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Among the reappointments was Attorney General **Doug Downey** (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte).

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# PEO COUNCILLOR SAYS OF GLP: "WE NEED TO REALIZE THE GOLD NUGGET WE HOLD"

CORNWALL - This week, we continue our series of interviews with PEO Councillors, GLP Representatives and other PEO opinion leaders. Today, we feature new PEO Eastern Region Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng.

Mr. Kirkby previously served as a Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee (LGA) on PEO Council from 2016 to 2020. He also serves as the PEO representative on the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists Council. He has been a longtime supporter and volunteer for the PEO Government Liaison Program.



**Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., shared his thoughts on the Government Liaison Program.

## 1. What is your experience dealing with the political process?

My experience with the political process is deeply rooted. As a very young boy growing up in the town of Gananoque, Ontario, my mum would say, "Today your dad and I are going to vote." That was very confusing as I expected we were going on a boat to a Thousand Islands town. "Boat" was a word that was spoken often, yet, "vote" was not so familiar.

In that small town, I remember going to the park with the whole town to see a striking man, **John Diefenbaker**, the Prime Minister of Canada! Soon my political experience began through my youth as captain of sports teams, and leads of student unions.

I have competed in municipal politics for council positions in the township of South Glengarry, and in 2019 for a Council position for Frontenac Islands, only losing by three votes. I also had a federal political party approach me to be their candidate. Incidentally, the candidate that lead that party won locally. Also, my friend and neighbour **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., was a long time MPP who recently retired. I am very aware of the political process.

## 2. Why did you get interested in government liaison activities at PEO?

The program has the right touch. GLP representatives are like trained soldiers who carry with them knowledge and skills that, when delivered, are respected, listened to and bring change, positive challenges and improvements.

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For example, my experience with the GLP has included Queen's Park receptions with MPPs of all political parties. I would participate in discussions on directions of government that were affecting all Canadians, and would be honoured and very impressed to have MPPs who would say openly when discussing a regulatory topic, "You're an engineer, you're smart. What is the solution or the next step?"

The MPPs listened, which always impressed me. The GLP is an amazing program. I shared the GLP approach as a suggestion to the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, a suggestion to apply the approach nationally with Members of Parliament and Senators. I now have experience with MPs and Senators on Parliament Hill.

Politicians are people who are approachable, engaged and enjoy meeting PEO representatives from the GLP program. It's a compliment to the political process.

### 3. What do you think the biggest challenges are for the GLP?

The biggest challenges are within the current organization of PEO, and the lack of understanding of how the GLP benefits us, and how directly the program positively effects health and safety and regulated engineering in the "big picture".

We need to realize the gold nugget we hold.

### 4. What do you think the biggest opportunities are for the GLP?

To improve, enhance, support and celebrate the GLP! It's an incredible program. Jeanette, Howard and all current and former members of the GLP are educated and knowledgeable storytellers and influencers.

I am so proud of the GLP, and my history of volunteering with the organization began within the chapter system where each chapter knows this message and supports the GLP!

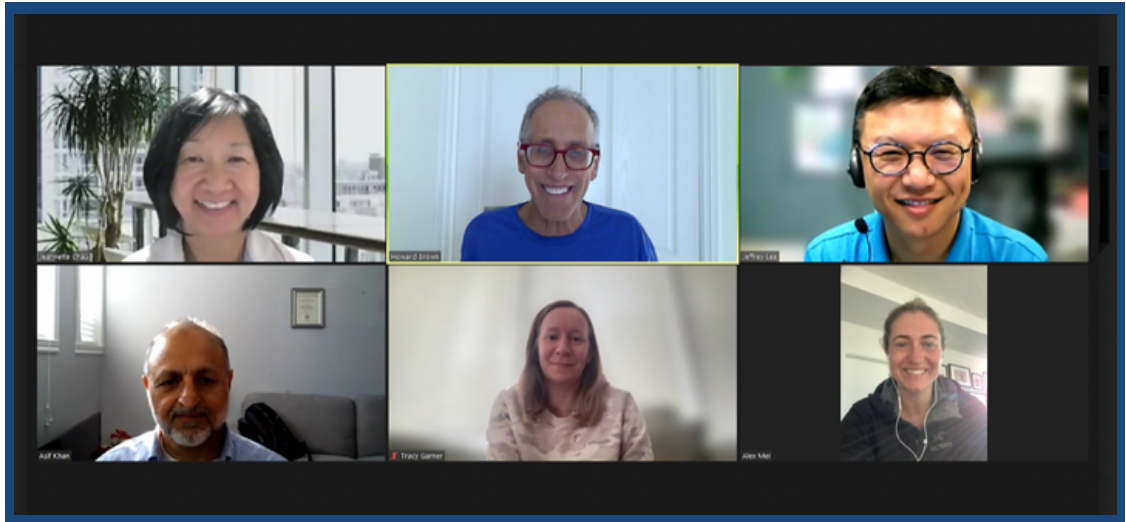


PEO Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., (back row, second from right) at a GLC meeting in September 2018.

Front row (from left to right): then-GLC Vice Chair and PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse**, P.Eng., then-PEO councillor and GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and then-Consulting Engineers of Ontario GLC rep **Christine Hill**, P.Eng.  
Back row (from left to right): then-PEO Advisory Committee of Volunteers rep **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., (now PEO President,) OSPE rep **Jerome James**, P.Eng., and then-Chapter GLP rep **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (now GLC Chair.)



# PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MOVES AGENDA FORWARD



**Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (top left), Government Liaison Consultant **Howard Brown** (top middle), **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. (top right), **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (bottom left), **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. (bottom middle), and **Alex Weryha**, P.Eng. (bottom right) at the PEO Government Liaison Committee meeting June 21.

PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) held a meeting on June 21st to review the current work being done by the committee.

Participating in the meeting were GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., GLC member **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., GLP rep, **Alex Weryha**, P.Eng., GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng, and Government Liaison Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Regular GLC meetings are important to ensure the committee is moving towards the same goals as PEO Council and to oversee the GLP to help build its relationship with the province as a co-regulator.

In the meeting, they reviewed the status of PEO's work to date, including the GLP Activity Report, the Mississauga chapter provincial-election candidates meeting on May 26th, and the GLP Engagement Training and Succession Working Groups Report.

The committee also discussed congratulatory notes GLP reps are sending to the new and returning MPPs who have been elected to the Legislature.

Also discussed at the meeting were a variety of upcoming events and meetings, including the Quarterly GLP Reps call to be held on July 20th, the GLC Summer meeting on August 8th, and the GLP Training Session in the fall.

# PEO MANAGER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH PREMIER

MISSISSAUGA - Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) attended an event celebrating former Mississauga Mayor, **Hazel McCallion** on June 21st.

PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., participated in the event. She had the chance to speak with the Premier and informed him she was with PEO, the regulatory body for engineers in Ontario.

Ms. McCallion, also known as "Hurricane Hazel" during her tenure, was Mayor of Mississauga from 1978 until 2014. She was the longest-serving mayor in the city's history. She turned 101 this past February.

Participants in the event included Mississauga MPPs, **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore), **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton), **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), **Khaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East-Cooksville) and **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville), as well as Mississauga Councillor, **Ron Starr**, P.Eng.

Ms. Chau also had the opportunity to speak with MPPs Cuzzetto, Anand, Sabawy, and Rasheed.



PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., (second from right) had the chance to meet with Premier **Doug Ford** (second from left) on June 21st at a reception for former Mississauga Mayor **Hazel McCallion** (far left). Also in the photo is Capt. **Shannon Pecore**, Commanding Officer of the 105 Streetsville Army Cadets, (centre) and Mississauga Councillor **Ron Starr**, P.Eng. (far right).

# PEO MEETS WITH ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** met with the current cohort of Ontario Legislature Interns before they finished the 2021-2022 year. The meeting was held on June 17th at Queen's Park.



PEO representatives met with OLIP interns on June 17th. From left to right: **Alexander Horbal**, **Habon Ali**, **Alessia Rao**, PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., **Tori Llewellyn**, **Sharika Khan**, **Clare Simon**, **Iqra Mahmood**, **Janine AlHadidi**, and **Melody Greaves**.

PEO has been a longtime supporter of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme (OLIP) for the last 14 years and have found it to be of great value. It is beneficial to PEO to build relationships with interns as well as MPPs, as it gives them insight into the goals of regulating the profession. In many cases, interns have been able to move up in political and non-political roles, and it is good for them to know of PEO and its regulatory role. PEO also gains valuable insight from learning of the results of the research reports that the interns produced on various topics relating to government and its functions.

Ms. Chau and Mr. Brown were invited to the meeting by **Sharika Khan**, co-chair of the OLIP sponsorship committee, who said, "We have heard from former Interns that out of all the meetings they have had, their meeting with PEO was particularly a highlight."

In addition to Ms. Khan, other OLIP interns who attended the meeting were **Habon Ali**, **Melody Greaves**, **Alexander Herbal**, **Tori Llewellyn**, **Iqra Mahmood**, **Alessia Rao**, **Clare Simon** and **Janine AlHadidi**, whose father is an engineer. Below is a chart depicting their MPP placements during their internships.

Intern	PC Government Placement	Opposition Placement
<b>Janine AlHadidi</b>	<b>Michael Parsa</b> , (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill)	<b>John Fraser</b> , (Ottawa South) Liberal
<b>Habon Ali</b>	<b>Deepak Anand</b> , (Mississauga-Malton)	<b>Tom Rakocevic</b> , (Humber River-Black Creek) NDP
<b>Melody Greaves</b>	<b>Norm Miller</b> , (Parry Sound-Muskoka)	<b>Monique Taylor</b> , (Hamilton Mountain) NDP
<b>Alexander Horbal</b>	<b>Billy Pang</b> , (Markham-Unionville)	<b>Jamie West</b> , (Sudbury) NDP
<b>Sharika Khan</b>	<b>Logan Kanapathi</b> , (Markham-Thornhill)	<b>Marit Stiles</b> , (Davenport) NDP
<b>Tori Llewellyn</b>	<b>Bill Walker</b> , (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound)	<b>Laura Mae Lindo</b> , (Kitchener Centre) NDP
<b>Iqra Mahmood</b>	<b>Rudy Cuzzetto</b> , (Mississauga-Lakeshore)	<b>France Gelinis</b> , (Nickel Belt) NDP
<b>Dia Mukherjee</b>	<b>Christine Hogarth</b> , (Etobicoke-Lakeshore)	<b>Mike Schreiner</b> , (Guelph), Green
<b>Alessia Rao</b>	<b>Vijay Thanigasalam</b> , (Scarborough-Rouge Park)	<b>Bhutila Karpoche</b> , (Parkdale-High Park) NDP
<b>Clare Simon</b>	<b>Norm Miller</b> , (Parry Sound-Muskoka)	<b>Chris Glover</b> , (Fort York-Spadina) NDP



# MEET YOUR NEW MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features two of the newly elected Ontario MPPs, **Neil Lumsden**, MPP (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek) and **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) so PEO licence holders can get to know their Members of Provincial Parliament.

## NEIL LUMSDEN MPP



**Neil Lumsden**, MPP  
(Hamilton East-  
Stoney Creek)

**Neil Lumsden** is the newly elected MPP for the riding of Hamilton East-Stoney Creek, representing the Progressive Conservatives. MPP Lumsden is the new Minister of Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Lumsden was a former player in the Canadian Football League who played as a fullback and running back from 1976 until 1985. He played for the Toronto Argonauts, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Edmonton Elks, and was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

MPP Lumsden worked as general manager for the Tiger-Cats from 1996 to 1999, as the COO of the UCI Road World Championships in Hamilton in 2003, has managed sports marketing agency, Drive Marketing, and was the athletic director at Brock University.

He also appeared on the third season of the *Amazing Race Canada* as a contestant with his daughter **Kristin Lumsden**, where they placed 7th overall. His son, **Jesse Lumsden**, was also a CFL player who played for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Edmonton Elks, and Calgary Stampeders.

## KRISTYN WONG-TAM, MPP

**Kristyn Wong-Tam** is the newly elected MPP for the riding of Toronto Centre. She represents the New Democratic Party.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP Wong-Tam served on Toronto City Council since 2010, winning re-election in 2014 and 2018. She resigned from her position on Council in May 2022 in order to run for MPP.

In addition to her career in political office, she has also worked as a real estate agent and owned a Timothy's franchise in the Church-Wellesley area of Toronto.



**Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP  
(Toronto Centre)

As an out lesbian and Hong-Kong born Canadian, Ms. Wong-Tam has been a longtime activist for LGBTQ rights and Asian Canadian issues. She has served on the Chinese Canadian Council, and helped found Asian Canadians for Equal Marriage.

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Among the reappointments was Attorney General **Doug Downey** (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte). **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon) was appointed as Minister of Health and Deputy Premier. Ministers reappointed to their positions include (in alphabetical order):

- **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) - Minister of Finance
- **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham-Stouffville) - Minister of Long Term Care, Legislative Affairs and Government House Leader
- **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) - Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale) - Associate Minister of Transportation
- **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North) - Minister of Colleges and Universities
- **Victor Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing) - Cabinet Chair and Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton) - Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) - Minister of Red Tape Reduction
- **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) - Minister of Education
- **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

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- **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) - Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
- **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South) - Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- **Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River) - Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
- **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) - President of Treasury Board
- **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre) - Minister of Infrastructure
- **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte) - Minister of Energy
- **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce) - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan—Woodbridge) - Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Other returning MPPs who've been appointed to new positions include:

- **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill) - Associate Minister of Housing
- **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East-Cooksville) - Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery

Premier Ford also appointed a number of newly elected MPPs to ministerial positions. These included:

- **Michael Ford**, MPP (York South-Weston) - Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) - Solicitor General
- **Neil Lumsden**, MPP (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek) - Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- **George Pirie**, MPP (Timmins) - Minister of Mines
- **Graydon Smith**, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka) - Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) - Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity

The ceremony was blessed by Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations Elder **Garry Sault**. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** gave opening remarks.

In the Premier's speech following the swearing in, he spoke specifically of the importance of recognition of professional credentials as a key component of the government's program going forward.

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

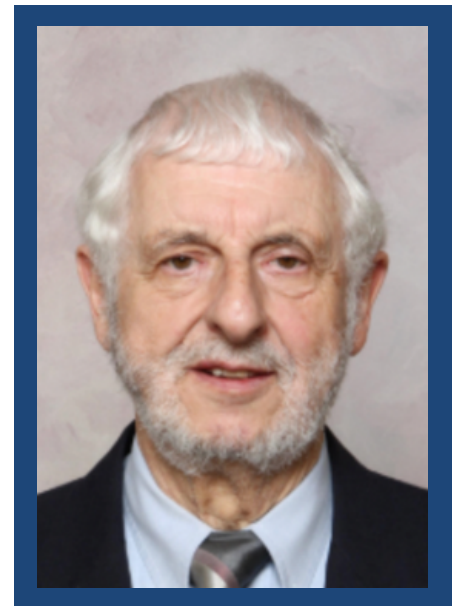
**Question:** What is the name of the Barrie Mayor and Liberal Candidate who nearly won the riding of Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte from Attorney General **Doug Downey**?

**Answer:** Jeff Lehman.

**This week's question:** Who is the MPP expected to be named as the next interim leader of the Ontario NDP?

**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](mailto:erika@brown-cohen.com) by Monday, June 27.

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



**Roger Jones**, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Sunday, June 26 at 1:15 PM - Toronto Pride Parade with the Ontario Liberal Party.** Location: Ted Rogers Way & Charles St. Toronto. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

**Sunday, June 26 at 2 PM - Toronto Pride Parade March with Ontario NDP MPPs and Jagmeet Singh.** Location: TBA. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

**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, [click here](#).

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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. There will be no issue next week due to the shortened holiday week. Our next issue will be July 8.

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