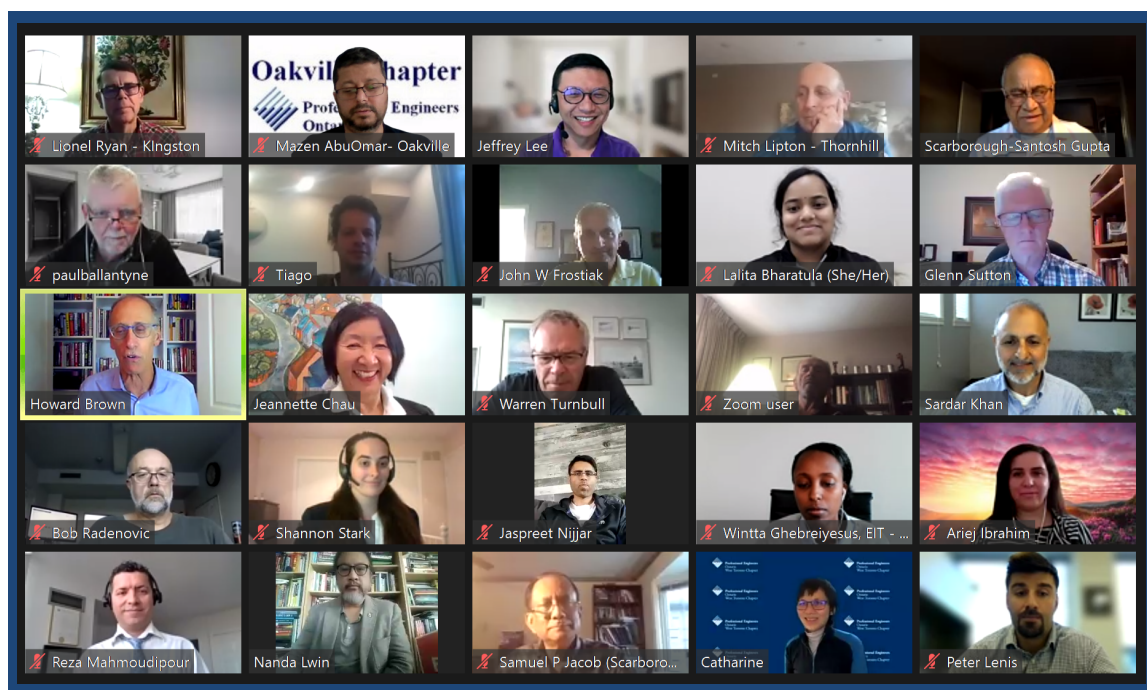




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Here is a screenshot of some of the participants.

ALMOST 60 PARTICIPATE IN PEO QUARTERLY GLP REP CALL

Almost 60 Government Liaison Program (GLP) Chairs and Reps participated in the PEO Quarterly GLP call on October 6.

Discussed at the meeting was a GLP Rep certification status update, new GLP Info Notes, in-person events, and Take Your MPP to Work Days.

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FINANCE MINISTER TO RELEASE FALL ECONOMIC STATEMENT



Hon. **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) (left), Minister of Finance is to release the Fall Economic Statement on November 4. Here he is with PEO Lake Ontario Chapter Vice Chair **Manraj Pannu**, P.Eng. (right) in 2019.

Hon. **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge), Minister of Finance is due to release the Fall Economic Statement on November 4.

It will:

- Report on the government's progress in achieving its budget goals and;
- Provide an update on the state of the economy

The Statement is likely to expand on the [Speech from the Throne 'Protecting Ontario's Progress'](#) delivered by Hon. **Elizabeth Dowdeswell**, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on October 4.

The Speech touched on helping to reinvigorate the province's economy.

MPP SHARES HIS SUPPORT OF PEO WITH COUNCILLOR



PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng. (right), had a chance to speak with his MPP **Joel Harden** (Ottawa Centre) (left), NDP Critic for Accessibility and Persons with Disabilities in Ottawa on October 13.

OTTAWA - PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., had a chance meeting with his MPP, **Joel Harden** (Ottawa Centre), at a local coffee shop on October 13 in Ottawa.

Mr. Cutler is the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and a long-time member of PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

Mr. Cutler reported that "I took the opportunity to thank him for his support for PEO over the past few years and told him that we have been busy with governance restructuring at PEO."

He also mentioned that "MPP Harden expressed his support for PEO and the important work that Engineers do."

MPP Harden was elected to the Legislature in 2018. He is the NDP Critic for Accessibility and Persons with Disabilities.

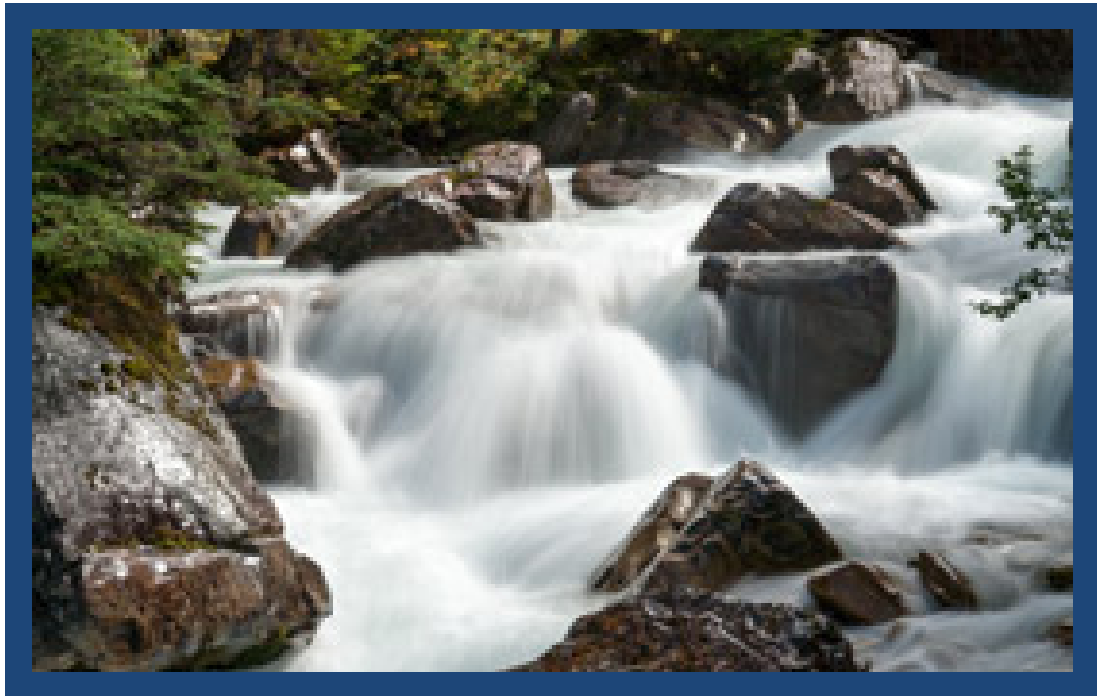
Prior to being elected, he was a researcher at the Canadian Federation of Students.

He has also served as an instructor at Carleton, Brock, Nipissing, and McMaster universities.

MPP Harden was a guest speaker at the PEO Student Conference in 2019 in Ottawa.

Mr. Cutler has been a long-time believer that it is important for PEO representatives to maintain a relationship with their MPP.

REVIEW OF PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE ACT ADVOCACY RESTRICTIONS COMPLETED BY ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC



Engineers and Geoscientists BC completed a review of Professional Governance Act advocacy restrictions as reported on their website on October 6.
PHOTO CREDIT: Engineers and Geoscientists BC

VICTORIA, BC - Engineers and Geoscientists BC Council and staff recently completed a strategic review of over 20 programs and activities against the 'restriction on certain advocacy activities for the regulators' under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) on October 6.

Here are excerpts from the release:

"The review determined that Engineers and Geoscientists BC's core operations and most other programs can continue, while some require modest changes to come into compliance with the PGA..."

"...With the review of non-regulatory programs completed, Council considered the question of establishing a separate advocacy body. Council considered the need to maintain its organizational capacity during this period of significant transition to new legislation, the need to maintain our strong culture of volunteerism, and the significant challenges of planning for an organizational restructure that may tax the organization beyond its capacity.

With these considerations in mind, and given the relatively small impact to the programs currently in place, Council determined that further considering and potentially establishing a separate advocacy body at this time was not in the organization's interests."

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

MEET YOUR MPP

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe), Minister of Transportation and **Tom Rakocovic**, MPP (Humber River—Black Creek), NDP Critic for Transit.

HON. CAROLINE MULRONEY, MPP



Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York—Simcoe), then Attorney General, met with then PEO President **David Brown**, P. Eng. at her Ministry office in 2018.

Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe), Minister of Transportation was elected to the Legislature in 2018. She was the Attorney General from June 2018 to June 2019. Prior to being elected, she worked as a lawyer in the private sector and ran a charity benefitting at-risk women.

Minister Mulroney met with PEO leadership shortly after she was elected in August 2018.

TOM RAKOCEVIC, MPP



PEO Past President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (left) delivered a speech at Queen's Park in celebration of Nikola Tesla Day on July 10. Here she is with **Tom Rakocovic**, MPP (Humber River-Black Creek) (right).

Tom Rakocovic, MPP (Humber River-Black Creek), NDP Critic for Transit, was first elected to the Legislature in 2018. Prior to being elected, he was the Executive Assistant for Toronto City Councillor **Anthony Perruzza**.

PEO Past President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. spoke at a ceremony at Queen's Park on July 10 in celebration of Nikola Tesla Day, established after a private member's bill was introduced by MPP Rakocovic.

ALMOST 60 PARTICIPATE IN PEO QUARTERLY GLP REP CALL



PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) Reps met for their quarterly call on October 6. Here is a screenshot of some of the participants.

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Almost 60 GLP Chairs and Reps participated as well as former PEO President, current PEO Etobicoke Chapter GLP Chair and Whitestone mayor **George Comrie**, P.Eng., former PEO Councillor and current GLC member **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., and PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs, **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

Discussed at the meeting were GLP Representative certification status updates and new GLP Info Notes including:

- [GLP Info Note 19.0 – PEO as a Co-Regulator](#)
- [GLP Info Note 20.0 - Notarius Digital Seal](#)
- [GLP Info Note 11.2 Engineering Organizations](#)

Representatives were informed that the Legislature has reconvened on October 4. Chapters may also now engage in in-person events, however on-line meetings are also effective and may be more easily arranged and are encouraged to continue.

Also discussed was how Take Your MPP to Work Days are opportunities for MPPs to see the work professional engineers do in the public interest, and to learn more about the role of PEO. The next call will take place on January 19, 2022.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Question: Which MPP participated in a community event with PEO Councillors on August 31?

Answer: **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood)

This week's question: Which MPP did PEO Mississauga Chapter participate in a Townhall with on September 28?

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, October 25.

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



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng. is the winner of last issue's trivia contest.

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/>



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>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on October 29, 2021.

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