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**Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax), (right) former Minister of Long-Term Care, Finance, and Environment, Conservation and Parks has announced that he will not run in the June 2 provincial election. He joins MPP **Jim McDonnell**, MPP (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry) (left), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, who is the only professional engineer in Legislature, in addition to 12 other MPPs in announcing their retirement.

## FORMER FINANCE MINISTER JOINS LAST ENGINEER IN LEGISLATURE IN ANNOUNCING RETIREMENTS

A total of 14 MPPs have announced that they will not run in the June 2 provincial election including former Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) and the only professional engineer in the Legislature, **Jim McDonnell**, MPP (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry), as [reported on December 3](#). Both MPPs have been active participants in PEO events.

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# MPP SPEAKS AT PEO COUNCILLOR'S MEMORIAL SERVICE



RICHMOND HILL - It is with deep sadness that the *GLP Weekly Times* shares the news of the passing of PEO Councillor **Peter Cushman**, P.Eng., as [reported on the PEO website](#) on December 10.

Mr. Cushman served on PEO Council as an East Central Region Councillor and was committed to defending professional self-regulation while preserving the public interest.

He served as the inaugural chair of the Anti-Racism and Discrimination Exploratory Working Group, which was created in 2020 and was active in PEO York Chapter.

PEO announced the passing of former PEO Councillor **Peter Cushman**, P.Eng. on December 10. **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill) spoke at Mr. Cushman's memorial on December 19.

A celebration of Mr. Cushman's life was held on December 19.

Deputy Government House Leader **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance spoke at the memorial.

MPP Parsa is a regular participant in PEO York Chapter events.

Former PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng. also was a speaker at the event as a long-time friend of Mr. Cushman.

Also attending the event were PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. and PEO Councillors **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng. and **Qadira Jackson**, P.Eng. as well as former Councillors **Keivan Torabi**, P.Eng., **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., **Denis Carlos**, P.Eng. and **Vaj Banday**, P.Eng.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended.

The *GLP Weekly Times* expresses its sincerest condolences to the Cushman family.

# MPPS INVITED TO SPEAK AT PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER'S AGM



**Suze Morrison**, MPP (Toronto Centre) (top left) and **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) have been invited to be keynote speakers at PEO's East Toronto Chapter's Annual General Meeting. Here is MPP Morrison with Chapter GLP Rep **Marina Curak**, P.Eng. (top right) and Chapter Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng. (bottom left) on November 10. Also participating in the call were **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (bottom right), PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs and **Howard Brown**, (top center), PEO Government Relations Consultant.



**Kathleen Wynne**, MPP  
(Don Valley West)

Former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) and **Suze Morrison**, MPP (Toronto Centre), NDP critic for Urban Indigenous Issues and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Response have been invited to speak at PEO's East Toronto Chapter's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Their attendance is to be confirmed.

The AGM will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 2 from 6:30 to 8 PM.

Both MPPs have been supportive of the Government Liaison Program (GLP).

MPP Morrison met via Zoom with PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Rep **Marina Curak**, P.Eng. and Chapter Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng. on November 10.

MPP Wynne met virtually with Chapter GLP Rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. and Mr. Sadeghi on December 6.

The PEO delegations had an excellent conversation with both MPPs on PEO's mandate as well as a discussion on the different engineering organizations.

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

# KITCHENER MAN FINED FOR USE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SEAL



A Kitchener man has been fined \$20,000 in an attempt to pass off his work as the work of a professional engineer.

KITCHENER - The Ontario Court of Justice at Kitchener fined a man \$20,000 for attempting to pass off his own work as the work of a professional engineer.

**Robert Sajkunovic** applied a facsimile of the engineer's seal to design drawings filed with the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo and fabricated a letter from the engineer which also bore the seal.

Mr. Sajkunovic pled guilty to six counts of breaching section 40(2)(c) the *Professional Engineers Act* for applying the seal of a Cambridge, Ontario engineering practitioner to six drawings.

He also pled guilty to one count of breaching section 40(2)(a) for using the title of a professional engineer on a letter submitted to the City of Waterloo with respect to a residential construction project.

PEO administers the *Professional Engineers Act* to serve and protect the public interest by licensing the province's 85,000 individual practitioners and engineering firms.

When retaining the services of an engineer or engineering firm, the public may search the directories of licensed professional engineers and authorized professional engineering companies at the website [www.peo.on.ca](http://www.peo.on.ca).

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

# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the GLP Weekly Times features Minister for Seniors and Accessibility Hon. **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) and NDP Deputy Leader **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Critic for Seniors, Home Care and Long-Term Care.

## HON. RAYMOND CHO, MPP



Hon. **Raymond Sung Joon Cho**,  
MPP (Scarborough North)

Hon. **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2016.

He has served as the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility since 2018.

Before his election as an MPP, Minister Cho served municipally as both a Metro Toronto Councillor from 1991 to 1998 and a Toronto City Councillor from 1998 to 2016.

Prior to entering politics, the Minister was a social worker with the Catholic Children's Aid Society. He also founded the Global Youth Leaders which consisted of high school leaders from the Greater Toronto Area.

Minister Cho is a graduate of the University of Toronto. He has been an active participant in PEO Scarborough Chapter events including their Young Inventors Scarbrough event in March 2021.

## SARA SINGH, MPP

**Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

She is one of two NDP Deputy Leaders alongside **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming—Cochrane).

MPP Singh is also the Opposition Critic for Seniors, Home Care and Long-Term Care.

Before entering politics, MPP Singh was the founding director of Broadening Horizons, Board Director at Community Living Ontario, and former vice-president Brampton Caledon Community Living.



**Sara Singh**, MPP  
(Brampton Centre)

MPP Singh is a graduate of St. Mary's University and York University.

She has been an active participant in PEO Brampton Chapter events and spoke at the PEO GLP Academy and Congress at PEO headquarters in 2019.

# PEO REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS WITH SEVEN MPPs BEFORE LOCKDOWN



PC MPPs **Mike Harris**, (Kitchener—Conestoga) (left) and **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills) (right) as well as PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended a reception for **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre) (centre) on December 19. Mr. Brown also had the chance to speak to a number of Liberal MPPs on November 30.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had a chance to speak to several PC MPPs at an event for **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs on December 19, prior to the provincial lockdown.

Other MPPs that Mr. Brown spoke to at the event about PEO's mandate to regulate and advance the practice of engineering to protect the public interest include:

- **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries;
- **Mike Harris**, MPP (Kitchener—Conestoga), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Legislative Affairs and;
- Hon. **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East—Cooksville), Associate Minister of Digital Government

Additionally, Mr. Brown spoke to Liberal caucus members about PEO's mandate at a reception with Liberal leader **Steven Del Duca** on November 30 including:

- Liberal House Leader **John Fraser** (Ottawa South);
- Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard** (Ottawa-Vanier);
- Liberal Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure **Stephen Blais** (Orléans)

All of these MPPs are regular participants in PEO events. It is important for Chapters to maintain relationships with their MPP to ensure that PEO's perspective is heard.

# FORMER FINANCE MINISTER JOINS LAST ENGINEER IN LEGISLATURE IN ANNOUNCING RETIREMENTS



MPP Arthur



MPP McDonell



MPP Mitas



MPP Pettapiece



MPP Phillips



MPP Yurek

AJAX - **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax), former Minister of Long-Term Care, Finance, and Environment, Conservation and Parks has announced his plan to retire from the Legislature. He will join **Jim McDonell**, MPP (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as reported in the December 3 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times*. MPP McDonell is the only professional engineer in the Legislature.

This is in addition to the eight MPPs reported on November 12 and now four others including:

- **Ian Arthur**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands), NDP Critic for Small business recovery and Reopening Main Street
- **Christina Mitas**, MPP (Scarborough Centre)
- **Randy Pettapiece**, MPP (Perth—Wellington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- **Jeff Yurek**, MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, former Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Transportation and Environment, Conservation and Parks

Each of the MPPs has been an active participant in PEO activities.

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

**Question:** Which Minister did PEO York Chapter GLP Rep Dale Kerr, P.Eng. meet with on December 3?

**Answer:** Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP (YorkSimcoe), Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs

**This week's question:** Which three PEO Chapters met with MPPs as featured in the December 17 issue?



**Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. is the winner of the December 17 issue's trivia contest.

**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](mailto:emily@brown-cohen.com) by Monday, January 24. ***You may only win once in a four-week span.***

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**January 28 from 7:30 to 9 AM – Brampton Board of Trade Presents in Conversation with the Leaders: Steven Del Duca**, Liberal Party. Non-member tickets are \$39. To register, click [here](#).

**February 3 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM – Toronto Region Board of Trade Presents the 7th Annual Transportation Summit: Ahead by a Century – Inspiring the Next Generation of Transportation.** Speakers include Minister of Transportation Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) and Minister of Infrastructure **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre). To register, click [here](#).

**February 24 from 7:30 to 9 AM – Brampton Board of Trade Presents in Conversation with the Leaders: Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph), Green Party. Non-member tickets are \$39. 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.

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