakocovic	NDP
York South-Weston	Faisal Hassan	NDP
University-Rosedale	Jessica Bell	NDP
Parkdale-High Park	Bhutila Karpoche	NDP
Essex	Taras Natyshak	NDP
Windsor-Tecumseh	Percy Hatfield	NDP
King-Vaughan	Stephen Lecce	PC
Richmond Hill	Daisy Wai	PC

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Question: Which MPP was the guest speaker at the PEO East Toronto Chapter AGM on January 27?

Answer: MPP Peter Tabuns

This week's question: Which former PEO Councillor participated in an event with Ministers and MPPs on February 1?

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, March 1.

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



Thomas Chong, P.Eng., is the winner of the last GLP Trivia contest.

ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Friday—Virtual Coffee Hour with **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe), NDP Children and Youth Critic from 3 to 4 PM. To register, visit: <https://www.teresaarmstrong.com/coffeehour>

Every Saturday—Coffee with your MPP hosted by **Faisal Hassan**, MPP (York-South Weston), NDP Critic for Youth Opportunities from 3 to 4 PM. To join visit: <https://www.facebook.com/FaisalHassanNDP/>

Friday, February 26—Lunar New Year Celebration with **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham-Unionville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2Z4Oetj>

Monday, March 1—East Toronto Vaccine Q&A with **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Energy and Climate Crisis Critic and **Rima Berns-McGown**, MPP (Beaches-East York), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness at 7PM. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3dM1bR8>

Tuesday, March 9—No Recovery without a She-covery with **Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto-St. Paul's), NDP Critic for Women's Issues, Culture and Heritage and **Bhutila Karpoche**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park), NDP Critic for Early Learning and Childcare at 6 PM. To register, visit: <https://www.bhutila.ca/iwd>

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