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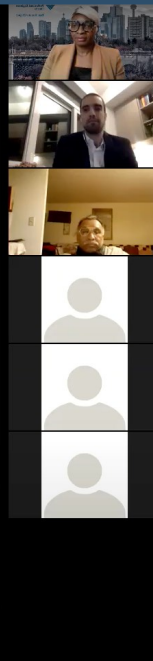
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### PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS AGM WITH LOCAL MPP

#### Keynote: Peter Tabuns, MPP, Toronto- Danforth



- \* Peter Tabuns has a long record of change. Winning a by-election in 2006 and re-elections in 2007, 2010, 2014 and 2018 Peter brings fresh new ideas to Queen's Park on fighting climate change, renewable energy, and job creation.
- \* Peter is leading the change to a new energy economy, in part thanks to his experience as Executive Director of Greenpeace Canada. He also pioneered energy efficiency in Toronto in the 1990s, as a City Councillor, often working closely with the Carpenters' Union. For years, Peter has broken down old barriers between unions and environmentalists. He brings people together around new ideas that create good jobs, cut emissions and help us catch up to new energy economies around the world.
- \* At Toronto City Hall, he helped keep valuable services public and was ahead of his time in championing smoke-free restaurants and bars.
- \* He's also worked in health care, organizing government relations for the Ontario Nurses Association; and early in life, took an active role in the organizing drive, by the Canadian Labour Congress, to unionize white-collar workers during the 1970's.
- \* He has an adult son, Anton, and lives with his partner, Shawn Kerwin. Who's a professor and theatre designer.



The PEO East Toronto Chapter hosted their online Annual General Meeting on January 27. One of the guest speakers were local MPP **Peter Tabuns** (Toronto-Danforth), Energy Critic and Climate Crisis Critic (not pictured). In the photo are (top to bottom): PEO East Toronto Chapter's Chair **Larisse Nana Kouadjo**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT and member **Choudhury Naser**, P.Eng.

For more on this story, see page 4.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on February 12, 2021.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH PREMIER, MINISTERS AND MPPS
2. PEO COUNCIL CANDIDATES RELEASE ELECTION STATEMENTS

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

The PEO East Toronto Chapter hosted an online AGM with several guest speakers (see pages 1 and 4). One of the speakers was local MPP **Peter Tabuns** (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Critic for Energy and Climate Crisis. It is important for chapters to continue to invite MPPs to local events. It allows PEO to stay top of mind and keep elected officials informed about the regulator's ongoing initiatives.

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., participated in an event hosted by **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (see page 3). Also joining the call was Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), as well as several Ministers, MPPs and a City Councillor. It is important for PEO to continue to tune in to online events to maintain relationships with MPPs.

## TRIBUTE

### WE REMEMBER RAY LINSEMAN



Ray Linseman, P.Eng.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our licence holders and a former Thousand Island Chapter GLP Co-Chair **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng.

He was actively involved in the Government Liaison Program (GLP) until his passing and most recently participated in the Government Relations Conference on November 6, 2020.

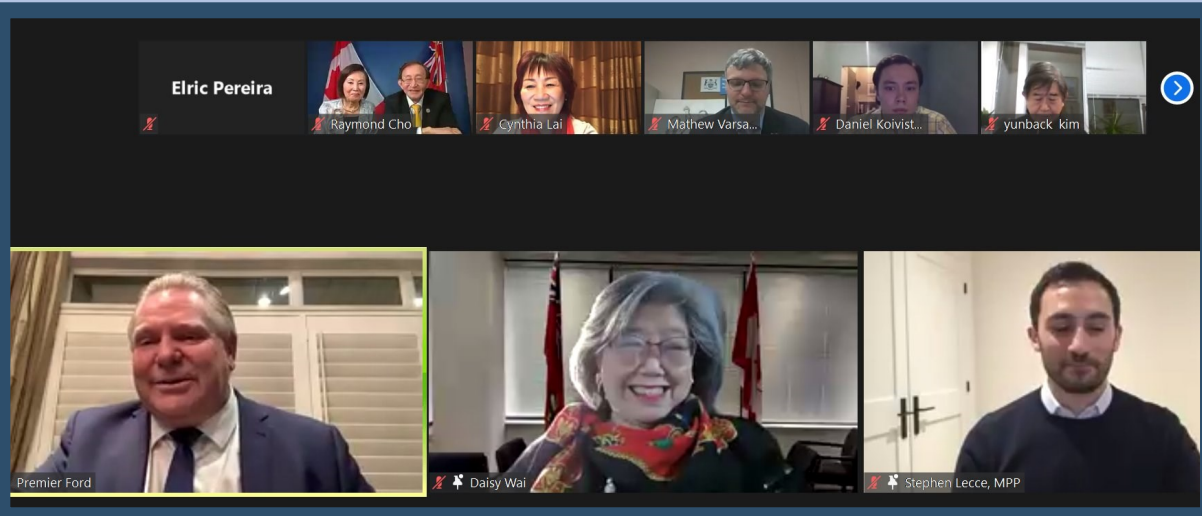
"Ray was one of the first PEO GLP Chapter reps in the province in 2005," said PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. "He was a great friend and supporter. He will be missed."

"Ray was a great supporter of the GLP and took his duties seriously," said PEO, Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. "I will always remember his smiles and enthusiasm, and his belief in the importance of the work we did."

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to his family members and loved ones. For those interested in sending flowers or donating to organizations, as requested by the family, click [here](#).

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH PREMIER, MINISTERS AND MPPS



PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng. (not pictured) participated in an online event hosted by **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (top row, second from the left) on January 26. Also participating were Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) (bottom row, left), Education Minister **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) (bottom row, right), **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe-North), Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues (not pictured), **Bill Walker**, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Associate Minister of Energy (not pictured), **Daisy Wai**, MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility (bottom row, centre), **Logan Kanapathi**, MPP (Markham-Thornhill) and Toronto City Councillor **Cynthia Lai** (top row, third from the left).

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng. attended an online event hosted by **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility on January 26.

Also participating were:

- Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North)
- Education Minister **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan)
- **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe-North), Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues
- **Bill Walker**, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Associate Minister of Energy
- **Daisy Wai**, MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
- **Logan Kanapathi**, MPP (Markham-Thornhill)
- Toronto City Councillor **Cynthia Lai**

All of the MPPs delivered New Year greetings to the attendees.

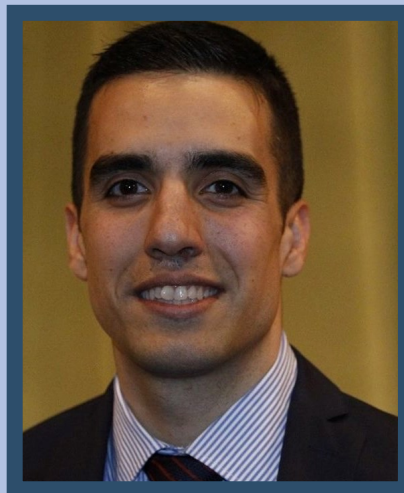
The call later broke out into smaller groups, where Mr. Gupta had the chance to speak with MPP Kanapathi and a staff member from Minister Cho's office. He informed them about the work of PEO and the PEO Chapter events that Minister Cho has taken part in.

Minister Cho, in his concluding remarks, mentioned he would like to attend PEO Scarborough Chapter events when COVID-19 is over.

### PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS AGM WITH LOCAL MPP



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



**Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, PEO East  
Toronto Chapter GLP Chair

The PEO East Toronto Chapter hosted their online Annual General Meeting on January 27.

Guest speakers included:

- Vice- President (Elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., in her capacity as a PEO President-Elect Candidate
- **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor Candidate
- **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., PEO President Candidate
- **David Kiguel**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor Candidate
- Vice President (Appointed) **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng., in his capacity as East Central Region Councillor and a PEO President-Elect Candidate
- **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Critic for Energy and Climate Crisis
- **John F. Thompson**, P.Eng., PEO Vice President Candidate
- **Fanny Wong**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor Candidate
- East Central Region Councillor **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng. (also in his capacity as a PEO President Candidate)
- **Gregory Wowchuk**, P.Eng., PEO Vice President Candidate

Items on the agenda included the Licensure Assistance Program, New Member Licence Presentation, Education Outreach Report, Treasurer's Report and the Chapter Activity Report.

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT sent a follow up thank you note to MPP Tabuns following the event.

To watch a recording of the AGM, click [here](#).



### NDP LEADER ANNOUNCES NEW KEY MEMBERS OF HER LEGISLATIVE TEAM

NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) announced six new appointments in her legislative team on February 2. MPP Horwath also announced a Critic shuffle (see pages 6 and 7).



**Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West) is the new Opposition House Leader.



**Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton West) is the new Deputy House Leader.



**Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo) is the new Caucus Chair.



**John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane) is the new Chief Opposition Whip.



**Michael Mantha**, MPP (Algoma-Manitoulin) is the new Deputy Whip.



**Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton-Mountain) is the new Deputy Whip.

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### NDP LEADER ANNOUNCES CRITIC SHUFFLE



**Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre) (top, left) has taken over the Seniors, Long Term Care and Home Care file. **Jessica Bell**, MPP (University-Rosedale) (top, centre left) is responsible for Housing, Urban Planning and Tenant Rights

Tenant Rights is a portion of **Suze Morrison's**, MPP (Toronto Centre) (top, centre right) responsibilities that MPP Bell will be taking over for.

**Tom Rakocovic**, MPP (Humber River-Black Creek) (top, right) is the new Transit Critic



Caucus Chair **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo) (middle, left) is now the Finance and Treasury Board Critic.

She is replacing **Sandy Shaw**, MPP (Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas) (middle, centre), who has taken the lead on the Environment file.

MPP Shaw has replaced **Ian Arthur**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) (middle, right), who is now responsible for Small Business Recovery and Reopening Main Street.



**Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre) is adding Colleges and Universities to her duties, which include Anti-Racism.

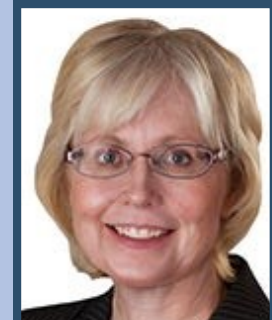


**Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto-St. Paul's) is adding Colleges and Heritage to her Critic portfolio, which includes Women's Issues and Culture.

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### NDP LEADER ANNOUNCES CRITIC SHUFFLE

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Deputy Opposition Whip **Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton Mountain) (top, left) has taken over the Mental Health and Addictions file. **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe) (top, centre left) will be the new Critic for Children and Youth (MPP Taylor's former role).

**Jamie West**, MPP (Sudbury) (top, centre right) is now the Northern Infrastructure, Transportation and Road Critic. Taking over his Labour portfolio is Deputy Opposition Leader **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West) (top, right). MPP Sattler will hold on to her Democratic Reform Critic title and lose her Pay Equity role.



Deputy Opposition Whip **Doly Begum**, MPP (Scarborough Southwest) (left) has taken over the Citizenship, Immigration Services and newly named Foreign Credentials portfolios.



**Bhutla Karpoche**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park) (left) will be taking over MPP Begum's previous Critic role for Early Learning and Childcare.



**Kevin Yarde**, MPP (Brampton North) will take on Auto Insurance.



**Taras Natyshak**, MPP (Essex) will add Job Creation and Economic Recovery to his portfolio.



**Gilles Bisson**, MPP (Timmins) will take over Community Safety and Correctional Services.



**Faisal Hassan**, MPP (York-South Weston) will have the name of his Critic title changed from 'Youth Engagement' to 'Youth Opportunities.'



## PEO ELECTION NEWS

### PEO COUNCIL CANDIDATES RELEASE ELECTION STATEMENTS

Below are excerpts of the remaining candidate statements. GLP Weekly will be sharing the candidate's second and third statements next week.

For Councillor-At-Large:

**Daryoush Mortazavi**, P.Eng.



"Converting PEO to a member-driven organization via: engaging members in making policies and strategies and making stronger connection between engineers, Chapters and Council," said Mr. Mortazavi. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For Councillor-At-Large:

**Leila Notash**, P.Eng.



"I endorse reinforcing values of Code of Ethics, Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity; including cognitive diversity and demographic diversity on Council and committees," said Ms. Notash. To read her full statement, click [here](#).

For Councillor-At-Large:

**Patrick Quinn**, P.Eng.



"We need a nimble regulator (PEO) keeping ahead of the curve, promoting positive, progressive goals, and an engineering profession committed to high achievement and ethical practice," said Mr. Quinn. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For East Central Region Councillor:

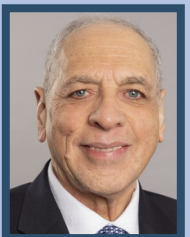
**Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng.



"Engineering jobs are being taken away by non-engineers! We all have a duty to protect the public interest and it starts with who's representing you," said Mr. Chahine. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For East Central Region Councillor:

**David Kiguel**, P.Eng.



"PEO has been slow in reacting to the new reality. The main issue today is the need to become a "modern" regulator that delivers on its regulatory mandate and operates in a manner that effectively serves and protects the public interest," said Mr. Kiguel. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For East Central Region Councillor:

**Fanny Wong**, P.Eng.



"I am committed to making a difference in the matters of self-regulation, modernizing PEO values, discouraging systemic inequality, racism and bias and encouraging diversity and inclusion in our profession," said Ms. Wong. To read her full statement, click [here](#).



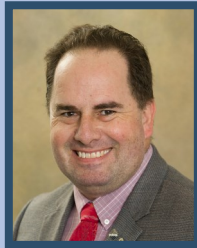
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For Western Region Councillor:

**Wayne Kershaw**, P.Eng.



"My experience within the Chapter system, within Council and within the various task forces which I have participated on enable me to provide that support to the Chapters," said Mr. Kershaw. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

For Western Region Councillor :

**Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng.



"I will be committed to promoting PEO's mission to its stakeholders, understanding our license holders' concerns and looking for opportunities for PEO to address those concerns. I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the PEO and its operations," said Ms. MacFarlane. To read her full statement, click [here](#).

Acclaimed Councillor (West Central Region):

**James J. Chisholm**, P.Eng.



"Chapter volunteers with specialized knowledge could be trained and assigned to represent the PEO in meetings with Government staff, relevant Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and to meet with MPPs on regulatory issues....," said Mr. Chisholm. To read his full statement, click [here](#).

Acclaimed Councillor (Northern Region):

**Ramesh Subramanian**, P.Eng.



No candidate statement available.

Acclaimed Councillor (Northern Region):

**Randy Walker**, P.Eng.



No candidate statement available .

There are two weeks left to vote in the PEO Council Elections, until the last day on February 19.

For more information on how to vote online, click [here](#).

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Oakville Chapter's **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which MPP was interviewed for an *Engineering Dimensions* GLP Journal on January 13?

(Hint: She is the Chair of the NDP Black Caucus)

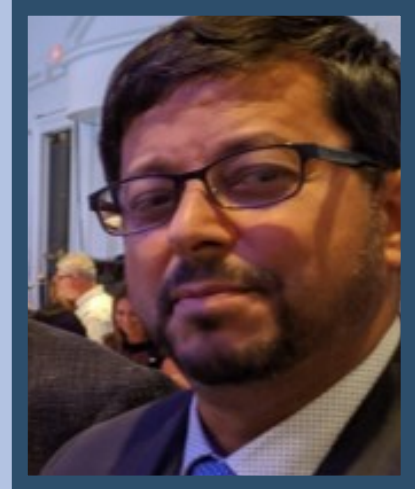
**Answer:** MPP Laura Mae Lindo

**This week's question:** What are the names of the newly elected PEO Government Liaison Committee's Chair and Vice-Chair?

**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, February 8.

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

**\*CORRECTION:** GLP Weekly incorrectly identified Roger Jones as part of the PEO London Chapter. He is part of the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter.



**Mazen AbuOmar** P.Eng. is the winner of this week's 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/>

**Every Saturday—Townhall** with **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke North), Associate Minister of Transportation at 6 PM. To register, email: [kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)

**Saturday, February 13—Family Paint Night** with **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton) at 3 PM. To register, visit: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ0tc-qppj0tHtOoXndsJV5dOUMQX9IfTK3>

**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://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2021-lunar-new-year-virtual-celebration-hosted-by-mp-saroya-mpp-pang-tickets-136291847585?fbclid=IwAR1wizygzTWg63nIBT9DOKLO16zQjCXLkkHwSSJQhKW9pm8B2wA2TOYHkoY>

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