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PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. received a letter of thanks from Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) for updates to his Ministry on PEO initiatives on January 10. Here is Minister Downey sharing remarks at PEO's Annual General Meeting in May 2021.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL LENDS SUPPORT TO PEO TRANSFORMATION PLAN

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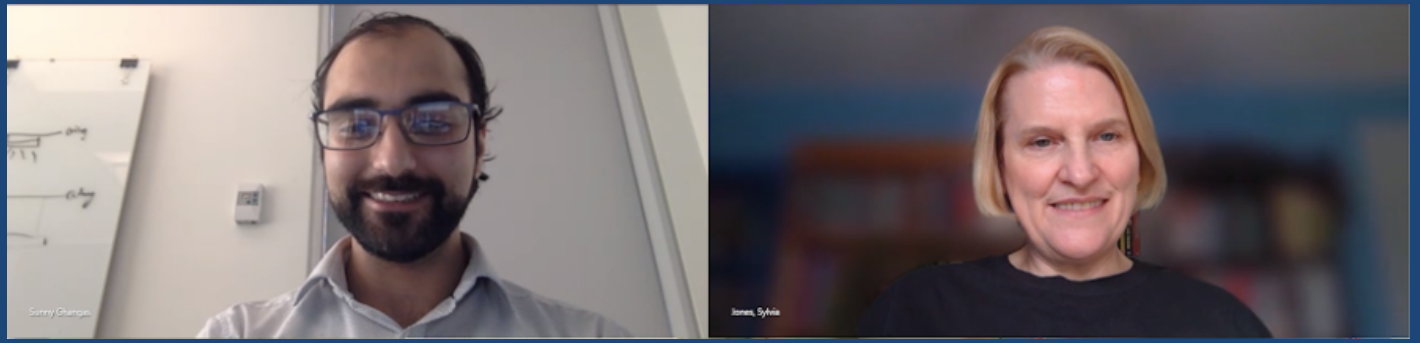
Mr. Bellini met with Minister Downey on November 16, 2021.

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# PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER MEETS WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL



PEO Brampton Chapter Chapter GLP Rep **Sunny Ghangas**, P.Eng. (left) met with his MPP, Solicitor General **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon) (right) on January 21.

ORANGEVILLE - Solicitor General **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon) met with PEO Brampton Chapter on January 21. She was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2007 and met with PEO in her capacity as Deputy Leader of the Opposition in 2015.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce her to her Chapter GLP Rep **Sunny Ghangas**, P.Eng. Also attending the meeting were Minister Jones' Executive Assistant **Lavinia Trask**, her Constituency Assistant **Tricia Field** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Ghangas provided an excellent report of the meeting:

"Mr. Brown and I had the opportunity to meet with Minister Jones and it was a very successful meeting. She is supportive of the new GLP program in which each MPP has a representative. It was delightful to speak to her and she was very engaging. We spoke to her about PEO and its role as a regulator,"

"I let her know that Brampton Chapter will invite her to Chapter activities and I think it would be a great opportunity for everyone to meet her. We also spoke about Take Your MPP to Work Day."

"I am pleased that PEO has created a one representative liaison program for each member of provincial parliament," said Minister Jones.

"Having a single point of contact with your organization allows us to build connections and discuss issues important to engineers who live and work in our communities."

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

# PEO NORTH BAY CHAPTER REACHES OUT TO MPP



PEO North Bay Chapter's GLP Rep **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng. has requested to meet with Hon. **Victor Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing). Here is Minister Fedeli (right), then Finance Minister, with PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., (left), and PEO 2019 President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. (centre).



PEO North Bay Chapter GLP Rep  
**Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng.

NORTH BAY - PEO North Bay Chapter has requested to meet with Hon. **Victor Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing).

Minister Fedeli is the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and was formerly the Minister of Finance.

The purpose of the meeting will be to introduce Chapter GLP Rep **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng. to the Minister.

Minister Fedeli has been very supportive of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP), having been a guest speaker at the 2019 PEO Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress.

He regularly attends PEO North Bay Chapter's Engineering Day.

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# ANOTHER MPP ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



**Taras Natyshak**, MPP (Essex) (right) has announced that he will not be running in the June 2 provincial election. Here he is in 2018 with **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (left), new Government Liaison Committee (GLC) member and PEO Windsor-Essex GLP Chair.

WINDSOR - **Taras Natyshak**, MPP (Essex) will not be running in the June 2 provincial election.

This is in addition to the six MPPs [reported on January 21](#) and the eight MPPs [reported on November 12](#).

MPP Natyshak is the NDP Critic for Job Creation and Economic Recovery and Ethics and Accountability.

He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2011.

MPP Natyshak has been an active participant in PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter activities.

He participated in a Take York MPP to Work Day in 2018 and was a guest speaker at a PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) Academy and Congress in Windsor and other PEO events.

# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the GLP Weekly Times features Hon. **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan), Minister of Education and NDP Critic for Education **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport).

## HON. STEPHEN LECCE, MPP



Hon. **Stephen Lecce**, MPP  
(King-Vaughan)

Hon. **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

He has served as the Minister of Education since 2018 and previously served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure.

Prior to his election, Minister Lecce first got involved in politics during the 1999 election of former MPP **Al Palladini**, (Vaughan-King-Aurora).

Minister Lecce also served as the Chief Spokesperson for former Prime Minister, **Stephen Harper**.

He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. The Minister has been an active participant in PEO York Chapter events including in their 2021 Engineering Project of the Year Ceremony.

## MARIT STILES, MPP

**Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport), was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

She is the NDP Critic for Education.

Prior to her election, MPP Stiles was a Toronto District School Board Trustee from 2014 to 2018. She also served as president of the federal NDP from 2016 until 2018.

She has also served as the National Director of Public Policy and Research for ACTRA and as a board member at the Toronto Foundation for Student Success.



**Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport)

MPP Stiles is a graduate of Carleton University and York University.

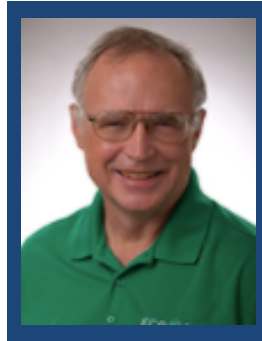
# PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS VOTING CLOSES FEBRUARY 18

PEO is holding its annual Council elections and voting closes February 18. A total of 17 candidates have put their names forward for eight positions. Three Regional Councillor positions were acclaimed. Voting is open to all PEO licence holders and can be done easily online. Click [here](#) to vote. A number of the candidates have long histories with the PEO Government Liasion Program (GLP).

## PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES



**Darla Campbell,**  
P.Eng.



**Roydon Fraser,**  
P.Eng.

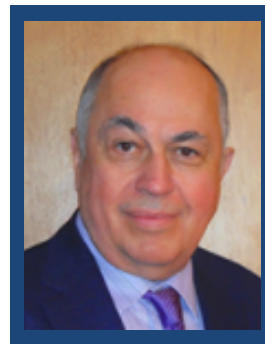


**Marilyn Spink,**  
P.Eng.

## VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



**Michael Chan,**  
P.Eng.



**Greg Wowchuk,**  
P.Eng.

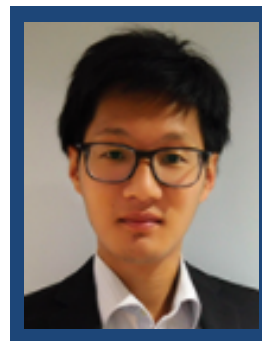
## COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE CANDIDATES



**Vajahat (Vaj) Banday**  
P.Eng.



**Chantal Chiddle,**  
P.Eng.



**Daniel Lam,**  
P.Eng.



**David Lapp,**  
P.Eng.

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# REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

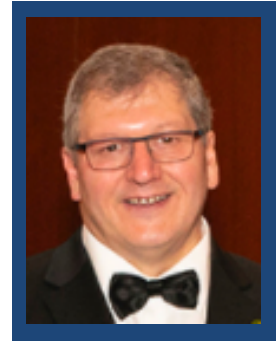
## NORTHERN REGION COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



**Agnes Krawczyk,**  
P.Eng.



**Dana Montgomery,**  
P.Eng.

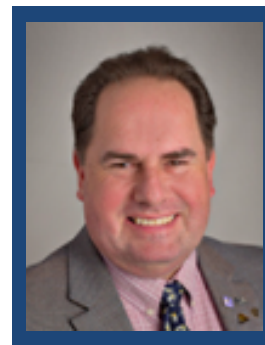


**Luc Roberge,**  
P.Eng.

## WESTERN REGION COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



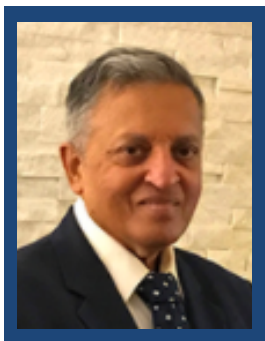
**Vicki Hilborn,**  
P.Eng.



**Wayne Kershaw,**  
P.Eng.

## ACCLAIMED CANDIDATES

### WEST CENTRAL REGION COUNCILLOR



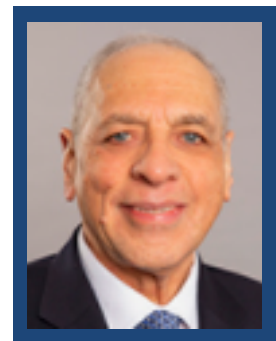
**Pappur Shankar,**  
P.Eng.

### EASTERN REGION COUNCILLOR



**Tim Kirkby,**  
P.Eng.

### EAST CENTRAL REGION COUNCILLOR



**David Kiguel,**  
P.Eng.

Good luck to all the candidates. Everyone is encouraged to watch the online all candidates meetings which were conducted on January 4, 5 and 6. PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

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Attorney General  
**Doug Downey, MPP**  
(Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte)



PEO President  
**Christian Bellini, P.Eng.**

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) sent a letter to PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. thanking him for updates to his Ministry on PEO initiatives on January 10.

Mr. Bellini met with Minister Downey on November 16, 2021 online. The Ministry of the Attorney General is responsible for the PEO file. Minister Downey wrote,

"Dear Mr. Bellini:

Thank you for your letters of [November 1, 2021](#) and [November 24, 2021](#). It was my pleasure meeting with you and other members of PEO's management team to discuss PEO's current initiatives, including your plans to review the Canadian experience requirement, commitment to implementing mandatory Continuing Professional Development and anti-racism and antidiscrimination efforts,"

"I would also like to thank you for your letter of [December 2, 2021](#) providing an update on PEO's Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Exploratory Working Group (AREWG). I am pleased to hear that the AREWG is moving into a new phase of its work and would ask that PEO provide the Ministry with an update on Phase 3 upon its completion in Spring 2022,"

"Finally, thank you for your letter of [December 7, 2021](#) regarding PEO's 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. I appreciate receiving updates on PEO's progress toward implementing elements of its plan for transformation. I have shared this with Ministry officials who will review the plan,"

"I look forward to hearing about PEO's progress on these initiatives."

Click [here](#) to read PEO's Transformation Progress Update.

Click [here](#) to read Minister Downey's complete letter of response to PEO transformation initiatives.



# 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 three PEO Chapters met with MPPs as featured in the December 17 issue?

**Answer:** Brantford, York and Ottawa

**This week's question:** Which MPPs have been invited to speak at PEO East Toronto Chapter's Annual General Meeting on February 2?



Roger Jones, P.Eng. is the winner of last 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 31. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**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 Hon. **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre). To register, click [here](#).

**Sunday, February 6 from at 7 PM (every two weeks) – Etobicoke Centre Bingo** with Hon. **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre), Minister of Infrastructure. To register, click [here](#).

**Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30 AM - Toronto Region Board of Trade Powering Ontario Forward** with Hon. **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte), Minister of Energy. 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](#).

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on February 4, 2022.

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