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Former PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (left) was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. Here he is on March 29th in Windsor with Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (middle) and PEO GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (left).

ENGINEER APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO ECONOMIC MINISTER

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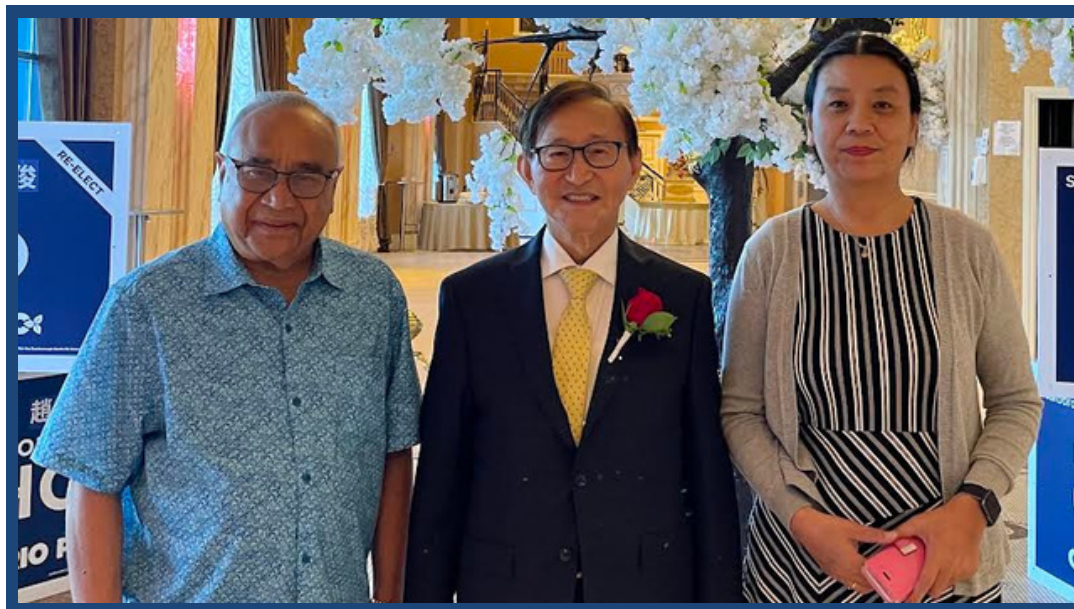
Mr. Dowie was a founding member and Vice Chair of PEO's Government Liaison Committee as well as a former GLP Chair of the PEO Windsor-Essex chapter. The appointment by the Premier was announced on June 29.

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PEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND SCARBOROUGH MINISTER'S POST-ELECTION EVENT



Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., (left), and **Peng Zhang**, P.Eng., (right) had the chance to speak with Minister of Seniors and Accessibility **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River) (middle) at the Scarborough Convention Centre on June 22.

PEO Scarborough representatives spoke with Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River) at an event at the Scarborough Convention Centre on June 22. They were Chapter Chair **Peng Zhang**, P.Eng., and former PEO Councillor **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng.

Following the event, Mr. Gupta told the *GLP Weekly Times*, "In addition to congratulating Minister Cho, we apprised the Minister with an update on how PEO is regulating the engineering profession and how many engineers it now represents." Mr. Gupta said there were around 300 guests in attendance. Participants included a number of Minister Cho's fellow Progressive Conservative MPPs.

Minister Cho has been supportive of PEO Scarborough Chapter events in the past, including the Young Inventors of Scarborough and Young Engineers of Scarborough Student Competitions in 2021 and 2022, a virtual barbecue in July 2021, and a virtual Mathletics Competition in October 2020. Building relationships with MPPs is beneficial providing MPPs with knowledge on PEO's mandate as the regulator of the profession in the public interest.



Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., (left), and Minister **Raymond Cho**, (Scarborough-Rouge River) (right) with their spouses **Malti Gupta**, (centre left) and **Soon Ok**, (centre right) at the event.

ENGINEERS CANADA RELEASES NEW NATIONAL POSITION STATEMENT



OTTAWA - The Board of Engineers Canada has released a new National Position Statement regarding the professional duty engineers have to ensure that the communities they help build are reliably safe and durable.

The National Position Statement highlighted the importance of teamwork between the government and the engineering profession. It then put forth two recommendations to the federal government to help bolster unity and synergy between the two.

The recommendations are as follows:

- Ensure that any legislation or regulations that refer to engineering work require the involvement of a professional engineer, licensed in accordance with provincial and territorial engineering acts.
- Adopt a government-wide policy to ensure that engineering work is performed by individuals who are licensed to do so, thereby encouraging compliance with professional regulatory legislation that holds those so licensed professionally accountable for their engineering work.

To read the National Position Statement in full, [click here](#).

MEET YOUR NEW MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features two of the newly elected Ontario MPPs, **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) and **Lise Vaugeois**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Superior North), so PEO licence holders can get to know their Members of Provincial Parliament. For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

TODD MCCARTHY, MPP



Todd McCarthy, MPP
(Durham)

Todd McCarthy is the newly elected MPP for the riding of Durham, representing the Progressive Conservative Party. He has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board and Deputy Government Whip.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP McCarthy worked as a lawyer in his home city Bowmanville and across Ontario. He is the senior partner at Flaherty McCarthy LLP. He has also served as a part-time Deputy Judge in Small Claims Court at the Durham Region Courthouse, as President of the Durham Region Law Association, and as a Trustee and Vice Chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board.

In addition to his career in law, MPP McCarthy has also been a minor hockey league coach and sponsor, and has taught as an Adjunct Professor at Queen's University Faculty of Law and the Durham College Faculty of Justice and Emergency Services.

LISE VAUGEOIS, MPP

Lise Vaugeois is the newly elected MPP for the riding of Thunder Bay-Superior North. She represents the New Democratic Party.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP Vaugeois was an Adjunct Professor at Lakehead University since 2011. She taught courses on Education and on Race and Social Justice. MPP Vaugeois earned her PhD in Philosophy of Music Education from University of Toronto and her Masters in Education from Lakehead University.



Lise Vaugeois, MPP
(Thunder Bay-Superior
North)

In addition to her career in academia, she has also served as Chorus Master at the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra Chorus since 2016 and as Music Director of Gentlemen of Harmony since 2014.

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Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) has appointed former PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) as the Parliamentary Assistant to **Vic Fedeli**, (Nipissing) the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. Premier Ford made the announcement on June 29th.

Mr. Dowie was a founding member of PEO's Government Liaison Committee and is a former GLP Chair of the PEO Windsor-Essex chapter. He also served as Councillor for the Town of Tecumseh since 2014. He is also a former recipient of PEO's G. Gordon M. Sterling Engineering Intern award.

Mr. Dowie's election to the Legislature is timely, following the retirement of the only engineer in the previous Legislature, **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng.

It is beneficial to have a professional engineer in the Legislature who understands engineering issues and regulatory impacts to our profession, and can apply an analytical approach to making decisions.

A full list of the new parliamentary assistants is available at the [Legislative Assembly of Ontario website](#).

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO York Chapter's **Thomas Chong**, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Who is the MPP expected to be named as the next interim leader of the Ontario NDP?

Answer: Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto-Danforth)

This week's question: Which newly elected MPP (who is also a former CFL player) was appointed as Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport?

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, July 11.

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



Thomas Chong, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENT

Wednesday, July 27th at 8 - 10 AM - Brampton Board of Trade presents a Provincial Forum with:

- Hon. **Prabmeet Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), President of the Treasury Board
- Hon. **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
- **Hardeep Grewal**, MPP (Brampton East), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and
- **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure

Breakfast will be served. Location: The Garden Banquet & Convention Centre. 8 Clipper Court, Brampton, ON. Cost: \$39 for members, \$59 general admission. To register, [click here](#).

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 July 15.

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