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# 12 ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS RUNNING IN FEDERAL ELECTION



Candidates shown are in order from left to right according to list below.

OTTAWA - Engineers Canada has released a list of Professional Engineers running in the 2021 Federal Election. The Ontario candidates include:

- Hon. **Omar Alghabra**, P.Eng., MP (Mississauga Centre) is Canada's Minister of Transportation and is running for the Liberals. He is a strong supporter of PEO, having worked with PEO on the 'Engineers Want In' conference at Ryerson University in 2015
- **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (Sarnia-Lambton), Conservative Critic for FedDev Southern Ontario and Privy Council, participated in past PEO events such as the 2020 Government Relations Conference. She is the first female engineer to sit in parliament and is running for the Conservatives.
- Former Mayor of Timmins **Steve Black**, P.Eng., spoke at the PEO GLP Academy and Congress in Timmins in 2015. He is running for the Liberals in the riding of Timmins-James Bay.
- Former PEO Vice-President **Corneliu Chisu**, P.Eng., is running for People's Party in Pickering-Uxbridge. He is a former Conservative MP.
- Former PEO President **Peter DeVita**, P.Eng. is running for the NDP in Vaughan-Woodbridge.

Other candidates include:

- **John Sagman**, P.Eng., Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, Conservative Party of Canada
- **Christopher Webb**, P.Eng., Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, People's Party of Canada
- **Stephen Makk**, P.Eng., Simcoe North, People's Party of Canada
- **Adam DeVita**, P.Eng., Richmond Hill, New Democratic Party
- **Dirka Prout**, P.Eng., London North Centre, New Democratic Party
- **Penelope Williams**, P.Eng., Don Valley East, Conservative Party of Canada
- **Gordon Kubanek**, P.Eng., Nepean, Green Party of Canada

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



# LEGISLATURE TO RECONVENE ON OCTOBER 4



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and the rest of the legislature will return on October 4. Here is a file photo from September 2018.  
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Ontario's Legislature is now scheduled to reconvene on October 4.

It was set to reconvene on September 13 but has been delayed until after the federal election.

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

One of the main areas of focus for Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) and his government is controlling the spread of COVID-19 as Ontario battles the fourth wave of the pandemic.

It is important for PEO Chapter representatives to continue to maintain relationships with MPPs while MPPs prioritize reconnecting with constituents in their ridings.

# PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER HOLDS DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL GLP REPS



PEO Mississauga Chapter hosted a Meet and Greet for GLP Reps on September 2. The event was led by Chapter GLP Chair **Karanjeet Singh** (right). Here he is with **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton), current Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development at an event in 2019

MISSISSAUGA - PEO Mississauga Chapter hosted a virtual Meet and Greet for their GLP Reps on September 2. During the meeting, Chapter GLP Chair **Karanjeet Singh** reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the GLP reps.

Mississauga Chapter is one of the largest PEO Chapters with over 7000 engineers with responsibility for six ridings including:

- Mississauga East—Cooksville, whose MPP is: **Kaleed Rasheed**, Deputy Government Whip and Associate Minister of Digital Government
- Mississauga—Streetsville, whose MPP is: **Nina Tangri**, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
- Mississauga Centre, whose MPP is: **Natalia Kusendova**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs
- Mississauga—Erin Mills, whose MPP is: **Sheref Sabawy**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
- Mississauga Lakeshore, whose MPP is: **Rudy Cuzzetto**, Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (Internal Audit)
- Mississauga—Malton, whose MPP is: **Deepak Anand**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development

# PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER HOSTS VIRTUAL EVENT WITH MINISTER



PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (bottom row) at its virtual barbecue on July 13.

PEO Scarborough Chapter held a virtual event via Zoom on July 13 and showcased license holders' various summer activities.

**Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility joined the event to send a message of encouragement to Chapter licence holders.

Before being elected to the Legislature in 2016, Minister Cho was active in municipal politics and was a City Councillor representing Scarborough-Rouge River.

Chapter Vice-Chair **Rajendra Gadhvi**, P.Eng. shared in a report that "Minister Cho (stressed) the importance of such activities to keep the spirit of summer alive."

It is important for Chapters to continue to organize events with their MPPs to maintain relationships with their local MPP and remind them of the role of PEO in regulating the profession in the public interest.



# MEET YOUR MPP

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features **Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River), Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry and **Judith Monteith-Farrell**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan) NDP Natural Resources, Forestry and Mines Critic.



**Hon. Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River), Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

## HON. GREG RICKFORD, MPP

**Greg Rickford** MPP (Kenora-Rainy River) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a Progressive Conservative in 2018. He currently serves as the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. He previously served as the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of State for Science and Technology in former PM **Stephen Harper's** cabinet.

Prior to holding public office, he worked as a nurse in Northern Ontario's Indigenous Communities.

He has taken an interest in PEO and supported the nomination of two Lieutenant-Governor Appointees to PEO Council.

## JUDITH MONTEITH-FARRELL, MPP

**Judith Monteith-Farrell**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a member of the New Democratic Party in 2018. She currently serves as the Official Opposition Critic for Natural Resources, Forestry and Mines.

Before being elected, she worked as a union representative for 25 years and has spent much of her time volunteering for various charitable organizations like the United Way, Friends of Quetico Park and the Heart and Stroke Society.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had the chance to meet MPP Monteith-Farrell when she came to Queen's Park after her election in 2018.



**Judith Monteith-Farrell**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan), Critic for Natural Resources, Forestry and Mines.

# PEO RELEASES NEW GLP INFO NOTE ON PEO AS A CO-REGULATOR



PEO has released a new GLP Info Note on being a co-regulator. In the photo is Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) whose Ministry is responsible for the PEO file. PHOTO CREDIT: TVO

PEO has released a new GLP Info Note regarding its work as a co-regulator. It was a topic of discussion at the September 15 meeting of the Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

Here is an excerpt from the paper:

PEO's goal is to be respected by the provincial government as a co-regulator in providing oversight to the regulation of professional engineering in the public interest.

"Co-regulation" means participation in a relationship such that the engineering regulator (PEO) and the Government of Ontario and other self-regulatory authorities, work collaboratively during the development of policies that will impact the practice of professional engineering in the public interest.

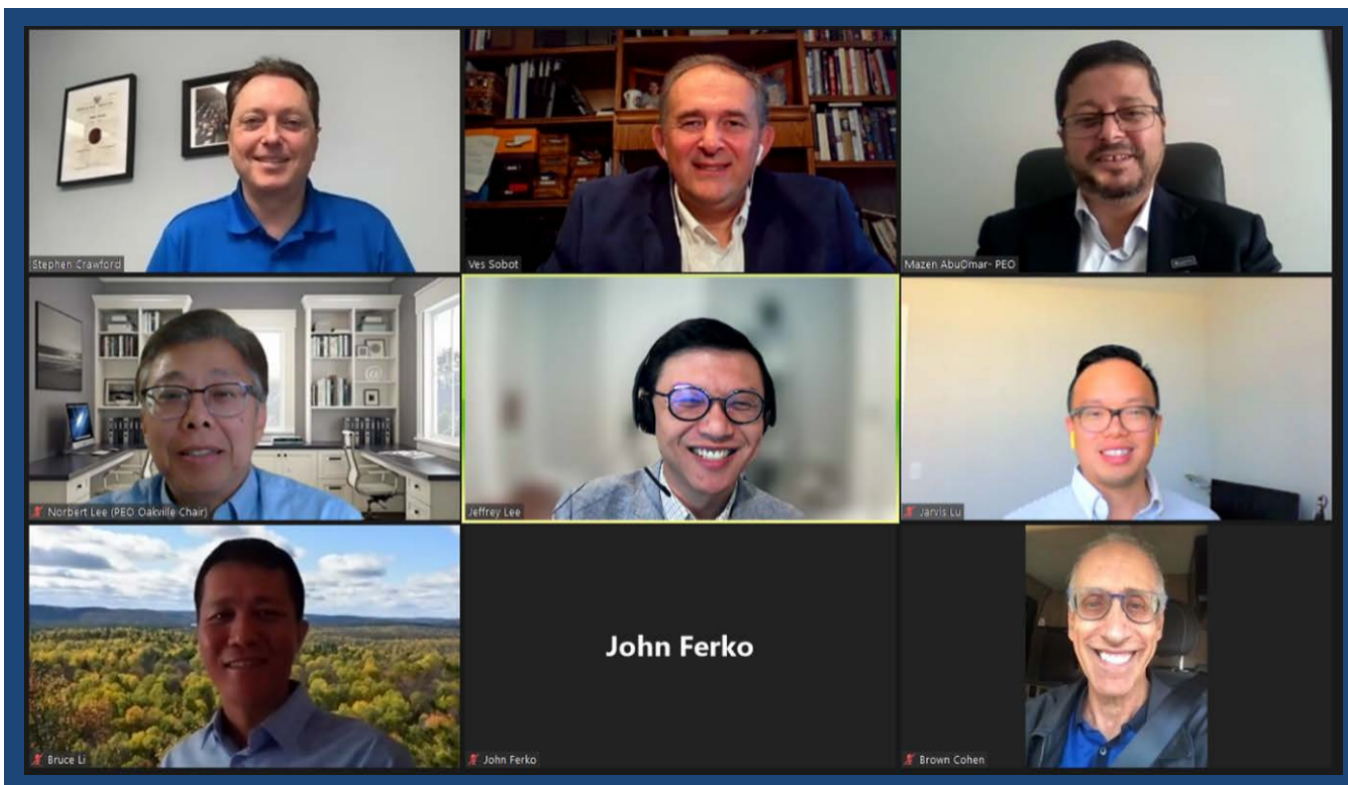
There are several examples of PEO working as a co-regulator with various Ministries such as the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Transportation.

Co-regulation is important as:

- It gives government access to the knowledge and understanding that PEO experts have in important areas of public policy;
- PEO can be an early source for information, before legislation is introduced and;
- PEO wants to be a partner with the government, not an adversary or a stakeholder.

For a link to the full GLP Info Note, click [here](#).

# PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER HOSTS FIRST VIRTUAL TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



PEO Oakville Chapter hosted **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (top left) for a virtual Take Your MPP to Work Day at IPEX Management Inc. on September 8. Also participating were Vice-President of Corporate Affairs at IPEX Management Inc. **Ves Sobot**, P.Eng. (top row, centre), Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. (top row, right), Chapter Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng. (middle row, left), Chapter Treasurer and GLP Co-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. (middle row, centre), Chapter GLP Coordinator **Jarvis Lu**, P.Eng. (middle row, right), GLP Representatives **Bruce Li**, P.Eng. (bottom row, left) and **John Ferko**, P.Eng. (bottom row, centre), and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (bottom row, right).

OAKVILLE - **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, participated in the first virtual Take Your MPP to Work Day hosted by PEO Oakville Chapter with IPEX Management Inc. on September 8.

IPEX is a leader in thermoplastic piping systems. They started out in the 1940s after developing the hula hoop. They design and manufacture the largest, most recognized and diverse range of integrated plastic piping products. IPEX has plants in Ontario, Alberta and several in the U.S.

Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. provided the introduction to the event and highlighted the work that professional engineers do and the role that PEO plays in regulating the profession in the public interest.

MPP Crawford has been a regular participant in PEO Oakville Chapter activities since his election in June 2018. In a report to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs, Mr. AbuOmar said that "MPP Crawford's participation and engagement in the conversation and discussion about the plant, their needs and their contribution to the area was vital to the success of the event."

Take Your MPP to Work Days are a great way to show MPPs the work of professional engineers firsthand, as well as build a relationship with the Chapter and local MPP.



# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

**Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., PEO Chapter Chair emeritus Willowdale/Thornhill was the winner of last week's question for the GLP Trivia Contest.

**Question:** Who was the former PEO President that was interviewed in the August 27th issue of the GLP Weekly Times?

**Answer:** PEO 2019 - 2020 President Nancy Hill, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** What Minister has been invited to speak at the PEO Student Conference on September 24 to 26?

**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, September 20.

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



Willowdale/Thornhill PEO Chapter Chair emeritus **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. is the winner of last issue's GLP Trivia Contest. Here he is with Ontario Liberal leader **Steven Del Duca** at an event in North York on September 4.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**September 28, 6:30 to 7:30 PM - An Evening with Liberal Party Leader Steven Del Duca.** Tickets are \$1000. Please note that PEO cannot cover the cost of this event. To register, click [here](#).

**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/>

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/glp-weekly-newsletter>

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