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The delegation discussed with MPP Morrison PEO's mandate and she was invited to the Chapter's upcoming Annual General Meeting, licensing certificate ceremonies, and Take Your MPP to Work Days.

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FOUR NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS APPOINTED



Carlene Alexander



Denise Cole



David Wai



Beili Wong

Cabinet Secretary **Michelle DiEmanuele** shuffled the Deputy Minister team in October. The changes include (in alphabetical order, by surname):

- Carlene Alexander becomes the new Deputy Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. Ms. Alexander was appointed as Ontario's first Comptroller General which is a Deputy Minister level position at the Treasury Board in 2020.
- **Denise Cole** becomes the new Deputy Minister for Children, Community and Social Services. She previously served as the Deputy Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.
- **David Wai** becomes the new Deputy Minister for Citizenship and Multiculturalism. He has previously held a number of executive positions in the Ontario Public Service.
- **Beili Wong** becomes the new Deputy Minister for the Treasury Board. Ms. Wong previously served as the province's Chief Internal Auditor.

Deputy Ministers are appointed as the most senior public servant in each ministry, and are responsible for their ministry's day-to-day operations.

PEO has worked closely with Deputy Ministers, especially Deputy Attorney General, **David Corbett.**

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH PEO PRESIDENT



Attorney General, **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) has accepted PEO's invitation to meet with President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. on November 22. Here is a screenshot of Minister Downey sharing remarks at PEO's Annual General Meeting in May.

Attorney General, **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) has accepted PEO's invitation to meet with President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. on November 22.

Minister Downey was elected to the Legislature during the 2018 general election.

His Ministry is responsible for the PEO file.

PEO has a long-standing relationship with the Attorney General.



PEO President Christian Bellini, P.Eng.

The Attorney General meets with PEO annually to discuss the work that PEO is doing to regulate and advance the practice of engineering to protect the public interest.

Minister Downey shared remarks at PEO's Annual General Meeting in May.

At the meeting, he congratulated PEO for their successful year in managing the business of the association with the challenges of Covid-19.

He also complimented Council on doing the important work of moving changes forward towards implementing mandatory continued professional development.

MEET YOUR MPP

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North), Minister of Colleges and Universities and **Laura Mae Lindo** (Kitchener Centre), NDP Critic for Colleges and Universities.

HON. JILL DUNLOP, MPP



Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP (PC - Simcoe North), Minister of Colleges and Universities (top photo) was a guest speaker at the annual PEO Student Conference hosted by the University of Toronto Engineering Society on September 25.

Hon. **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (PC - Simcoe North), was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018. She was appointed as the Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues in 2019 and became the Minister of Colleges and Universities in June of 2021.

Prior to being elected, Minister Dunlop had a successful career in teaching at Georgian College. She obtained of Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition from The University of Western Ontario in 1997.

She is the daughter of former MPP **Garfield Dunlop** who also represented the riding from 1999 to 2015 and **Jane Dunlop**, Deputy Mayor of the Township of Severn.

Minister Dunlop was a guest speaker at this year's virtual PEO Student Conference, hosted by the University of Toronto Engineering Society on September 25.

LAURA MAE LINDO, MPP

Laura Mae Lindo, MPP (NDP - Kitchener Centre) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018. She is the NDP Critic for Colleges and Universities and Anti-Racism.

Prior to being elected, she was the Director of Diversity and Equity at Wilfrid Laurier University and holds a PhD in Education from York University.

MPP Lindo was interviewed for the <u>March/April edition of PEO's Engineering Dimensions</u>.



Laura Mae Lindo (NDP - Kitchener Centre)

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MPP Morrison is the NDP critic for Urban Indigenous Issues and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Response.

She was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

Also participating in the call were **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The PEO delegation had an excellent conversation with MPP Morrison on PEO's mandate as well as a discussion on the different engineering organizations.

Click <u>here</u> to view the GLP Info Note on the explanation of the different organizations.

MPP Morrison was invited to the Chapter's upcoming Annual General Meeting on February 2, licensing certificate ceremonies, and Take Your MPP to Work Days.

It is important for PEO Chapters to maintain relationships with their MPP to ensure that PEO's perspective is heard.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Oakville Chapter Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Who attended an event with Minister of Long-Term Care, **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) and **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North—Burlington) on October 13?

Answer: PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng.

This week's question: Which MPP met with PEO York Chapter on November 9?

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, November 22. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng. is the winner of last issue's trivia contest

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Tuesday, November 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM — An Evening with Liberal Leader, Steven Del Duca at Seasons Restaurant (134 Lakeshore Rd E, Oakville, ON). Tickets are \$250. To register, click <u>here.</u>

*Please note that PEO cannot cover the cost of this event.

Friday, November 26 at 7 PM - Ontario Young Progressive Conservatives' Christmas Party at Firkin on Bloor (81 Bloor St E, Toronto, ON). There is no cost to attend. To register, click <u>here.</u>

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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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on November 26, 2021.

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