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PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., (right) **Vivek Somasundaram**, P.Eng., (second from right) and **Pankaj Maradiya**, P.Eng., (left) spoke with **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North) (second from left) at a Brampton Board of Trade event on July 27.

## THREE PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER GLP REPS PARTICIPATE IN EVENT WITH NEW MPP

BRAMPTON - Three PEO GLP reps had the opportunity to speak to newly elected MPP **Graham McGregor**, (Brampton North) on July 27. They were PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., **Vivek Somasundaram**, P.Eng., and **Pankaj Maradiya**, P.Eng.

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# PEO KINGSTON CHAPTER BUILDS RELATIONSHIP WITH MPP

KINGSTON - Newly elected MPP **Ted Hsu**, (Kingston and the Islands) met with PEO Kingston Chapter on July 20. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for the chapter to build a rapport with him.

Attending the meeting were the PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., and the GLP rep for MPP Hsu's riding, **Reza Kashi**, EIT.

They also discussed organizing a Take Your MPP to Work Day event with MPP Hsu as well as invited him to the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

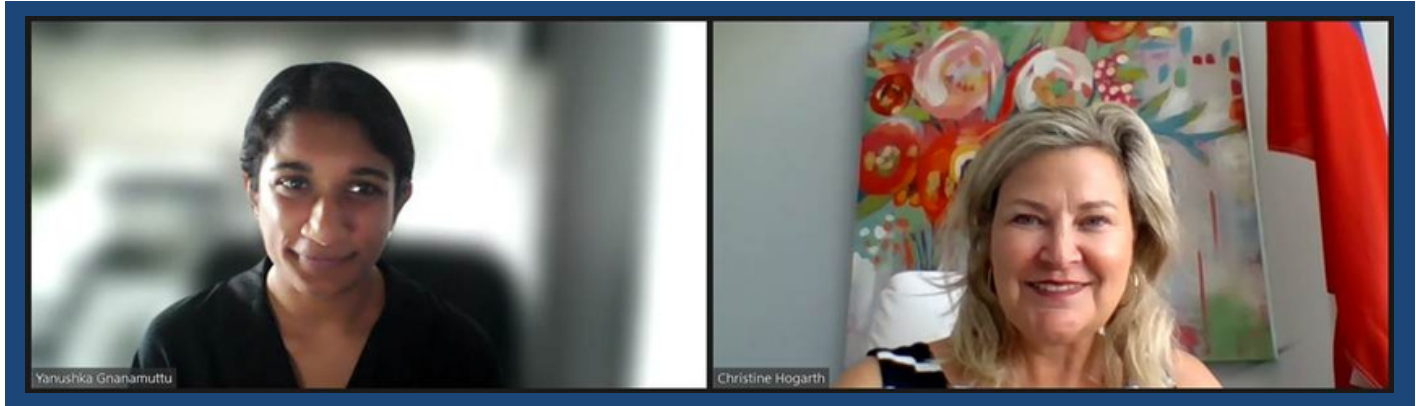
This was not MPP Hsu's first interaction with the PEO Kingston Chapter, and he has been supportive of PEO in the past. He participated in the PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy & Congress in Kingston in 2012 when he was serving as an MP (see below.)

MPP Hsu's background as a physicist and past federal Science and Technology Liberal Critic, as well as his father's career as a chemical engineering professor, gives him a unique perspective that he can bring to the Legislature. This point of view makes him an important MPP to establish a connection with, as he can potentially be very beneficial to PEO.



Then-MP **Ted Hsu**, now MPP (fifth from the left) with (from left to right) now-PEO Councillor **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., then-PEO Councillors **Chris Roney**, P.Eng., and **Paul Ballantyne**, P.Eng., Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., then-Kingston City Councillor **Dorothy Hector**, PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** and PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng. in 2012.

# PEO KINGSWAY CHAPTER GLP REP HOLDS MEETING WITH HER MPP



**Yanushka Gnanamuttu**, EIT, spoke with her MPP **Christine Hogarth**, (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) at a virtual meeting on July 20.

PEO Kingsway Chapter GLP Representative **Yanushka Gnanamuttu**, EIT, met virtually with the MPP in her riding, **Christine Hogarth**, (Etobicoke-Lakeshore). Also attending the meeting was PEO GLP **Manager Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

MPP Hogarth is also the Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General.

MPP Hogarth has been supportive of PEO in the past, including participating in a Take Your MPP to Work Day with Kingsway Chapter in September 2019 and has welcomed previous GLP reps to community events held at her constituency office.

It is beneficial for GLP reps to build relationships with their MPPs so that they can comfortably contact each other regarding regulatory issues.



**Christine Hogarth**, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) (centre) participated in a Take Your MPP to Work Day with PEO Kingsway Chapter in September 2019. Also in the photo are (from left to right) Chapter GLP then-Chair **Steve Favell**, P.Eng., Cana-Datum's VP of Finance **Colleen Musalem**, General Manager **Ignacio Musalem**, Chapter then-Vice Chair and OSPE Political Action Network Rep **Gil Galang**, P.Eng., Kingsway Chapter Assistant Treasurer **Reza Ghiaasiaan**, P.Eng., and Cana-Datum Advanced Engineering Manager **Kwong Pui Chan**, P.Eng.

# ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY APPOINTS INTERIM LEADER

The Ontario Liberal Party caucus has appointed **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) as the new interim leader, following the resignation of previous leader **Steven Del Duca**.

This is the second time that MPP Fraser has stepped in as interim leader for the party, as he was also appointed to the role following the 2018 provincial election.

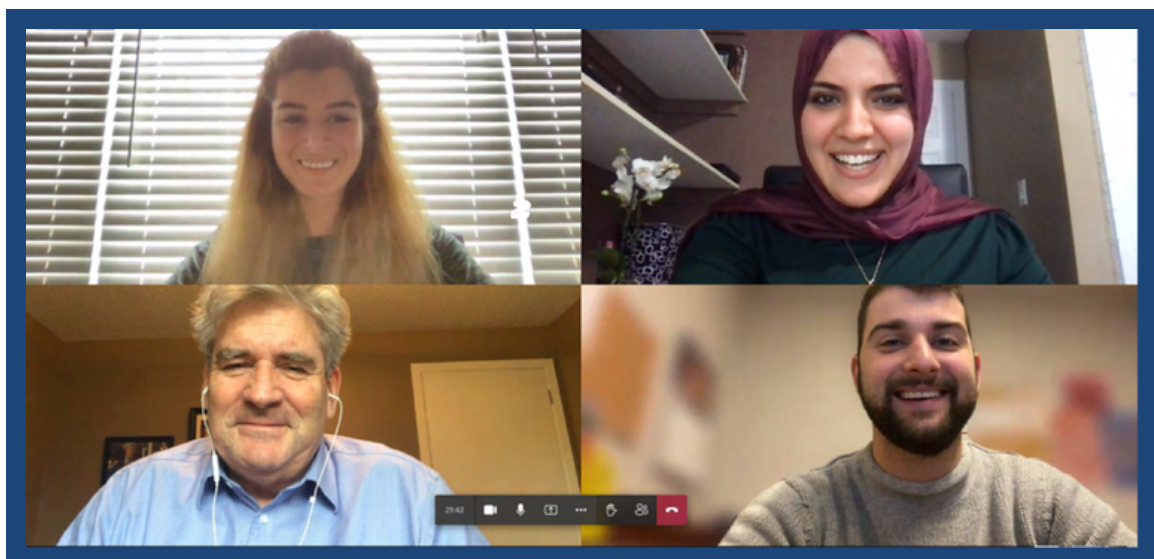
Mr. Del Duca offered MPP Fraser best wishes in a tweet, saying "Congratulations to @JohnFraserOS on being selected to serve as Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party. John will once again provide steady, thoughtful, decent leadership and I wish him all the very best."



**John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) has been appointed interim leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.

MPP Fraser previously served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines.

MPP Fraser has met with PEO many times in the past including a virtual meeting with Ottawa Chapter representatives in December 2021 and in-person with PEO leadership at Queen's Park in 2019.



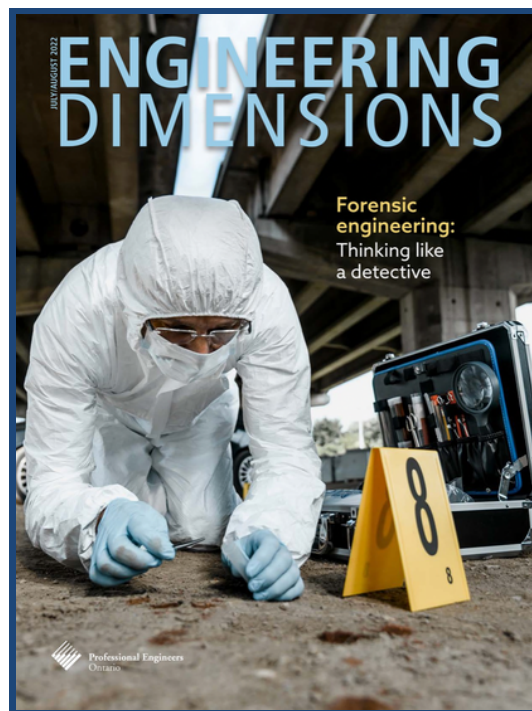
**John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) (bottom left) at a virtual meeting with PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Sana Abou Shaman**, P.Eng., (top left) and GLP Rep **Zaineb Al-Faesly**, EIT. Also in the photo is MPP Fraser's Legislative Assistant, **Eric Osborne** (bottom right) on December 15 2021.

# ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PUBLISHES LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, 2021 ANNUAL REVIEW

In the July/August edition of PEO's bi-monthly publication, *Engineering Dimensions*, an article was published entitled, "PEO moves forward with FARPACTA changes". (*Fair Access to Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*)

The changes to FARPACTA include:

- Non-health professional regulators must eliminate the previously mandatory Canadian work experience component of licensing requirements, unless the regulators demonstrate that public health and safety are at risk.
- Decisions regarding licensure applications must be made within six months for 90 per cent of new applicants, and 30 days for applicants who have previously registered with another provincial or territorial regulator within the same profession.
- Protocols for continuing licensing processes during emergencies must be devised and implemented.
- Regulators must maintain updated reporting obligations to the fairness commissioner in order to demonstrate compliance with new licensing requirements and decision deadlines.



The July/August 2022 issue of *Engineering Dimensions* offers updates on changes PEO must make to comply with the *Fair Access Profession and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA.)

The full article is available on page 11 of the [July/August 2022 issue of \*Engineering Dimensions\*](#).

Included in this issue of *Engineering Dimensions* is the PEO *Annual Review 2021*, a 16-page document entitled [Roadmap to Transformation](#). On page 14, there is a section on the GLP which says: "The main objective of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) is to ensure that government, PEO licence holders and the public continue to recognize its regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineering working in the public interest. The goal is to have the government view PEO as a partner and understand and support PEO's policy direction."

Also included in this issue is a link to the 14-page *GLP Weekly Times* ["2021 Year in Review"](#) and the six-page [2021 GLP Annual Report](#). Readers of the *GLP Weekly Times* are encourage to review both.

# MEET YOUR NEW MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features two of the newly elected Ontario MPPs, **Jess Dixon**, MPP (Kitchener South-Hespeler) and **Mary Margaret McMahon**, MPP (Beaches-East York), so PEO licence holders can get to know their Members of Provincial Parliament. For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

## JESS DIXON, MPP



**Jess Dixon**, MPP  
(Kitchener South-Hespeler)

**Jess Dixon** represents the Progressive Conservative Party. She has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy.

Prior to her election to the Legislature this year, MPP Dixon worked as both a federal and a provincial prosecutor. She worked in the Ministry of the Attorney General, both as a student and as an Assistant Crown Attorney after she was called to the bar in 2014. Additionally, she served as a Crown attorney in the Kitchener courthouse.

MPP Dixon holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from University of Guelph, and completed her law degree at University of Ottawa.

## MARY MARGARET MCMAHON, MPP

**Mary-Margaret McMahon** represents the Liberal Party in the riding of Beaches-East York.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP McMahon served as a Toronto City Councillor for Ward 32 from 2010 to 2018. She also previously served as Director of Community at Sidewalk Labs, and worked for Toronto's Live Green Toronto project as a community animator. Additionally, she helped organize a farmer's market on the Danforth in Toronto.



**Mary Margaret McMahon**, MPP  
(Beaches-East York)

She earned her ICD.D designation from University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management in the Directors Education Program. She also holds a Teaching English as a Second Language Certificate from University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts in French Literature from Carleton University.

She also serves as a Board Member of Ireland Park Foundation. She is the daughter of former Collingwood Mayor, **Ron Emo**.

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BRAMPTON - PEO GLP reps participated in a Brampton Board of Trade breakfast with **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North) on July 20. MPP McGregor was elected in the June 2 provincial election and was recently appointed as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

PEO Brampton Chapter Reps in attendance were Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., as well as **Vivek Somasundaram**, P.Eng., and **Pankaj Maradiya**, P.Eng., who are the GLP reps for the ridings of Brampton South and Brampton Centre, respectively. MPP McGregor spoke with all three reps, who took the opportunity to explain PEO's role as the regulator of the engineering profession and its mandate to protect the public interest. Other PEO representatives attending the event were **Susanna Toma**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Also in attendance at the event was **Jasveen Rattan**, who is the Executive Assistant to Hon. **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. Mr. Maradiya, who is the rep for Minister Williams' riding, spoke with Ms. Rattan to introduce himself.

Former ministers who attended the event were **Harinder Malhi**, who served in Premier **Kathleen Wynne**'s cabinet, and **Tony Clement**, who served in the cabinets of Prime Minister **Stephen Harper**, Premier **Mike Harris**, and Premier **Ernie Eves**.

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which NDP MPP has been appointed Attorney General and 2SLGBTQ+ Issues Critic?

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

**This week's question: Which newly elected MPP previously served as Executive Assistant to past MPP Toby Barrett?**

**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 Tuesday, August 2.

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



Narayana Asogan, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Thursday, August 4th from 3 to 8 p.m. - **Constituency Office Opening** with **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. Location: 456 Vodden St. East, Unit 12, Lakeridge Plaza, Brampton, ON, L6S 5V1. Cost: Free. RSVP at [charmaine.williams@pc.ola.org](mailto:charmaine.williams@pc.ola.org).

Thursday, September 22nd from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. - **"Women Take Charge" Conversation** with MPP **Jess Dixon**, (Kitchener South-Hespeler) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy. Location: Langdon Hall Country House Hotel & Spa, 1 Langdon Dr. Cambridge, ON N3H 4R8. Cost: \$60. To register, [click here](#).

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Past issues of the *GLP Weekly Times* 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 August 12.

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