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PEO Oakville Chapter Government Liaison Program (GLP) Committee had a productive virtual meeting with **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to Energy Minister (top row, middle) on August 10.

Attending the meeting were Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen Abu Omar**, P.Eng. (top left), Chapter Treasurer and Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair **Jeffery Lee**, P.Eng. (top right), Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (bottom left), and Chapter Reps **Melody Xu**, P.Eng. (bottom row, middle) and **Bruce Li**, P.Eng. (bottom right).

NEW PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER GLP REP EXPLAINS PEO ROLE TO MPP

PEO Oakville Chapter representatives had a virtual meeting with **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy on August 10. The new Chapter GLP Rep **Melody Xu**, P.Eng. for MPP Crawford provided the MPP with an update on PEO's regulatory mandate and responsibilities.

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LEGISLATURE TO RECONVENE ON SEPTEMBER 13



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and the rest of the Legislature will return on September 13. Here is a file shot from September 2018.
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The Ontario Legislature is set to begin its next session on September 13.

This will be the last session before the next election on or before June 2, 2022.

One of the many areas focus for Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and his government remain to contain the Covid-19 pandemic and its many variants from infecting Ontarians.

It is important for PEO Chapters representatives to continue to maintain relationships with MPPs prior to the House's return while MPPs spend time reconnecting with constituents in their ridings.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOUND AGAINST TWO BRITISH COLUMBIA ENGINEERS



Two British Columbia engineers are no longer permitted to practice professional engineering in the province. They were found to have exhibited unprofessional conduct in the course of their work at Mount Polley Mine connected with the 2014 tailings storage facility breach.

The photo is a view of the breach repairs in 2019.

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VICTORIA, BC - A British Columbia disciplinary panel has found two engineers exhibited unprofessional conduct over the course of their work at the Mouth Polley Mine seven years prior in August 2014.

Separate hearings were held for former engineer **Stephen Rice** and engineer **Laura Fidel**, as per an Engineers and Geoscientists BC (EGBC) news release issued on August 10.

A discipline hearing panel for EGBC imposed a maximum fine of \$25,000 against Mr. Rice. He also resigned his engineering license in January 2018 and is no longer permitted to practice professional engineering in B.C.

PEO continues to work to improve the regulations of the engineering profession in the public interest, making sure engineers are properly trained to prevent disasters like the one at the Mount Polley Mine.

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

PREMIER, MINISTERS AND PARTY LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE



One of three Ministers' Forums: Strengthening Community Well-being with Health, Social Services and Education at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference on August 16.

LONDON, ON - The annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) took place virtually from August 15 to 18 for the second year in a row. Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) called it his "favourite event of the year."

Hundreds of sessions were held with party leaders, Ministers, and others including one on Municipal Digital Transformation: Building Permits in the 21st Century. It was a municipal building code complaint that led to the imposition of legislation that threatened PEO's jurisdiction and the start of the GLP.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte), whose Ministry is responsible for PEO's file, was on one of three Ministerial panels. He said on Twitter "It has been a very productive week at #AMO2021 meeting with delegations from across Ontario".

Other speakers included Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Infrastructure **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre) and former PEO President award honouree **Steve Paikin**, host of TVO's The Agenda.

All three opposition leaders delivered speeches including NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre), Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca**, and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph).

Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York - Simcoe) alone met with 48 delegations during the conference, according to her officials.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in the conference, which has been helpful in the past for building relationships for PEO.

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OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Committee arranged a virtual meeting with **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, on August 10.

Ms. Xu was introduced as the new GLP Rep with specific responsibility for MPP Crawford's riding. She works for the City of Mississauga and was well versed in explaining the regulatory role that PEO plays in ensuring that the public interest remains the key priority in all GLP activities.

The meeting was also attended by **Mazen Abu Omar**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair, **Jeffery Lee**, P.Eng., Chapter Treasurer and GLC Vice-Chair, **Bruce Li**, P.Eng., PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Rep **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs and **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant.

MPP Crawford was elected to the Legislature in 2018. He previously served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure from 2019 to 2021.

PEO Oakville Chapter thanked MPP Crawford for his continuous support of Chapter activities and PEO and expressed its need to have a strong relationship with MPP Crawford and his office to fulfill PEO's self-regulation mandate.

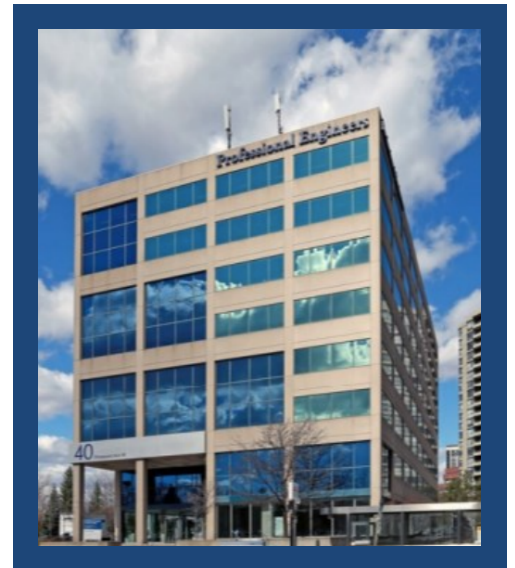
GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

This week's question: Which local MPP did PEO London Chapter meet with on August 6?

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, August 23.

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



UPCOMING 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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