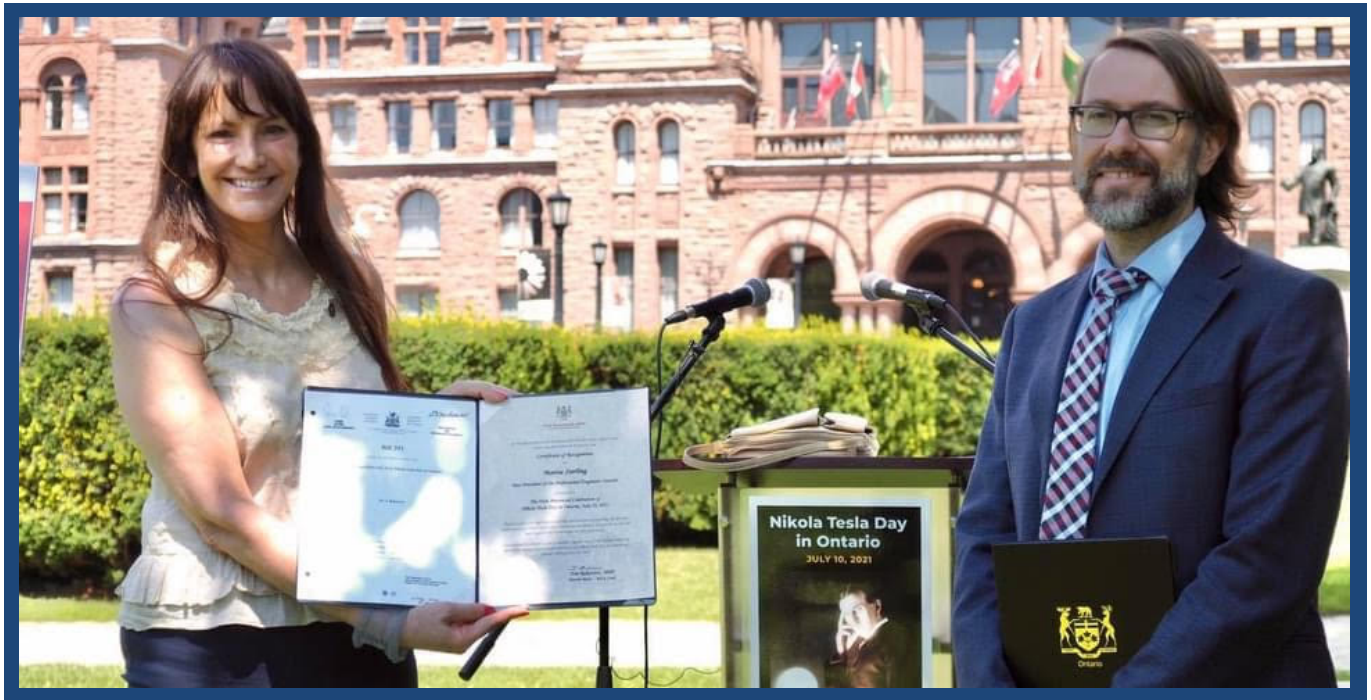




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We've changed the name. We've changed the look. Let us know what you think!



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PEO Past President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. participated in a ceremony on July 10 at Queen's Park, featured on MPP Rakocovic's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

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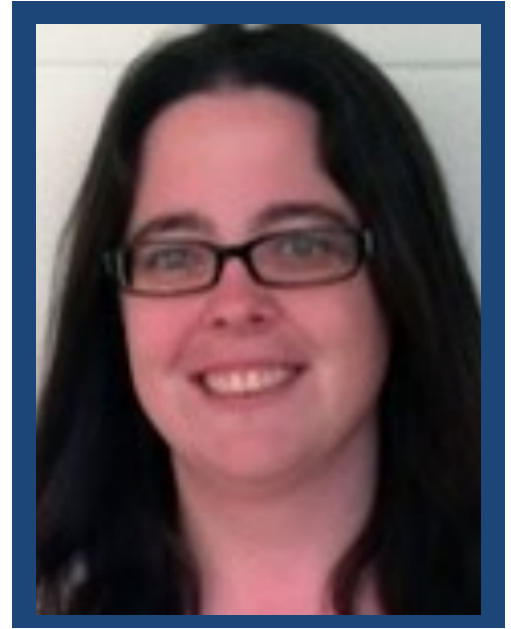
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PEO PRESIDENT TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEET AND GREET FOR GLP REPS



PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.



Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair and PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.

PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. will be speaking at a Meet and Greet for PEO Government Liasion Program (GLP) reps in the various Chapters across Ontario and members of the Government Liaison Committee, sharing his vision from his interview with the *GLP Weekly Times* on July 9.

It will take place on July 22 from 7 to 9 PM.

There are now GLP reps for all of Ontario's 124 MPPs and many of the reps will be joining the Meet and Greet.

Hosting the event will be Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair and PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.

It is being organized by former Regional Councillor and former GLC chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., GLC Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., Kingsway Chapter GLP Chair **Steve Favell**, P.Eng., Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations consultant **Howard Brown**.

PEO PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER CHAIR MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP

PETERBOROUGH - PEO Peterborough Chapter and GLP Chair, **Michael Wearing**, P.Eng., and **Tom Zagrodney**, P.Eng., met with MPP **Dave Smith** (Peterborough-Kawartha), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs on July 7 via Zoom.

Mr. Wearing told the *GLP Weekly Times* that they discussed the following:

- The number of licenced engineers in the Chapter area and in the Peterborough-Kawartha riding
- PEO has initiated a multi-year governance review
- Engineers Canada 30 by 30 project to raise the percentage of newly licensed engineers who are women to 30 per cent by the year 2030.
- The Peterborough Regional Science Fair and the excellent results from local students; some of whom won national awards
- The three scholarship awards from the Chapter to students who are about to enter first-year engineering at university. Six of the seven applicants were female
- Some of the events that the Chapter did prior to Covid-19 restrictions which they hope to start again next year

Also discussed during the meeting was the positive change in female participation in STEM subjects, and engineering in particular.

It is important for PEO Chapters to stay connected with their MPPs.



Dave Smith, MPP
(Peterborough-Kawartha)

NEW PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS APPOINTED



The Ontario Legislature sitting.

Following the cabinet shuffle on June 18, nine new Parliamentary Assistants and nine new Deputy Ministers were appointed by Premier **Doug Ford** (Etobicoke North) the week of July 5.

New Parliamentary Assistant (PA) assignments include:

- **John Yakabuski**, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), PA for Premier Ford. MPP Yakabuski frequently attends PEO Renfrew Chapter activities
- **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton), PA to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, **Monte McNaughton** (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex). MPP Anand recently attended PEO Mississauga Chapter's online 'Meet and Greet' and is an engineering graduate
- MPPs **Will Bouma** (Brantford-Brant) and **Michael Parsa** (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill), PAs to the Minister of Finance, **Peter Bethlenfalvy** (Pickering-Uxbridge)
- **Goldie Ghamari**, MPP (Carleton), PA to the Minister of Colleges and Universities, **Jill Dunlop** (Simcoe North)
- **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West), PA to the Minister of Infrastructure, **Kinga Surma** (Etobicoke Centre)

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- **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), PA to the Minister of Energy, **Todd Smith** (Bay of Quinte)
- **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham-Unionville), PA to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, **Parm Gill** (Milton)
- **Sheref Sabaway**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), PA to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Minister, **Lisa MacLeod** (Nepean)

New Deputy Minister assignments include:

- **Nina Chiarelli**, Associate Secretary of the Cabinet
- **Denise Cole**, Deputy Minister for Children, Community and Social Services
- **Karen Ellis**, Deputy Solicitor General
- **Kevin Finnerty**, Deputy Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture
- **Nancy Matthews**, Deputy Minister of Long-Term Care
- **Renu Kulendran**, Deputy of Government and Consumer Services
- **Debroah Richardson**, Deputy Minister of Treasury Board Secretariat, Secretary of the Treasury Board and Management Board of Cabinet and Chair of the Public Service Commission
- **Monique Rolf von den Baumen-Clark**, Deputy Minister of Northern Development and Mines/Natural Resources and Forestry
- **Greg Meredith**, Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

PEO continues to work with all MPPs and at times even reaches out to Deputy Ministers to get their help.



ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) was nominated for the Canadian Lawyer Magazine's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers 2021. Minister Downey is shown above (third from the left) at a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony in 2019. Also 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.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie – Springwater – Oro Medonte) was nominated for the Canadian Lawyer Magazine's (CWL) Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers 2021 in the categories of government, non-profits and associations.

"I share this recognition with everyone working to break new ground and accelerate access to justice for Ontarians," said Minister Downey in a Facebook post.

"Together we accelerated justice in Ontario by decades only months, and we are just getting started!"

Voting for this award took place until June 25 and the CWL will upload the list of the 25 most influential lawyers sometime in August.

Minister Downey spoke at the PEO AGM on May 15 and was a regular participant in PEO's Simcoe Muskoka Chapter events before the Covid-19 pandemic.

MEET YOUR MPP

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) and Municipal Affairs Critic **Jeff Burch**, MPP (Niagara Centre).

STEVE CLARK MPP

Minister Clark was elected to the Ontario Legislature as a Progressive Conservative on March 4, 2010. He was appointed as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing by Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) in 2018.

He earned the title of being the Youngest Mayor of Canada at the age of 22 when he was elected Mayor of the City of Brockville in 1982. Minister Clark served three terms as mayor and also served as President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Minister Clark was a guest speaker at the 2019 PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress. He has agreed to give an in-person interview with the *GLP Weekly Times* in the fall.



Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (right) with former PEO Vice-President and Councillor **Chris Roney**, P.Eng. (second from left) and Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) (second from right) at an event in 2019.

JEFF BURCH MPP

MPP Burch was elected to the Ontario Legislature as a New Democrat on June 7th, 2018. After his election in 2018, MPP Burch successfully won support for his motion to bring year-round GO Transit service to Niagara.

He previously served as a St. Catharines City Councillor and was the executive director of Niagara Folk Arts Muicilturcultural Centre. MPP Burch graduated from Brock University in 1993.



Jeff Burch, MPP (Niagara Centre)

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In her speech, Ms. Sterling said, "Dr. Tesla was a man whose discoveries and innovations opened the door to the modern industrial age."

"I believe that as a profession, we should be proud of our history...for almost 100 years, our profession has earned the continued respect of government as well as the public confidence necessary to allow for and maintain self-regulatory status."

PEO passed a resolution that PEO designate the year 2006 to be the year of Nikola Tesla At PEO's 83rd Annual General Meeting in 2005.

Two other professional engineers were also present at the event including **Jovan Filipovic**, P.Eng. and **Vasilj Petrovic**, P.Eng. They were both recognized by MPP Rakocevic for contributing to the creation of this Ontario date of significance.

Ms. Sterling concluded by saying, "On behalf of Professional Engineers Ontario, I would like to thank MPP Rakocevic for his work on having every July 10th proclaimed as Nikola Tesla Day and to recognize his ongoing efforts to promote the successes of Dr. Tesla and the work of all engineers."

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Who were the two recipients of PEO's Companion of the Order Award featured in last week's issue?

Answer: Former PEO Councillor **Paul Ballantyne**, P.Eng., and former PEO President **Bob Dony**, P.Eng.

This week's question: Who was the former GLP representative featured on Plant Engineering and Maintenance Association of Canada's (PEMAC)'s webcast panel from the July 9 issue of the GLP Weekly Times?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the GLP Weekly Times with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Emily Binkley** at emily@brown-cohen.com by Monday, July 19.

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



Mike Bell, P.Eng., is the winner of last issue's GLP Trivia Contest.

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/>

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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 July 23, 2021.

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