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CITY OF TORONTO CHIEF ENGINEER RECEIVES OPEA MEDAL



Michael D'Andrea, P.Eng., Chief Engineer & Executive Director in the Engineering & Construction Services (ECS) City of Toronto was recognized at the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards (OPEA) on November 26 as a recipient of the Engineering Medal for Management.

The Ontario Professional Engineers Awards (OPEA) recognize professional engineers in the province who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and their community.

This year's gala took place in-person at the Eglinton Grand in Toronto on November 26.

Michael D'Andrea, P.Eng., Chief Engineer & Executive Director in the Engineering & Construction Services (ECS) City of Toronto was a recipient of the Engineering Medal for Management.

Mr. D'Andrea has been a leader in some of the city's most complex municipal projects and is a former Ontario public servant.

Other awardees include **Peter Halsall**, P.Eng., Professional Engineers Gold Medal recipient, **Baher Abdulhai**, P.Eng., **Ishwar K. Puri**, P.Eng., **Prabhat Kumar (Ted) Tandon**, P.Eng., Engineering Medal – Engineering Excellence recipients, **Hugo Blasutta**, P.Eng., Engineering Medal – Management recipient, **Michael F. Cunningham**, P.Eng., **Moncef L. Nehdi**, P.Eng., Engineering Medal – Research and Development recipients, **Eric Diller**, P.Eng., Engineering Medal – Young Engineer recipient, and **Sandra Odendahl**, P.Eng., Professional Engineers Citizenship Award recipient.

For more details about the awardees, click [here](#).

PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., PEO Past President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Vice-Chair of the Awards Committee **Rakesh Shreewastav**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended the event.

For a link to a livestream of the awards, click [here](#).

PEO COUNCIL HOLDS 544TH MEETING



PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. chaired PEO Council's virtual 544th meeting on November 19.

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It was chaired by PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.

Updates were provided by:

- The Audit and Finance Committee (AFC);
- The Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC);
- The Human Resources and Compensation Committee (HRCC) and;
- The Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee (RPLC)

Also at the meeting, former PEO Councillor **Danny Chui**, P.Eng. shared an Engineers Canada Directors Report, Past President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. shared an update on the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, and West Central Region Councillor **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng. provided an update from the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Exploration Working Group (AREWG).

The next Council meeting will take place on February 18.

PEO REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS RECEPTIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FIVE MPPS



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) hosted an in-person reception that PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended on November 29. Here is Minister Downey sharing remarks at the PEO Annual General Meeting in May.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** recently attended two events and had the chance to speak with five different MPPs as well as the Attorney General.

The annual PC Women in Politics Event took place on November 17. Mr. Brown had the chance to speak with four MPPs including:

- **John Yakabuski**, MPP (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier
- **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock)
- **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre)
- **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga—Lakeshore)

Mr. Brown also attended a reception with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) on November 29.

The Ministry of the Attorney General is responsible for the PEO file.

Also attending the event was Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, **Donna Skelly**, MPP (Hamilton Centre).

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

MEET YOUR MPP

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton), Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and **Doly Begum** (Scarborough Southwest), NDP Critic for Critic, Citizenship, Foreign Credentials and Immigration Services.

HON. PARM GILL, MPP



Hon. **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton)

Hon. **Parm Gill**, MPP (PC - Milton) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

He was appointed as the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism in June 2021. He previously served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Minister Gill also served as the Member of Parliament for the riding of Brampton-Springdale from 2011 to 2015.

During his time as MP, he served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veteran Affairs, and later, the Minister of International Trade. Prior to being elected, he was involved in his family businesses in the manufacturing and hospitality industries. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Western University.

Minister Gill has been a regular participant in PEO Oakville Chapter activities.

DOLY BEGUM, MPP

Doly Begum, MPP (Scarborough Southwest) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

She is the NDP Critic for Citizenship, Foreign Credentials and Immigration Services.

Prior to being elected, she was Co-Chair of the Scarborough Health Coalition, Vice-Chair of Warden Woods Community Centre, and a research analyst at the Society of Energy Professionals.

MPP Begum holds a degree in political science from the University of Toronto and a Master of Arts in development, administration and planning from University College London. She has been a regular participant in PEO Scarborough Chapter events.



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He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2011. He also served as the Mayor of South Glengarry from 2003 to 2011.

MPP McDonell is currently the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Prior to his election, he worked for Bell Canada in numerous roles for over 30 years.

MPP McDonell holds an engineering degree from Queen's University and is the only professional engineer in the Ontario Legislature.

He has been very supportive of PEO over the years including participating in GLP Academies and Congresses and the 2018 Government Relations Conference.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

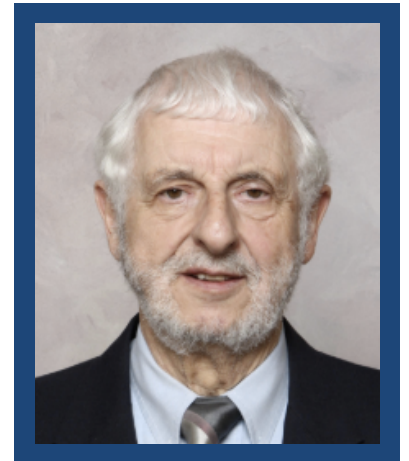
Question: Which MPP met with PEO East Toronto Chapter on November 10?

Answer: **Suze Morrison**, MPP (Toronto Centre)

This week's question: Which MPP met with PEO Mississauga Chapter on November 15?

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 6.

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



Roger Jones, P.Eng. is the winner of last issue's trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Tuesday, December 7 from 7 to 8 PM - Barrie-Innisfil Skilled Trades Town Hall with Wayne Gates, MPP (Niagara Falls). To register, click [here](#).

Tuesday, December 7 from 6 to 8 PM – Holiday Reception with Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General. To register, click [here](#).

Wednesday, December 8 at 5:30 PM – An Evening with Mitzie Hunter, MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood) and Liberal leader **Steven del Duca**. Tickets are \$175. To register, click [here](#).

Monday, December 13 at 5:30 PM – Holiday Reception with John Fraser, MPP (Ottawa South). Tickets are \$150. To register, email ottawasouthpla@gmail.com.

**Please note that PEO cannot cover the cost of these 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 December 10, 2021.

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