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Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., (right) is the newly elected MPP for the riding of Windsor-Tecumseh.

Here he is speaking with Attorney General Doug Downey, (left) at an

Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in August 2019.

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# ATTORNEY GENERAL RE-ELECTED TO LEGISLATURE IN A TIGHT RACE



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) was re-elected to the Ontario Legislature in last week's provincial election. Here he is at a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony on March 31, 2019.

BARRIE - After an especially tight race, Attorney General **Doug Downey,** MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) has successfully been re-elected to his position in the Ontario Legislature.

He defeated longtime Barrie Mayor and Liberal candidate **Jeff Lehman** in the closest race in the province.

Minister Downey recently spoke at the PEO Annual General Meeting on April 30 where he brought greetings from the Government and praised PEO for its leadership on a number of important issues. As reported in the May 6 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times*, Minister Downey complimented PEO on its work and said he was pleased to collaborate with the recent changes to the Professional Engineers Act, which have been in development for several years, including approval of the new mandatory continuing professional development program.

Premier **Doug Ford** is expected to announce his new cabinet soon. Until that time, Minister Downey will continue to be the Attorney General and the lead on the PEO file.

Minister Downey was first elected in 2018 and has worked closely with PEO since his appointment as Attorney General in June 2019.

Congratulations to Minister Downey on his re-election!

Of the 124 Ontario MPPs, 32 are newly elected. As reported on page 1, they include 25 Progressive Conservatives, four Liberals, two New Democrats, and one Independent. Below and on the next few pages we feature the new MPPs.

## PEO EAST CENTRAL REGION

**East Toronto Chapter** 



**Stephanie Bowman,** (Don Valley West - Liberal)



Mary Margaret
McMahon, (Thunder BaySuperior North - Liberal)



Adil Shamji, Don Valley East - Liberal)

#### Lake Ontario Chapter



Patrice Barnes, (Ajax - PC)



Todd McCarthy, (Durham - PC)

Scarborough Chapter



Willowdale/ Thornhill Chapter



Laura Smith, (Thornhill - PC)

York Chapter



## **PEO EASTERN REGION**

### **Kingston Chapter**



**Ted Hsu**, (Kingston and the Islands - Liberal)



John Jordan, (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston - PC)

#### **Quinte Chapter**



Ric Bresee, (Hastings-Lennox and Addington - PC)

## **Ottawa Chapter**



West-Nepean - NDP)

#### **Upper Canada Chapter**



Stephane Sarrazin, (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell - PC)



Nolan Quinn, (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry - PC)

## **PEO NORTHERN REGION**

#### Lakehead Chapter



**Kevin Holland,** (Kingston Thunder Bay-Atitokan - PC)



**Lise Vaugeois,** (Thunder Bay-Superior North - NDP)



**George Pirie,** (Porcupine-Kapuskasing - PC)

## **PEO WEST CENTRAL REGION**

#### **Brampton Chapter**



**Grewal Hardeep,** (Brampton East - PC)



**Graham McGregor,** (Brampton North - PC)



Charmaine Williams, (Brampton Centre - PC)

#### Toronto Humber Chapter West Toronto Chapter



Michael Kerzner, (York Centre - PC)



Michael Ford, (York South-Weston - PC)

## **PEO WESTERN REGION**

#### Brantford Chapter Chatham-Kent Chapter **Georgian Bay Chapter**





Kent-Leamington - PC)



Grey-Owen Sound - PC)

#### **Grand River Chapter**



Jess Dixon, (Kitchener South-Hespeler - PC)



Brian Riddell, (Cambridge - PC)

#### Hamilton-Burlington Chapter



Natalie Pierre, (Burlington - PC)



Neil Lumsden, (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek - PC)

#### **London Chapter**



Matthew Rae, (Perth-Wellington - PC)

#### Windsor-Essex Chapter



Andrew Dowie, (Windsor-Tecumseh - PC)



Anthony Leardi, (Essex - PC)

## NEWLY ELECTED ENGINEER MPP LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW ROLE

WINDSOR - As reported in last week's GLP Weekly Times, former PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair, **Andrew Dowie** P.Eng., has been elected to MPP for the riding of Windsor-Tecumseh. He was endorsed by two local mayors and six unions.

His election to the Legislature is particularly important following the retirement of the only engineer in the previous Legislature, **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng. It is especially beneficial having someone in the Legislature who understands the issues facing the engineering profession and how it can be impacted by policy.

Mr. Dowie is also a former PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair and founding member of the GLC, as well as a former recipient of the G. Gordon Sterling Engineering Intern award for PEO, Mr. Dowie is still closely acquainted with PEO and its regulatory goals.

Following the election, he wrote PEO Government Liaison Program Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., that he was excited about his new role and is looking forward to "seeing you more often."

Mr. Dowie has also served as a Councillor for the Town of Tecumseh (Ward 1) since 2014, and has worked as staff engineer and other roles for the City of Windsor since 2010.



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., was elected to MPP in the riding of Windsor-Tecumseh. Here he is in Tecumseh giving his victory speech. PHOTO CREDIT: Sijia Liu/CTV New Windsor

In his riding, he won 45.9 per cent of the vote, with NDP candidate **Gemma Grey-Hall** trailing behind with 30 per cent. The riding was previously held by NDP MPP **Percy Hatfield** and former Liberal Finance Minister **Dwight Duncan**.

Mr. Dowie was featured in the April 29 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times*. He gave an interview to PEO GLC Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. Mr. Dowie said, "For engineers considering a career in politics, I can attest to the continuing sense of privilege to be serving and representing my existing constituents as Councillor in the Town of Tecumseh since 2014, and the enthusiasm inherent with achieving an opportunity to help so many more constituents navigate their government services and to help make people's lives better."

This is an example of how the GLP is successful.

## **GLP TRIVIA CONTEST**

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Oakville Chapter's **Mike Bell**, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question**: Who were the moderators for the second provincial election debate, held on May 16 in Toronto?

Answer: Steve Paikin and Althia Raj.

This week's question: Which former Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair was elected MPP in the riding of Windsor-Tecumseh?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the GLP Weekly Times with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Erika Murray at erika@brown-cohen.com by Monday, June 13.



Mike Bell, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest

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

## SAMPLE UPCOMING MPP EVENT

Wednesday, June 29 at 5:30 - 8:30 PM - Progressive Conservative Women in Politics Cocktail Event. Location: Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto. Cost: \$45. To register, <u>click here</u>.

Last year, this event was attended by several Ministers and many are expected this year as well.



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. Our next issue will be June 17.

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