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



**In the next issue:** Government House Leader **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham—Stouffville) has agreed to the first exclusive MPP interview with the *GLP Weekly Times* which will be featured in the August 13 issue, building on our current feature 'Meet Your MPP'.

## ONTARIO GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER AGREES TO EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

The *GLP Weekly Times* has been featuring for the last few weeks the 'Meet your MPPs' series. We are now expanding it with a series of exclusive interviews with Ministers and MPPs that we will be launching in August in anticipation of the 2022 election. The first one will be published in the next issue with Government House Leader **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham—Stouffville).

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# TRANSPORTATION MINISTER MAKES INFRASTRUCTURE ANNOUNCEMENT



Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (centre left) announced improvements to the City of Hamilton's infrastructure on July 26. Here she is at a Brampton Board of Trade event with PEO Brampton Chapter Chair and Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., President of the Treasury Board **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) and **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure in 2019.

HAMILTON - Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) announced a plan to improve transit in the City of Hamilton on July 26.

This plan will introduce daily hourly GO train services along the Lakeshore West line between Harbour GO Station and Union Station, allowing customers direct service into Hamilton via GO Transit services.

Minister Mulroney said, "For far too long, commuters in Hamilton have had to rely on Aldershot GO Station in Burlington to access Union Station. Better connecting regions throughout the province has been a goal for our government since day one, and that is why we are delivering this much-needed expansion of transit services into the City of Hamilton".

Minister Mulroney was the Attorney General from 2018 to 2019 and had responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act*. She met with PEO leadership during her term and currently has over 300 professional engineers working in the Transportation Ministry. PEO's Hamilton-Burlington Chapter, which this announcement would impact, has been very active in meeting with their local MPPs to show the importance of the work that PEO does in regulating the practice of professional engineering in the public interest.

For a link to the full story, [click here](#).



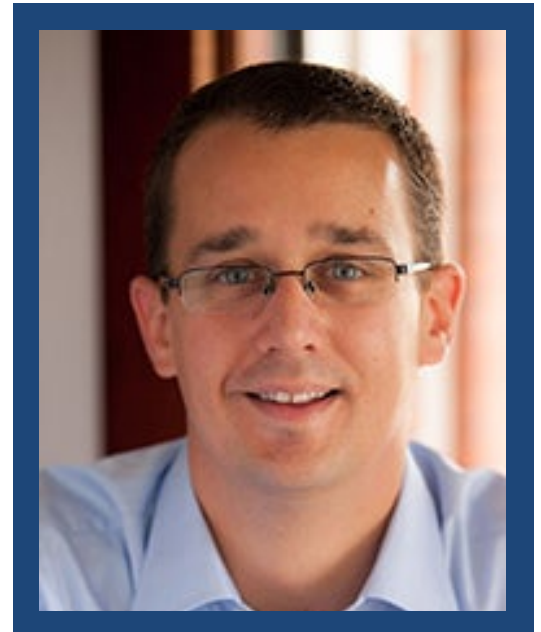
# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development and **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West), NDP Labour Critic.

## HON. MONTE MCNAUGHTON MPP

Minister McNaughton was elected to the Ontario Legislature as a Progressive Conservative in 2011 and served in various critic posts during his seven years in opposition. He was appointed as the Minister of Infrastructure in 2018 and was appointed as Minister of Labour in 2019. His portfolio expanded to include Training and Skills Development in October 2019.

Prior to his election, Minister McNaughton served as municipal Councillor in Newbury for three terms, and was President of the Strathroy and District Chamber of Commerce. He graduated from Westervelt Business College in London and later completed programs at the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University.



**Monte McNaughton**,  
MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), Minister  
of Labour, Training and Skills  
Development

Minister McNaughton has taken a long-time interest in PEO activities and he supported the appointment of **Robert Brunet**, P.Eng. to PEO Council.

## PEGGY SATTLER MPP

MPP Sattler was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a New Democrat in 2013 and was re-elected in 2014 and 2018. She is the Critic for Democratic Reform and Labour and is also the Opposition House Leader.

Prior to her election, she was a Thames Valley District School Board trustee for 13 years. MPP Sattler received a bachelor's degree from McMaster University and a master's degree in educational policy from Western University. It is important for PEO Chapters to maintain local relationships with MPPs. She participated in a PEO Chapter sponsored all-candidates meeting for her bi-election. She has been a long-time PEO supporter and spoke at length in the Legislature in support of the repeal of the industrial exception in the *Professional Engineers Act*.



**Peggy Sattler**,  
MPP (London West),  
NDP Labour Critic

# PEO PRESIDENT SHARES REMARKS ON FUTURE OF GLP AT MEET AND GREET



The virtual Meet and Greet for GLP reps took place on July 22 with guest speaker PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.

As reported in the July 23 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times*, PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. spoke at a virtual Meet and Greet for PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) reps in the various Chapters across Ontario and members of the Government Liaison Committee (GLC) on July 22.

There are now GLP reps for all of Ontario's 124 MPPs and over 75 reps participated in the Meet and Greet. There were lightning round introductions, breakout sessions, and some mini-training. President Bellini spoke about PEO's plans for becoming a better, more modern regulator and had a Question and Answer session.

President Bellini said "My goal for this year is to build on this momentum by focusing Council on completing this governance work, primarily by addressing Council composition and the clear articulation of the roles and responsibilities between volunteers and staff. And as well, we will look into how Chapters and programs such as the GLP fit into the regulatory framework."

One question from PEO Algonquin Chapter GLP rep and former Eastern Region Councillor **Paul Ballantyne**, P.Eng., "Members of Council will not be on some committees such as the GLC. How are we going to improve or maintain communication to Council?"

President Bellini responded that "Council has to be interested in what the GLC is doing. This is an important role and the most important thing is the messaging that is coming out of the work that we're doing is consistent with the messaging that is coming out of Council. We've been working on a governance renewal and one thing that we've taken away is that committees need to be able to do their work with the direction that comes from Council but they also need to be able to do their work independently from Council."

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PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP rep **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., asked "How can the GLC build on its role with you as President?" To which President Bellini responded "I think that the most important thing we can do is have an opportunity for a dialogue where I can communicate with you the specific messages that Council feels are important to get to government. We are working on how that structure is going to look. I would be a proponent of doing similar events to this Meet and Greet in the future"

Another question from PEO London Chapter GLP rep **Douglas Brown**, P.Eng., was "can you define what a right-touch regulator is?"

President Bellini answered, "Right-touch regulation is a term that is being used in the regulatory community these days. My own definition of it is that as a regulator, the work that we do and the work that we have at our disposal via the *Professional Engineers Act* or via the regulations are tools that provide a limit to commerce in the province."

"As an example, because of our Act, and because of the existence of PEO, an ordinary person can't just open up an engineering firm, they need to be licenced under our Act under PEO. As we can appreciate, government likes to remove red tape. So the idea of right-touch that is if you are going to regulate, it needs to be the right amount of regulation. It can't be so intrusive that it starts to affect the economy or the way that the province works but it can't be so under-regulated that it doesn't protect public safety so we have to find that balance. We find the exact balance somewhere between over-regulating and under-regulating."

Former PEO Councillor and GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., who is Chair of the GLP Rep Working Group provided an excellent summary of the event:

"The work we do at the GLC in leading the GLP Riding Reps is extremely important and I thank you all for your hard work in this area. How else do we keep MPPs informed about the important work we are doing in transitioning PEO to a modern right-touch regulator in the public interest?... In summary, the Meet and Greet was a good session. I want to close by quoting MPP **(Will) Bouma's** professor Dr. **Bob Carter**, who said 'you cannot be apolitical in a legislatively bound profession.'"

MPP Bouma (Brantford-Brant) is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and formerly Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier.



During the July 22 GLP Meet and Greet, an interview was shown from the November 2020 PEO GLP Conference with MPP **Will Bouma** (Brantford-Brant), then Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and now Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance being interviewed by PEO GLC Chair and PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP representative **Samuel P. Jacobs**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which PEO representative delivered a speech for the first-ever Nikola Tesla Day on July 10 at Queen's Park?

**Answer:** PEO Past President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** Which former PEO Councillor is the 2021-22 Engineers Canada President?



**Samuel P. Jacobs**, P.Eng., is the winner of last issue's GLP Trivia Contest.

**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](mailto:emily@brown-cohen.com) by Monday, August 2. *You may only win once in a four-week span.*

## 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/>

**July 30 - 5 PM: An Evening with Ontario PC Party Leader, Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North). Tickets are \$1000. Please note that PEO cannot cover the cost of this event. To register, visit: <https://ontariopc.ca/events/an-evening-with-ontario-pc-party-leader-doug-ford-2/>

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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/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. There will be no issue next week due to the shortened holiday week. The next issue will be published on August 13, 2021.

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