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## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM GLP WEEKLY

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### MARCH IS NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH

In celebration of National Engineering Month, Engineers Canada has shared 500 events, which may be of interest to GLP readers. For more information, click [here](#).

As well, on March 1, the province of Ontario celebrated the fourth annual 'Professional Engineers Day.'

The Legislature declared it Professional Engineers Day in 2018. It recognizes the role that the profession plays in safeguarding the province. Engineers were the first profession in the province to receive a day of recognition.

For more on this story, see page 3.

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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.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glpl-weekly-newsletter>

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

## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND EVENTS WITH MINISTER AND MPPS
2. TVO HOSTS PANEL WITH PEO CEO/REGISTRAR ON LIFELONG LEARNING

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

On March 1, the province celebrated the fourth annual Professional Engineers Day (see pages 1 and 3). When speaking to an MPP, it is important to remind them of these significant events in the engineering community, as it serves as a reminder of the important work professional engineers do.

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, attended an online event with two MPPs last week (see page 5). PEO licence holders should continue participating in online discussions with MPPs so that PEO stays top of mind.

## SECTOR NEWS

### B.C.'S PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE ACT NOW IN FORCE



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*Reproduced from Engineers and Geoscientists B.C. Press Release*

(VICTORIA) - The B.C. *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) came into force on Friday, February 5.

This new legislation replaces the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* and establishes a consolidated framework for professional regulators in the natural and built environment.

The PGA introduces new regulatory tools, processes, and requirements for the organization and its registrants.

These requirements are formalized through an updated set of Bylaws.

Both the PGA and the updated Bylaws are available at [egbc.ca/act](http://egbc.ca/act).



**Ann English**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar,  
Engineers and Geoscientists B.C.



### PROVINCE CELEBRATES FOURTH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY



**Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance (third from left) spent 90 minutes meeting with over 50 members of the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter on June 27, 2019 in Willowdale. With MPP Cho in the photo above are (left to right) Chapter Awards Chair **Mohinder Grover**, P.Eng., **Debasis Dey**, P.Eng., **Kate Shilina**, EIT, Chapter GLP Chair **John Penaranda**, P.Eng., Chapter Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., and Electronic Media Chair **Amin Mali**, P.Eng.

The province of Ontario celebrated the fourth annual Professional Engineers Day (commonly known as P.Eng Day) on Monday, March 1.

Professional engineers were the first profession to get a day recognized on behalf of them. This initiative was led by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE).

This year, **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance rose in the Legislature to announce the day, the value of the profession and made reference to OSPE and PEO Headquarters, which are located in his riding. To view his entire address, click [here](#).

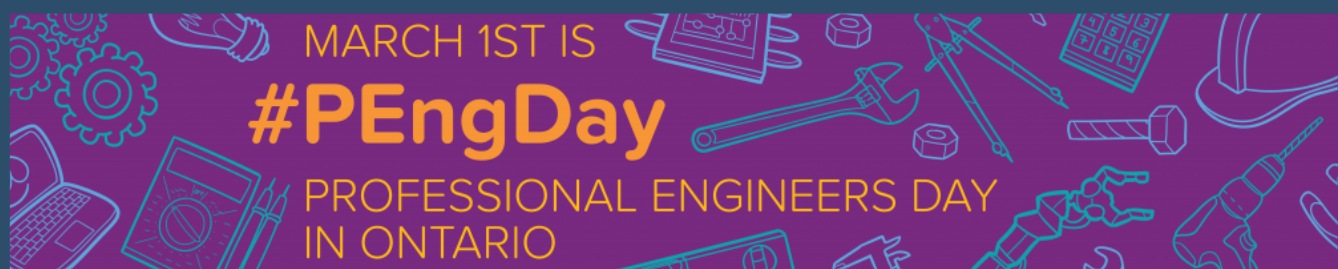
“Over the last three years, I have had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the incredible work engineers do in my community and across the province,” said MPP Cho. “Please join me today and on March 1 to celebrate Professional Engineers Day and all the engineers in our communities.”

MPP Cho has a longtime relationship with PEO.

Most recently, he attended a meet and greet event with members of the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter on June 27, 2019.



**Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance rose in the Legislature to acknowledge Professional Engineers Day.



# PEO TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



PEO Council at an in-person meeting in February 2020.

*Reproduced from PEO Communications*

At its 538th meeting on February 26th, PEO Council approved a motion that allows PEO to move forward with the creation of a mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) program for its licence holders as soon as any required legislative and operational tasks have been completed.

This decision, which builds on the existing, voluntary CPD program, is consistent with PEO's continuous improvement as a modern regulator.

Council's decision rescinds a motion from its September 25, 2015 meeting, in which Council affirmed "its intent to ask the membership to ratify in a referendum any mandatory requirement to participate in a continuing professional development competency and quality assurance program."

This preceded the introduction of PEO's Practice Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK) program.

PEAK is currently a voluntary CPD reporting and practice profile gathering initiative for licence holders that was designed to serve as a framework for mandatory CPD following a suitable trial phase.

Establishing a mandatory CPD program supports the Action Plan Council approved in 2019 to address the recommendations from PEO's external regulatory performance review.

Repealing the referendum condition is consistent with Council's legal obligations under the *Professional Engineers Act*.

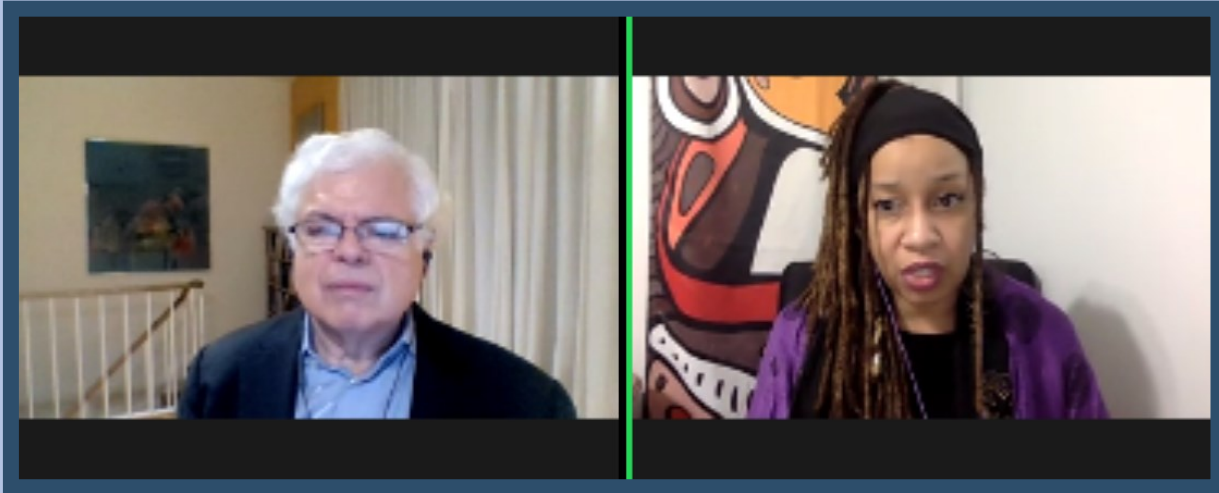
Mandatory CPD, once in place, will bring PEO in line with the best practices of other regulators of professions, including other engineering regulators, which have a mandate to protect the public.

It also conforms with recent recommendations from several key government-related stakeholders, including the Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry and reports from various coroner's inquests.

Further details on this initiative, including timing, program elements and requirements will be provided as information becomes available.

## EVENTS WITH MPPS

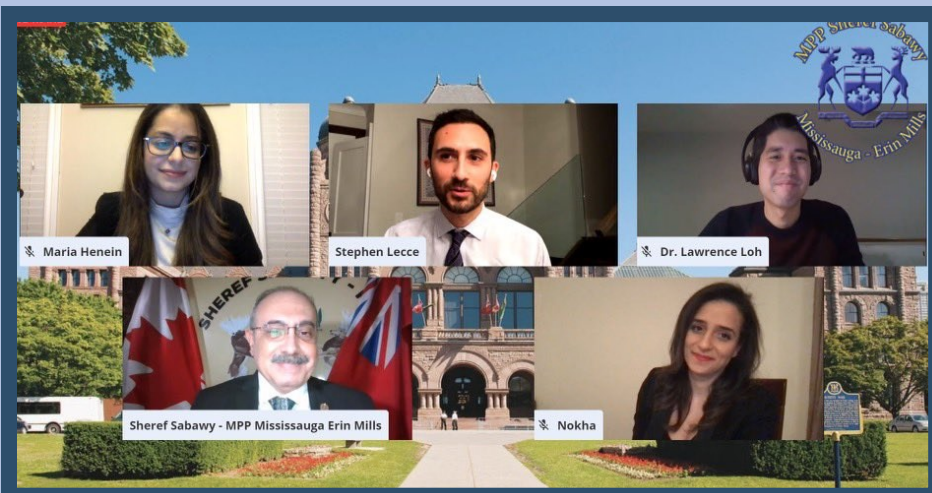
### PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND EVENTS WITH MINISTER AND MPPS



PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT attended an online event hosted by **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Energy and Climate Crisis Critic (left) and **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Anti-Racism and Colleges and Universities Critic (right) on February 24.

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Both MPP Tabuns and Lindo have a longtime relationship with PEO. MPP Tabuns was recently a guest speaker at the PEO East Toronto Chapter AGM and MPP Lindo participated in an interview for *Engineering Dimensions*.



It is important for PEO licence holders to continue attending online discussions with MPPs, in order to maintain relationships.

**Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (bottom row, left) hosted an online event on February 25. He is a regular participant in PEO events and activities.

Also participating were Education Minister **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) (top row, centre, Mississauga School Board Trustee **Nokha Dakroub**, Peel Medical Officer of Health **Dr. Lawrence Loh** and MPP Sabawy's Director of Communications **Maria Henein**. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was also in attendance.

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### TVO HOSTS PANEL WITH PEO CEO/REGISTRAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFELONG LEARNING



To kick off National Engineering Month, PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (bottom row, right) was part of a panel held on March 1 on the topic of 'The Value of Lifelong Learning for the Engineering and Technology Community.'

Other panelists were Ontario Society of Professional Engineers CEO **Sandro Perruzza**, P.Eng. (top row, right) and Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists **Cheryl Farrow** (top row, left).

Moderating the discussion was TVO's **Steve Paikin** (bottom row, left).

PEO's CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. participated in a panel discussion on March 1 to kick off National Engineering Month, on the theme of 'The Value of Lifelong Learning for the Engineering and Technology Community.'

His fellow panelists were Ontario Society of Professional Engineers CEO **Sandro Perruzza**, P.Eng. and Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists **Cheryl Farrow**.

Moderating the discussion was TVO's **Steve Paikin**, who is a past recipient of the PEO President's Award.

"I very much enjoyed moderating the National Engineering Month discussion," said Mr. Paikin. "The panelists were sharp and engaging. And the questions from nearly 200 people moved the discussion along."

Also attending were PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., and former Councillors **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., **Tomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng. and **Natasha Reid**, CET. Mr. Cutler and Mr. Sadr are both members of the PEO Government Liaison Committee. Mr. Sadr is also an Engineers Canada Director.

Topics of discussion included skills development, importance of effective communication, internships, licencing, professional behaviour and continuous professional development.

## 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](mailto: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

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

**Answer:** Santosh Gupta, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** What is the name of PEO's newly-elected President-Elect?

There was no winner of last week's question, so GLP Weekly has chosen a new question.

**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 8.

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

## 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/>

**Sunday, March 7—Celebration of International Women's Day** hosted by former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West), Liberal Education and Colleges and Universities Critic from 11 AM to 12:15 PM. To tune in live, visit: <https://bit.ly/3c2g4fw>

**Monday, March 8—International Women's Day Townhall** with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) and **Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto-St.Paul's), NDP Critic for Women's Issues, Culture and Heritage from 7 to 8 PM. To tune in live, visit: <https://bit.ly/2PBSnTZ>

**Monday, March 8—Virtual Townhall for Residents** hosted by **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton) from 6 to 7 PM. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3klpHEd>

**Monday, March 8—Fourth Annual International Women's Day** hosted by PC Women in Politics from 3 to 4 PM. The keynote speakers are **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton), Minister of Long-Term Care and **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce), Minister of Government and Consumer Services. To register, visit: [https://www.ontariopc.ca/4pcwip\\_wd](https://www.ontariopc.ca/4pcwip_wd)

**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 Karpoché**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park), NDP Critic for Early Learning and Childcare at 6 PM. To register, visit: <https://www.bhutila.ca/iwd>

**Wednesday, March 10—An Evening with Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River), Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Indigenous Affairs from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. To register, email [matthew.landry@revgempfr.com](mailto:matthew.landry@revgempfr.com)

**Thursday, March 11—An Intimate Conversation** with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough-Rouge Park), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation from 6 to 7 PM. Tickets are \$1,000. To register, email [matthew.landry@revgempfr.com](mailto:matthew.landry@revgempfr.com).

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