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PEO YORK CHAPTER GLP REP HAS PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER

HOLLAND LANDING - Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) met with PEO York Chapter Rep **Dale Kerr**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** on December 3. Minister Mulroney previously served as the Attorney General from June 2018 to June 2019.

The PEO delegation discussed with the Minister PEO's mandate and she was invited to Chapter events.

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PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER REVIEWS PROGRESS WITH FORMER PREMIER



PEO East Toronto Chapter met with **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) (bottom row, left) on December 6. Attending the meeting were GLP rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. (top row, left), Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng. (bottom row, right), and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (top row, right).

MARKHAM - **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) met with PEO East Toronto Chapter on December 6. MPP Wynne served as Ontario's 25th Premier from 2013 to 2018. She was first elected to the Legislature in 2003 and has announced her plan to retire effective as of the June 2, 2022 provincial election.

The meeting was the first opportunity for **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. to meet formally with MPP Wynne in Ms. Garner's new capacity as the Chapter's GLP Rep for MPP Wynne's riding. They have known each other for a number of years and this was an opportunity to educate MPP Wynne on Ms. Garner's new responsibility. Also attending the meeting were P.Eng. Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The PEO delegation had an excellent conversation with MPP Wynne on PEO's mandate as well as a discussion on the different engineering organizations. Click [here](#) to view the GLP Info Note on the explanation of the different organizations.

She was very helpful in recommending others who could be useful to PEO in fulfilling its regulatory mandate.

MPP Wynne was invited to upcoming Chapter events. It is important for PEO Chapters to maintain relationships with their MPP to ensure that PEO's perspective is heard.

PEO YORK CHAPTER HOLDS LICENSING CERTIFICATE CEREMONY WITH MPP



PEO York Chapter held a licensing certificate ceremony with **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham—Unionville) (front row, centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism on December 4.

RICHMOND HILL - **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham—Unionville) participated in a professional engineering licence certificate ceremony on December 4. MPP Pang is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

PEO York Chapter GLP Rep **Lui Tai**, P.Eng. told the GLP Weekly Times that "MPP Pang said he took a couple of years of Engineering at the beginning of his university studies in Hong Kong, so he is very aware of the responsibilities of an engineer."

The Chapter spoke to MPP Pang about the role that PEO plays in regulating and advancing the practice of engineering to protect the public interest.

About 85 people attended including PEO East Central Region Councillor Christopher Chahine, P.Eng., who gave a keynote address.

Also attending were Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, Chapter Vice-Chair **Hannah Ehtemam**, P. Eng. Chapter Secretary **Shad Dielshafei**, and Executive Assistant to MPP Pang, **Conni Fung**.

MEET YOUR MPP

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Christine Elliott**, MPP (Newmarket-Aurora), Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and **France G  linas**, MPP (Nickel Belt), NDP Critic for Health.

HON. CHRISTINE ELLIOTT, MPP



Hon. **Christine Elliott**, MPP
(Newmarket-Aurora)

Hon. **Christine Elliott** MPP, (Newmarket-Aurora) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2006 for the riding of Whitby-Ajax. She then served as the MPP for the riding of Whitby-Oshwa from 2007 to 2015. Afterward, she was appointed as Ontario's Patient Ombudsman.

In 2018, she was elected as the MPP for the riding of Newmarket-Aurora and currently is the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Health, which she has served in since her election.

Minister Elliott has been overseeing the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario.

On joining the Legislature, she was a regular participant in PEO events including a meeting at PEO headquarters and Queen's Park Days.

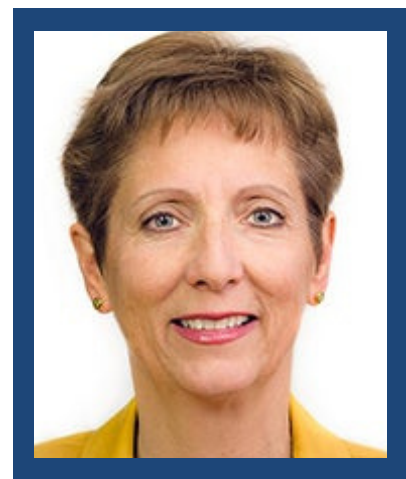
She has always expressed a great deal of interest and support for the Government Liaison Program (GLP).

FRANCE G  LINAS, MPP

France G  linas, MPP (Nickel Belt) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2007.

She is the NDP Critic for Health and Long-Term Care and Francophone Affairs.

MPP G  linas has a background as a physiotherapist. She has served as the Executive Director of the Community Health Centre of Sudbury, on the United Way's Citizens' Advisory Panel, and served as the President of the Francophone Reference Group of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.



France G  linas,
MPP (Nickel Belt)

MPP G  linas has participated in a Take your MPP to Work Day in Sudbury as well as PEO Queen's Park Days .

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Dale Kerr, P.Eng.

HOLLAND LANDING - Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) met with PEO York Chapter Rep **Dale Kerr**, P.Eng. on December 3. Minister Mulroney previously served as the province's Attorney General from June 2018 to June 2019 and met with PEO in 2018.

Also attending the meeting was the Minister's Executive Assistant, **Mary-Lynn Seeley** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Ms. Kerr discussed with Minister Mulroney the role of other engineering associations, the history of the Government Liaison Program (GLP), and PEO initiatives such as the regulatory review. The Minister was interested in a number of issues as she has over 300 engineers working in her Ministry. She was also interested in the 30 by 30 initiative which aims to increase the number of newly licensed engineers who are women to 30% by the year 2030.

The Minister said, "PEO does a good job as the regulator of professional engineers in the public interest and the Government Liaison Program, which matches one representative to each riding, does a good job of supporting PEO's mandate."

Ms. Kerr told the Minister that she would make her aware of any upcoming Chapter events coming up next year such as licensing certificate ceremonies. Ms. Kerr said, "It was a very productive meeting, and I thought it was a valuable interaction."

The Minister also mentioned that her mother studied engineering and that she has always had an interest in the profession. It is important for PEO Chapters to maintain connections with their local MPPs to ensure that PEO's voice is heard. This was one of two MPP meetings that PEO has held in the last week.

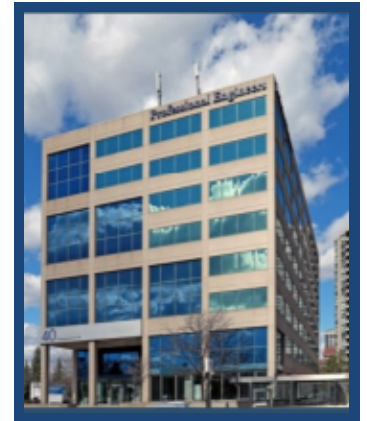
GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

This week's question: Which Professional Engineer in the Ontario Legislature announced their retirement?

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 13.

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



UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, December 11 from 1 to 3:30 PM - Holiday Open House Hosted by Lisa Gretzky, MPP (Windsor West), NDP Critic for Critic, Community and Social Services and Brian Masse, MP (Windsor West). To register, click [here](#).

Saturday, December 11 at 7 PM – Virtual Holiday Reception with Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina-Fort York), NDP Critic for Technology Development and Innovation. To register, click [here](#).

Monday, December 13 at 5:30 PM – Holiday Reception with Liberal House Leader John Fraser, MPP (Ottawa South), Tickets are \$150. To register, click [here](#).

Monday, December 13 from 6:30 to 8 PM – Holiday Party with Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP (Brampton South), President of the Treasury Board. Tickets are \$1650. To register, click [here](#).

Tuesday, December 15 from 5 to 7 PM - Holiday Party with NDP Deputy Leader Sara Singh, MPP (Brampton Centre), NDP Critic for Seniors, Home Care and Long-Term Care. To register, click [here](#).

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](#).

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 December 17, 2021.

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