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For more on this story, see page 3.

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. There will be no issue on April 2 due to the shortened holiday week. The next issue will be published on April 9, 2021.

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

### 1. PEO GLP REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE IN FOUR EVENTS WITH MINISTER AND MPPS

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

The PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted an event on March 20 where a Minister and two MPPs delivered greetings (see pages 1 and 3). It is important to continue inviting MPPs to take part in PEO Chapter events. Not only does it help maintain the relationship, but it helps MPPs understand who PEO is and know who to contact if they have a question about engineering regulation.

PEO GLP representatives attended four events over the last week with a Minister and MPPs (see page 5). PEO licence holders are encouraged to tune in to online events hosted by MPPs and also to send a follow up note to the MPP letting them know you attended their event. It allows Chapters to keep up with what their local MPP is doing and helps build relationships.

## QUEEN'S PARK NEWS

### PEO GLP MANAGER ATTENDS PRE-BUDGET BRIEFING



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter Chair **Manraj Pannu**, P.Eng. (right), participated in an event with the President of the Treasury Board **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) (left), on October 23, 2019. Minister Bethlenfalvy was appointed as Minister of Finance in December 2020.

PEO was invited to take part in a pre-budget presentation on March 24. Participating on behalf of PEO was Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. The meeting was hosted by Ontario's Deputy Minister of Finance **Greg Orencsak**. The budget was presented in the Legislature by Finance Minister and President of the Treasury Board **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge).

PEO was invited as a valued stakeholder by the provincial government, which highlights the importance of maintaining strong relationships with all Ministers and MPPs.

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### MINISTER AND MPPS DELIVER GREETINGS AT PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER COMPETITION



Then PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., (centre) with Minister of Seniors and Accessibility **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) (right) and **Vijay Thanigasalam** MPP, (Scarborough - Rouge Park), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation (left) at a National Engineering Month event on March 30, 2019.

The PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted an event called ‘Young Inventors of Scarborough’ on March 20.

The competition was open to students from Grade 5 to 8. Each student was asked to create any product/device or appliance which can be used in everyday life, improve any existing product/device or appliance, or create any new idea/concept which may be benefit in people’s everyday life.

Minister of Seniors and Accessibility **Raymond Cho**, MPP (PC-Scarborough North) shared greetings at the event. Other guest speakers included **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (PC-Scarborough-Rouge Park), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood), who both tuned in live for the competition.

“I want to thank my good friend Dr. Gupta for inviting me and the Scarborough Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario for organizing this competition,” said Minister Cho. “You look at the world, not through the eyes of what is, but rather, of what can be.”

It is important to continue inviting Ministers and MPPs to participate in online Chapter events. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase the ongoing work PEO is doing and maintain relationships with local MPPs in a virtual environment.

## PEO NEWS

### FIVE PEO GLP ACADEMIES TO BE HELD IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS



Ontario Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls**, MPP (Chatham-Kent-Leamington) (front, centre right) was the guest speaker at the 2019 PEO Western GLP Academy on May 11 in Chatham.

Three MPPs participated in the 2019 East Central and West Central PEO GLP Academy and Congress with representatives from 12 chapters on October 5. The three MPPs were **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Sport, Heritage Tourism and Culture Industries (second from left), NDP Deputy Leader **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre) (centre) and **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), NDP Attorney General Critic.



The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) has set the GLP Academies for:

- Northern Region on Tuesday, April 13
- Western Region on Thursday, April 15
- Eastern Region on Tuesday, April 20
- East Central Region on Thursday, April 22
- West Central Region on Wednesday, May 5

The time is set for 7 to 9 PM. The Academies are open to all GLP representatives.

Training will cover PEO's messaging as a regulator, how to invite an MPP to local Chapter events, Zoom etiquette and more.

Speakers include PEO's GLC Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (centre) was a guest speaker at the 2019 PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy on November 23.

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

### PEO GLP REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE IN FOUR EVENTS WITH MINISTER AND MPPS

PEO London Chapter Vice-Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng. (right) participated in an online event hosted by Opposition House Leader **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West), NDP Critic and Democratic Reform Critic (second from the right) on March 18. Mr. Dalal sent MPP Sattler a follow up note after the event thanking her for organizing the discussion.

Here they are with three other London area MPPs and PEO London Chapter's Raul Moraes, P.Eng. (left) at an event on September 2, 2019.



Former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng. participated in a Nowruz (Persian New Year) celebration hosted by **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (photo above) on March 17. Over 15 MPPs including Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) delivered greetings. Mr. Sadr is the Engineers Canada representative on the PEO Government Liaison Committee.



PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT participated in an online event hosted by **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Critic for Energy and Climate Crisis (top, right) on March 22. Mr. Sadeghi sent MPP Tabuns an event following the event thanking MPP Tabuns for hosting the discussion and inviting him to continue to participate in PEO East Toronto Chapter online events.



PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended an online event with **Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River), Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Indigenous Affairs on March 17. The event was hosted by the Canadian Club of Toronto.

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former East Central Regional Councillor **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

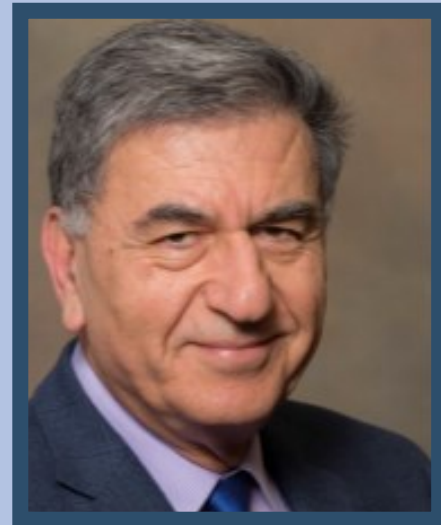
**Question: Which PEO Chapter held an AGM with six MPPs as guest speakers on February 24?**

**Answer: PEO Ottawa Chapter**

This week's question: What is the date of the first scheduled PEO GLP Academy in April 2021?

**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, March 29.

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



**Noubar Takessian**, 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 tune in live visit <https://www.facebook.com/FaisalHassanNDP/>

**Monday, March 29—Politics of the Pandemic** with **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Critic for Energy and Climate Crisis and Toronto City Councillor **Paula Fletcher** from 7 to 8:30 PM. To register visit <https://bit.ly/3186vqD>

**Tuesday, March 30—15th Anniversary Celebration of Lisa MacLeod**, MPP (Nepean), Minister of Sport, Tourism, Heritage and Culture Industries from 6 to 8 PM. Other guest speakers include **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe), Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs, **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and former PC Party Leader **Tim Hudak**. Tickets range from \$750-\$1500. To register visit: <https://nepean.ontariopc.ca/15thanniversary>

**Wednesday, March 31—Scarborough-Guildwood Townhall** with Mitzie Hunter, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood) at 4PM. MPP Hunter will be joined by her federal counterpart MP **John McKay**, municipal counterpart, Toronto City Councillor **Paul Ainslie** and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, MP **Steven MacKinnon**. To join visit [rebrand.ly/MAR31](https://rebrand.ly/MAR31)

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