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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This is the final issue of PEO GLP Weekly Times for 2021.



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GREAT WEEK TO END THE YEAR - THREE CHAPTERS MEET WITH MPPS

PEO Chapter GLP reps met with three MPPs in the past week including Brantford Chapter with **Toby Barrett**, MPP (Haldimand—Norfolk) on December 9, York Chapter with **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill) on December 14, and Ottawa Chapter with **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) on December 15.

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PEO YORK CHAPTER ENGAGES WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE



PEO York Chapter GLP Rep **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng., (bottom row) and Chapter Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng. (top row, left) met virtually with **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill) (top row, right) on December 14.

RICHMOND HILL - PEO York Chapter GLP Rep **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng., Chapter Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** met virtually with **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill) on December 14.

MPP Parsa is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Mr. Awoyemi as the Chapter GLP Rep for MPP Parsa.

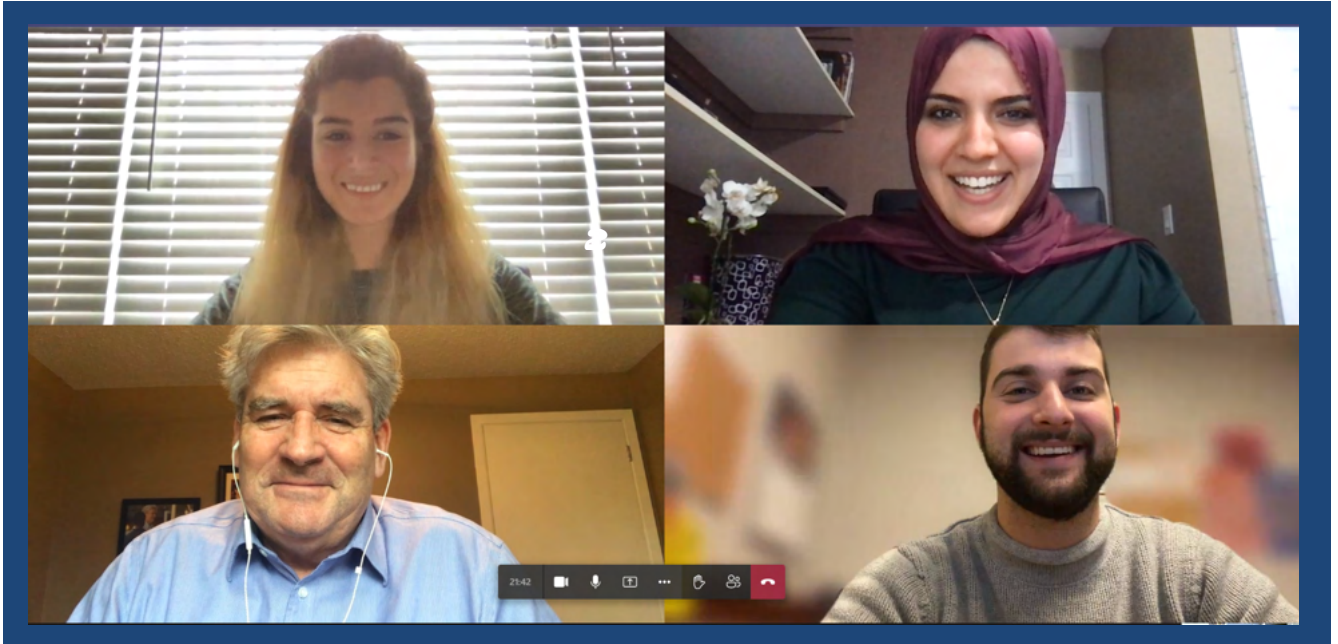
Mr. Awoyemi did an excellent job at discussing with MPP Parsa PEO's mandate and the role of the different engineering organizations.

MPP Parsa was invited to the Chapter's Annual General Meeting, licensing certificate ceremonies, and Take Your MPP to Work Days.

In a note to Mr. Awoyemi, MPP Parsa said, "Thank you for meeting with me and for your kind offer to allow me to participate in one of your upcoming sessions.

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2022."

PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER HAS PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH LIBERAL HOUSE LEADER



PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Rep **Zaineb Al-Faesly** (top row, right) and Chapter GLP Chair **Sana Abou Shaaban**, P.Eng., (top row, left) met with **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) (bottom row, left) on December 15. Also in the photo is MPP Fraser's Legislative Assistant **Eric Osborne** (bottom row, right).

OTTAWA - Liberal House Leader **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) met with PEO Ottawa Chapter on December 15.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Chapter GLP Rep **Zaineb Al-Faesly** to MPP Fraser.

Ms. Al-Faesly did an excellent job at introducing MPP Fraser's role in making PEO a better regulator.

MPP Fraser was very supportive of PEO's work.

Attending the meeting were Chapter GLP Chair **Sana Abou Shaaban**, P.Eng., Legislative Assistant **Eric Osborne**, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

MPP Fraser was invited to Take Your MPP to Work Days and other Chapter events.

He previously met with the PEO leadership team at Queen's Park during his time as Liberal Attorney General Critic and interim Liberal leader in 2019.

PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER HAS EXCELLENT MEETING WITH MPP



Toby Barrett, MPP (Haldimand—Norfolk) (top row, centre) met with PEO Brantford Chapter on December 9. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Attending the meeting were PEO Brantford Chapter GLP Rep **Lawrence Drebert**, P.Eng., (top row, left), Chapter GLP Chair **Lalita Bharatula**, P.Eng., (bottom row, left), and Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. (bottom row, centre), who is also Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC). Also participating in the meeting were MPP Barrett's Executive Assistant **Bobbi Ann Brady-Dwornikiewicz** (bottom row, right) and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (top row, right).

BRANTFORD - PEO Brantford Chapter met with **Toby Barrett**, MPP (Haldimand—Norfolk) on December 9. Attending the meeting were PEO Brantford Chapter GLP Rep **Lawrence Drebert**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Lalita Bharatula**, P.Eng., Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., MPP Barrett's Executive Assistant **Bobbi Ann Brady-Dwornikiewicz** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Mr. Drebert as the GLP Rep for MPP Barrett.

MPP Barrett is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The 26-year MPP has been an active participant in Chapter activities including being a guest speaker at the Chapter's 2019 annual dinner. Ms. Hilborn is an Agricultural Engineer for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

The PEO delegation discussed with MPP Barrett PEO's mandate of regulating and advancing the practice of engineering to protect the public interest. They also discussed the different engineering organizations. Click [here](#) to view the GLP Info Note on the explanation of the different organizations. MPP Barrett recalled working on the regulations committee of the Legislature to introduce the Certified Engineering Technologists designation.

He was invited to the Chapter's licensing certificate ceremonies, Annual General Meeting, 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.

TWO LONG-TIME COUNCILLORS RETIRE FROM GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE



Two long-time PEO Councillors, **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng. (top row, centre) and **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng. have retired from the Government Liaison Committee (GLC). Here is a screenshot from their last meeting on December 16. Also attending were **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (top row, left), PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs, **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. (top row, right), GLC Vice-Chair, **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. (middle row, left), GLC Chair, GLC members **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (middle row, centre) and **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. (bottom row, left), and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) held their monthly online meeting on December 16. The meeting was the last for two long-time PEO Councillors, **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng. and **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., who have retired from the Committee. Mr. Turnbull is retiring after six years on the Committee because of term limits and Mr. Cutler is retiring due to new PEO rules that do not allow Councillors to sit on non-Council mandated Committees.

Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs, presented them with certificates of appreciation.

GLC Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. said, "We thank Warren and Lorne for their great contributions and they will be sorely missed."

Also attending the meeting were GLC Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., GLC members **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. and **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Mr. Cutler provided a Council update and GLP updates were shared by Ms. Chau. Reports on the GLP Rep Selection, Training & Succession working group were provided by Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Lee reported on the GLP Engagement working group.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce), Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and NDP Deputy Leader **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming—Cochrane), Critic for Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

HON. LISA THOMPSON, MPP



Hon. **Lisa Thompson**, MPP
(Huron-Bruce)

Hon. **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2011.

She is currently Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and previously served as Minister of Education from 2018 to 2019 and as Minister of Government and Consumer Services from 2019 to 2021.

Before entering politics, Minister Thompson was the General Manager of the Ontario Dairy Goat Cooperative.

She has also been a past Chair of the Ontario 4-H Foundation and Vice-chair of Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. Minister Thompson is a graduate of the University of Guelph.

She has been an active participant in PEO events including the 2017 GLP Western Region Academy and Congress in Goderich.

JOHN VANTHOF, MPP

NDP Deputy Leader **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming—Cochrane) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2011.

He is the Critic for Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

Prior to being elected, MPP Vanthof served on the Temiskaming Dairy Producer Committee, the Board of Dairy Farmers of Ontario, municipal council, and had a ten-year term as President of the Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture.



John Vanthof, MPP
(Timiskaming—Cochrane)

He was a guest speaker at PEO's Northern Region GLP Academies and Congresses in North Bay in 2019 and in Sudbury in 2012.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former PEO Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which Professional Engineer in the Ontario Legislature announced their retirement?

Answer: **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont—Dundas — South Glengarry).

This week's question: Which Minister did PEO York Chapter GLP Rep Dale Kerr, P.Eng. meet with on December 3?

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, December 20.



Tim Kirkby, P.Eng. is the winner of last issue's trivia contest.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Sunday, December 19 from 11 AM to 2 PM – Christmas Party with Natalia Kusendova, MPP (Mississauga Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs. Tickets are \$300. 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>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. This is the final issue of the PEO GLP Weekly Times for 2021. The next issue will be published on January 14, 2022.

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