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The purpose of the meeting was to introduce **Elena Clarridge**, P.Eng. as the Chapter GLP Rep for the riding to MPP Cuzzetto. The PEO delegation discussed with MPP Cuzzetto PEO's mandate and he was invited to Chapter events. For more on this story, see page 8.

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PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS VOTING CLOSES FEBRUARY 18

As reported in the January 28 issue of the *GLP Weekly Tlmes*, 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 <u>here</u> 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.

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 <u>on January 4, 5 and 6.</u> PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

MPP SENDS GREETINGS FOR PEO PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER AGM



Dave Smith, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha) provided greetings for PEO Peterborough Chapter's virtual Annual General Meeting on January 31.

PETERBOROUGH - PEO Peterborough Chapter held its Annual General Meeting on January 31. Chapter Chair **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., provided a report of the meeting.

He shared with the *GLP Weekly Times* that local MPP **Dave Smith** (Peterborough-Kawartha), sent the following greetings for the meeting:

"I want to apologize for not being able to attend the virtual annual general meeting of Peterborough's professional engineers' association tonight. We haven't encouraged or supported young people, and in particular, women, to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering, math, and skilled trades enough,"

"These are well-paying and fulfilling careers that have immense capacity to evolve and adapt to our changing economy. I want to offer my thanks to members of the Professional Engineers of Ontario – Peterborough Chapter for their work and look forward to a continued partnership in service to our community."

MPP Smith is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and to the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

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PEO GOVERNMENT LIASION COMMITTEE CHAIR ATTENDS ONLINE EVENT WITH LIBERAL LEADER



Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng.



Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca

PEO Government Liasion Committee (GLC) Chair Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng. attended an online event with Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca on January 28.

Ms. Hilborn thought the meeting was well run and appreciated learning about some of the positions put forward by Mr. Del Duca.

Ms. Hilborn is also the PEO Brantford Chapter Chair.

Mr. Del Duca is a former Transportation Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Growth and has worked closely with PEO. Other PEO members have participated in meetings with him and part of the PEO Government Liasion Program (GLP) mandate is to maintain and build relationships with all parties.

The Brampton Board of Trade has been doing a series of events with the opposition leaders including a virtual event with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) on January 14.

They will be hosting an event with **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph), Green Party Leader on February 24 from 7:30 to 9 AM. For further details, see page 9.

EAST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP REP ATTENDS MPP EVENT



Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto—Danforth) (left) met PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Rep Jaspreet Nijjar, P.Eng. (right) at MPP Tabuns' mobile constituency clinic on October 16, 2021.

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Rep **Jaspreet Nijjar**, P.Eng. met with **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto—Danforth) at a mobile constituency clinic on October 16, 2021.

Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT brought it to the GLP Weekly Times attention last week that we hadn't previously covered this story.

MPP Tabuns was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2006. He is the NDP Critic for Energy and Climate Crisis.

Mr. Nijjar reported that "I introduced myself as (Professional Engineers Ontario) PEO (Government Liasion Program) GLP rep for his riding,"

MPP Tabuns told Mr. Nijjar that he has spoken to (Mr. Sadeghi), multiple times in the past.

MPP Tabuns has been a longtime supporter of PEO, often participating in events with PEO East Toronto Chapter.

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MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the GLP Weekly Times features Hon. **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata—Carleton), Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London—Fanshawe), NDP Critic for Children and Youth Services

HON. MERRILEE FULLERTON, MPP



Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, MPP (Kanata—Carleton)

Hon. **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata—Carleton) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018.

She has served as the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services since 2021 and previously was the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and Minister of Long-Term Care.

Prior to her election, she practiced at Carleton Place Hospital and then as a family physician at Med-Team Clinic in Kanata. MPP Fullerton has held advisory roles with both the Ontario Medical Association and Canadian Medical Association.

Prior to the lockdown, the Minister told former PEO Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. that she "is impressed with the work of PEO and would like to be involved with future PEO Ottawa Chapter ceremonies and events," as previously reported in the *GLP Weekly Times*.

TERESA ARMSTRONG, MPP

Teresa Armstrong, MPP (London—Fanshawe), was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2011.

She is the NDP Critic for Children and Youth Services

Prior to her election, MPP Armstrong worked as an insurance broker.

She has served as a past president of East London Lioness Club, a past board member of London Urban Services Organization Centre, a volunteer with East London Optimist Club, a member of Argyle Community Association and is a previous co-chair of the Argyle Indoor Pool Committee.



Teresa Armstrong, MPP (London—Fanshawe)

MPP Armstrong has been a strong supporter of PEO and has participated in PEO London Chapter events including a Take Your MPP to Work Day in 2015.

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Also participating in the meeting were **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Manager, Government Liaison Programs and **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant.

MPP Cuzzetto was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018 and is currently the Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board.

Ms. Clarridge did an excellent job at discussing with MPP Cuzzetto PEO's mandate and the role of the different engineering organizations.

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

MPP Cuzzetto has been an active participant in PEO Mississauga Chapter events including attending an online 'Meet and Greet' with five local MPPs in January 2021 and two Chapter Take Your MPP to Work Days.

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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 MPP did PEO Brampton Chapter meet with on January 21, as reported in the January 28 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times?*

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, February 7.

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



UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

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 <u>here.</u>

Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30 AM - Toronto Region Board of Trade will host a Powering Ontario Forward event with Hon. Todd Smith, MPP (Bay of Quinte), Minister of Energy. To register, click <u>here.</u>

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.

February 25 from 7:30 to 10 AM - Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant Annual MP & MPP Breakfast with Will Bouma, MPP (Brantford-Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and Larry Brock, MP (Brantford Brant). Non-member tickets are \$55 and virtual tickets are \$20. To register, click <a href="https://example.com/here-brantford-Br

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/aboutpeo/glp-weekly-newsletter

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on February 11, 2022.

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