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PEO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO INCLUDE REMARKS BY ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) (centre left) will be a guest speaker at tomorrow's PEO Annual General Meeting on May 15. Here is Minister Downey at a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony in 2019. In the photo are: (from left to right) Simcoe-Muskoka GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng., then PEO East Central Region Councillor **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie - Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, then PEO East Central Region Councillor **Keivan Torabi**, P.Eng., and then Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Chair **Kevin Hughes**, P.Eng.

For a link to the AGM click here: <https://www.peo.on.ca/about-peo/annual-general-meetings/2021-annual-general-meeting>

For more on this story, see page 6.

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 May 21, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. NDP MPP ADDRESSES PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER
2. ENGINEERS CANADA PROFILES LICENCE HOLDERS ON PARLIAMENT

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

PEO East Toronto Chapter held an event with **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) (see page 3). It was the third time that MPP Glover has spoken to the East Toronto Chapter in the last 15 months.

It's important for PEO Chapters to continue hosting events with MPPs to maintain relationships despite the pandemic.

PEO NEWS

ENGINEERS CANADA REACTS TO FEDERAL BUDGET



Ontario Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister **Chrystia Freeland**, MP (University-Rosedale) at Queen's Park in 2018. Premier Ford and Minister Freeland have worked closely together on federal-provincial initiatives in the past.

Photo Credit: Nathan Denette / The Canadian Press File Photo

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister **Chrystia Freeland**, MP (University-Rosedale) released the federal budget on April 19, 2021.

Entitled *Budget 2021: A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth and Resilience*, the 739-page fiscal blueprint was the first release in two years.

Engineers Canada released their analysis of the budget, which said they were encouraged by:

- The commitment to tackling gaps in education and skills development
- The investment in green infrastructure and research and development as strategies to help boost the post-Covid-19 economy

Engineers Canada was also pleased to see continued commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, infrastructure investments, universal broadband access, and innovation.

For a link to the full story click here: <https://engineerscanada.ca/news-and-events/news/engineers-canadas-federal-budget-highlights-and-analysis>

EVENTS WITH MPPS

NDP MPP ADDRESSES PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER



Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina-Fort York), NDP critic for Technology Development and Innovation, was a guest speaker at PEO East Toronto Chapter events on February 5, 2020 (see photo left) and on May 12 at the Chapter's license certificate ceremony.

Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina-Fort York), NDP critic for Technology Development and Innovation, was guest speaker on May 12 at PEO East Toronto Chapter's license certificate ceremony.

He was invited by **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, GLP Chair for the Chapter.

MPP Glover was first elected in 2018 and is a regular participant in East Toronto Chapter events.

He last spoke at the Chapter on February 5 and December 12 in 2020.

To conclude his remarks on May 12, MPP Glover said:

"You are now part of the Professional Engineers of Ontario—a community of professionals."

"...We need to make sure that everyone gets the support they need in that broader community. I would love to work with you in achieving that goal."

SECTOR NEWS

ENGINEERS CANADA PROFILES LICENCE HOLDERS ON PARLIAMENT



Sukh Dhaliwal, MP (Surrey-Newton), P.Eng. is one of six professional engineers in the House of Commons in Ottawa.

Engineers Canada has continued its series featuring professional engineers who hold federal public office. On May 6, **Sukh Dhaliwal**, MP (Surrey-Newton), P.Eng., was featured in Engineering Matters, the association's weekly newsletter.

See link for the full story:

<https://engineerscanada.ca/news-and-events/news/engineers-on-parliament-hill-sukh-dhaliwal>

Mr. Dhaliwal is one of six P.Eng. MPs who currently hold federal public office.

Here is an excerpt from the article:

"I would absolutely encourage graduates to earn their P.Eng. because of the values of selflessness and contribution that comes with our profession's code of ethics and conduct," said Mr. Dhaliwal.

"A sense of duty to the greater good is a perspective that will help those who pursue their P.Eng. in every aspect of their life."

NEW PRESIDENTS TAKE THE HELM AT OSPE AND PEO

Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) held their annual meeting on May 8. They elected four new directors and have appointed Board member **Mark Frayne**, P.Eng., to the position of President and Chair.

Mr. Frayne has been an active member and volunteer of PEO's Sudbury Chapter.

He has over three decades of operational and project management experience in the mining and municipal sectors.

OSPE, formed in 2000, is the advocacy association that works to advance the professional and economic interests of the Ontario engineering community by advocating with governments, employers, and the public.



OSPE President and Chair
Mark Frayne, P.Eng.



PEO President-elect
Christian Bellini, P.Eng.

Christian Bellini, P.Eng., will become PEO's 100th president at the PEO 2021 Annual General Meeting this Saturday, May 15. He was elected by the membership as President-Elect in March 2020.

Mr. Bellini began his engineering career in 1995 at the engineering firm, Blackwell. Today, he is a principal at the same firm, now with a staff of 60 with offices across Canada and an international portfolio of projects.

His volunteer career at PEO began in 2005 when he joined the Experience Requirements Committee, serving in later years as vice chair and chair. Over the years he has served on, and in some cases chaired, many of PEO's regulatory committees and task forces.

In 2018, he was appointed to Engineers Canada's board of directors and currently also sits on Engineers Canada's Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board.

Professional Engineers Ontario is the licensing and regulating body for professional engineering in the province.

ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ADDRESS PEO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THIS WEEKEND



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) (centre left) is the guest speaker at this year's PEO Annual General Meeting on May 15. The photo above was taken on October 27, 2020 when Minister Downey (top left) met virtually with PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. (bottom left). Also in the photo are Minister Downey's Senior Policy Advisor **Patrick Schertzer** (top right), PEO's CEO/ Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (bottom right) and Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (top centre).

Over 400 licence holders are expected to attend PEO's Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place virtually this Saturday, May 15.

The meeting will be chaired by outgoing PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

The meeting will start at 10 A.M. and Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) will be a kickoff speaker.

The AGM of PEO is held for the following purposes:

- To lay before members the reports of the Council and committees of the association;
- To inform members of matters relating to the affairs of the association; and
- To ascertain the views of the members present at the meeting on matters relating to the affairs of the association.

At the conclusion of the AGM, the 2021-2022 PEO Council, including President-Elect **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., will be sworn in.

For a link to the AGM click here: <https://www.peo.on.ca/about-peo/annual-general-meetings/2021-annual-general-meeting>

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 incoming PEO Councillor attended the open Training Certification session on April 24?

Answer: PEO West Central Region Councillor Jim Chisholm, P.Eng.

This week's question: Which PEO Chapter held their Engineering Project of the Year Ceremony on April 21?

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, May 10.

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



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

UPCOMING 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/>

Wednesday, May 12—Education in the Pandemic with MPP **Peter Tabuns** (Toronto-Danforth) and MPP **Marit Stiles** (Davenport) https://www.petertabuns.ca/events_in_toronto-danforth



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