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For more on this story, see page 4.

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 <a href="https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter">https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter</a>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on April 23, 2021.

### **TOP STORIES THIS WEEK**

- 1. ENGINEERING MATTERS PUBLISHES INTERVIEW WITH MP GLADU
- 2. ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS B.C. UNDER NEW LEGISLATION

### PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) hosted the Northern and Western Regional GLP Academies on April 13 and 15. They are the first two of six regional Academies with a goal to certify ever GLP representative. (see pages 1 and 4). The purpose is to ensure all individuals representing PEO's GLP have a specific set of standards to adhere to.

Engineering Matters published an interview with **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (Sarnia-Lambton) (see page 3). It is important to share these types of articles with MPPs to show them the value professional engineers contribute to all levels of government.

### **PEO NEWS**

# PEO TO HOLD 99TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEXT MONTH



PEO President and Chair Marisa Sterling, P.Eng. at the March 2021 PEO Council meeting.

PEO will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Speakers will include PEO's President and Chair **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. and CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng.

The meeting will be held online for the second year in a row, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PEO 2021-2022 Council will be sworn in during the AGM.

More information about the AGM webcast will be available here closer to the date.

### **FEDERAL CORNER**

### ENGINEERING MATTERS PUBLISHES INTERVIEW WITH MP GLADU



The April 2021 issue of *Engineering Matters*.

Engineering Matters published an interview with **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (Sarnia-Lambton). She was the first female professional engineer to be elected to the House of Commons.

MP Gladu has participated in several interviews with PEO's Engineering Dimensions and was most recently the key note speaker at the PEO 2020 Government Relations Conference.

To read the full article, click <u>here</u>.

### **SECTOR NEWS**

# ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS B.C. UNDER NEW LEGISLATION

As reported in the April 2021 issue of *Engineering Matters*, Engineers and Geoscientists B.C. are under new legislation.

This change will require any firm in B.C. that wishes to practice professional engineering, to register to obtain a Permit to Practice.

For more information, visit the Engineers and Geoscientists B.C. website <u>here</u>.

As mentioned on the website, "The legislation will come into effect on July 2, 2021. Firms will be required to complete their registration by September 2021.

"Registrant firms will be required to have a representative attend training, and to have documented policies and procedures in place that indicate how they meet the quality management, ethics, and continuing education requirements within 12 months of registering."



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

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The purpose of the certification sessions are to provide all 100+ PEO GLP representatives with the same standard of knowledge and skills, insight on how to interact with MPPs and the opportunity to develop skills required to engage with government effectively.

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

Also participating in the April 13 session were PEO's GLC Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. and former GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., who both contributed significantly.

The remaining Academies will take place on:

- Tuesday, April 20 for the Eastern Region from 7 to 9 PM
- Thursday, April 22 for the East Central Region from 7 to 9 PM
- Saturday, April 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM as an extra session for those who cannot participate on weekdays
- Wednesday, May 5 for the West Central Region from 7 to 9 PM

### **GLP TRIVIA CONTEST**

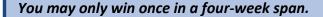
CONGRATULATIONS to Chair of the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which PEO Chapter participated in an event with London West MPP Peggy Sattler on March 18?

**Answer: PEO's London Chapter** 

This week's question: Who is the PEO Councillor and former PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice-Chair that was elected to the Engineers Canada Board?

<u>Join the Contest:</u> Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at <u>jchau@peo.on.ca</u> by Monday, April 19.





Nanda Lwin, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia Contest.

### ONLINE MPP EVENTS

**Sunday, April 18—Build Back Better** a Virtual Town Hall with **Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto-St. Paul's), NDP Critic for Women's Issues and Culture and Heritage at 3 PM. MPP Andrew will be joined by her federal and municipal counterparts. To tune in live visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/carolyn.bennett.stpauls/live">https://www.facebook.com/carolyn.bennett.stpauls/live</a>

Tuesday, April 20—Etobicoke-Lakeshore Fundraiser with Ontario's Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge), President of the Treasury Board and Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General from 6 to 7 PM. Tickets are \$750. To register visit <a href="https://etobicokelakeshore.ontariopc.ca/peter\_bethlenfalvy2022">https://etobicokelakeshore.ontariopc.ca/peter\_bethlenfalvy2022</a>

**Wednesday, April 21—Virtual Iftar** hosted by Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca** at 7 PM. To register visit <a href="https://ontarioliberal.ca/events/virtual-iftar-with-steven-del-duca/">https://ontarioliberal.ca/events/virtual-iftar-with-steven-del-duca/</a>

Thursday, April 22—Protecting the Ottawa River with Joel Harden, MPP (Ottawa Centre), NDP Critic for Accessibility and Persons with Disabilities at 6 PM. To register visit <a href="https://www.joelharden.ca/">https://www.joelharden.ca/</a> town hall on protecting the ottawa river

**Friday, April 23—Public Affairs Association of Canada presents 'Creating Effective Lobby Days in a Virtual Environment'** with **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Catherine Fife, MPP (Waterloo), NDP Caucus Chair and Finance and Treasure Board Critic and Mitzie Hunter, MPP (Liberal-Scarborough-Guildwood) from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 for non-members. To register visit <a href="https://paac.wildapricot.org/event-4256183">https://paac.wildapricot.org/event-4256183</a>. For further information, contact PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, whose information is below.

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