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# PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR MEETS WITH THREE MPPS

WINDSOR - **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., Vice Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) had the chance to speak with three MPPs at events in Windsor on July 26.

First, he met with **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Mr. Khan introduced himself to the Minister and gave him details on both PEO and the Government Liaison Program. During their discussion, Minister Clark

mentioned that he received a congratulatory note following his re-election from his GLP representative **Andrew Melchers**, P.Eng., who he remembered. Mr. Khan said that the Minister shared that he was "very happy about what the GLP is doing" and invited PEO to reach out to him should he need anything from him.

Second, Mr. Khan met with **Michael Ford**, MPP (York South-Weston), Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, who he introduced himself to and explained what PEO is and the GLP. Being newly elected to the Legislature, Minister Ford was unfamiliar with the program, but said he was "very open to working with PEO" and invited Mr. Khan to reach out to him at any time. He also took the time to introduce him to his staff.

Finally, Mr. Khan met with **Andrew Dowie**, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) a fellow professional engineer and former GLC Vice Chair. They discussed the upcoming PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter licence certificate ceremony on August 17th. Mr. Dowie said he would be unable to attend as he will be at Queen's Park on that day, but he offered to record a video or join via zoom. They are planning a Take Your MPP to Work Day at University of Windsor in September.

**Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (left) also had the chance to speak with Citizenship and Multiculturalism Minister **Michael Ford**, MPP (York South-Weston) (right) on July 26.



**Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (left) spoke with Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (right) on July 26.



# PEO COUNCILLOR SAYS WE "NEED TO HAVE OUR VOICES HEARD WHEN LEGISLATIVE CHANGES ARE PROPOSED"

LONDON - This week, we continue our series of interviews with PEO Councillors, GLP Representatives and other PEO opinion leaders. Today, we feature PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointee Councillor, **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Brunet co-founded BeaconUV, a company that makes and sells germicidal UV lamps and other power supplies. He previously worked for Trojan Technologies as a Senior Research Engineer and a Quality Assurance Manager. He founded Brunet & Co., a patent and trademark firm, where he is now a principal and registered patent agent. He has been a PEO Councillor for almost three years.



PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointee Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng.

## 1. Do you think the PEO GLP is accomplishing its mandate?

Yes, I believe that the GLP is accomplishing its mandate.

## 2. What benefit do you see that the GLP has for a regulatory body?

The GLP is essential in establishing relationships and maintaining awareness of the role of PEO amongst elected officials and political staff, so that the organization has relationships it can call upon in times of need. This is particularly important when PEO is working with government about topics of importance to the profession in the public interest, such as legislative change that is desirable from a PEO point of view and also to have our voices heard when legislative changes are proposed that could negatively impact the organization in the public interest.

To a certain extent, the lack of face to face interaction with elected officials during the pandemic may have contributed to our lack of advance knowledge of *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and also reduced our ability to influence that legislation before it came into effect. Had PEO's GLP been able to accomplish its mandate through face to face interaction during the time period preceding FARPACTA, it is likely that our perspective on the impact of this legislation on the profession could have been better considered.

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### 3. How do we mitigate the risks of using volunteers?

Volunteers are an important aspect of the GLP to attain wide coverage across a spectrum of elected MPPs from all political backgrounds. However, it is important that we present a unified and consistent message to MPPs, so as not to create a patchwork of impressions of PEO's priorities and concerns amongst legislators. One way in which PEO could do a better job of synchronizing volunteers is to adopt a clear communication strategy to members that focuses on a brief number of talking points. If this message is consistently and repeatedly delivered to members through a variety of channels, it is then more likely that members will present a similar message when they interact with MPPs at a local level. I was pleased to learn that PEO distributes talking points to GLP Reps every quarter.

### 4. Why do you think it is good for a regulator to develop local MPP relationships?

Local MPP relationships are essential for a regulator. We have a large number of licence holders with almost 90,000 potential votes, which should provide PEO with a significant voice in the Legislature. By communicating our message consistently to a wide spectrum of MPPs, it reinforces our views during caucus discussions, as PEO priorities will be understood by a number of different MPPs. At the local level, the impact of PEO's activities can be more acutely felt with day to day activities and the outputs of quality engineering in the public interest. This makes it easier for individual MPPs to identify aspects of the good work that PEO is doing in their own communities.



PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointee Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng., (left) with **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford).

# INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER HAS ANNOUNCED NEW CRITIC ROLES FOR HIS CAUCUS

Interim Liberal Party Leader, **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa-South), has announced the members of his caucus who will be filling the new critic roles.

“The Ontario Liberal Caucus is a strong team full of energy and experience,” said MPP Fraser in a statement released on August 8.

The appointments are as follows:

- **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) was reappointed as the critic for the Attorney General, the Ministry that oversees the *Professional Engineers Act*. She has met with PEO in the past since her election in February 2020. MPP Collard was also given responsibility for the important role of House Leader, Solicitor General and Francophone Affairs.
- **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) was appointed Deputy Party Leader and also assumed responsibilities for Education; Treasury Board; Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity and Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.
- **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orleans) was appointed Caucus Chair and assumed critic responsibilities for Municipal Affairs and Housing; Transportation as well as Economic Development and Trade.
- **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) will be the Finance critic. She will also be responsible for Infrastructure as well as Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
- **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) will be the critic for Energy, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry as well as Citizenship and Multiculturalism.
- **Mary-Margaret McMahon**, MPP (Beaches-East York) will be the critic for Environment, Conservation and Parks; Tourism Culture and Sport; Seniors and Accessibility, as well as Public and Business Service Delivery.
- **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) has responsibility for the Ministries for Health; Northern Development; Indigenous Affairs and Colleges and Universities.



**Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) has been reappointed to her position as Liberal critic for the Attorney General.

MPP Fraser will also be the critic for Intergovernmental Affairs; Long-Term Care and Children, Community and Social Services.

# MEET YOUR NEW MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features two of the newly elected Ontario MPPs, **Nolan Quinn**, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) and **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), so PEO licence holders can get to know their Members of Provincial Parliament. For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

## NOLAN QUINN, MPP



**Nolan Quinn**, MPP  
(Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)

**Nolan Quinn** represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Quinn has been an entrepreneur, owning the local Dairy Queen in Cornwall for the last 12 years. Before that, he worked for Saint Elizabeth Health Care as a Human Resources Specialist.

He has also served as a volunteer for various community endeavours and charities, including the Canadian Franchise Advisory Council, the United Way, the Children's Treatment Centre, Big Brother's Big Sister's and the Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation.

MPP Quinn holds a Diploma of Education in Human Resources Management from St. Lawrence College.

## ADIL SHAMJI, MPP

**Adil Shamji** is a member of the Liberal Party. As noted on page 5, he is the Liberal critic for Health; Northern Development; Colleges and Universities, as well as Indigenous Affairs.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Shamji worked as an Emergency Physician at Michael Garron Hospital in East York. He also served as a General Practitioner in Remote Medicine for the Government of Northwest Territories, and a Lecturer at University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine.



**Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East)

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Medical Science, Microbiology and Immunology from Western University, his Doctor of Medicine from University of Toronto, and a Master's of Public Policy from University of Oxford.

MPP Shamji formally met with PEO East Toronto Chapter on July 6. PEO looks forward to continuing to build a relationship with him.

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PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng, has announced her retirement. She will be missed from PEO. She was in attendance at the Speech from the Throne at Queen's Park on August 9 with PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. They were invited by newly re-elected Speaker **Ted Arnott**, MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills). To read the Speech from the Throne, [click here](#).

The Speech was presented by Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell**. She reiterated many themes the government campaigned on during the election. Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) also tabled his budget that was originally presented in the spring. To see the budget, [click here](#).

Following the speech, Ms. Chau and Mr. Brown attended a reception sponsored by the speaker with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) and many MPPs of all parties.

Ms. Chau had a chance to speak with the Attorney General and advised him that PEO is working on the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and was hiring consultants and staff to help with it. She also informed him that **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) is the only professional engineer in the Legislature, which Mr. Downey said he did not know.

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## RETIRING PEO GLP MANAGER ATTENDS SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Ms. Chau and Mr. Brown also had a chance to speak with Mr. Dowie, who is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, as well as Premier Ford, and Ministers Bethlenfalvy, Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre), and Government House Leader **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham-Stouffville) also Minister of Legislative Affairs and Long Term Care.

They also had discussions with other PC MPPs, including **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board, **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford), **Anthony Leardi**, MPP (Essex), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines, **Ross Romano**, MPP (Sault Ste. Marie), Chief Government Whip, **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, **Stephane Sarrazin**, MPP (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, **Brian Saunderson**, MPP (Simcoe-Grey), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock), and **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville).

Ms. Chau and Mr. Brown also spoke with a number of opposition MPPs, including **Guy Bourgouin**, MPP (Mushkegowuk-James Bay), **Mary Margaret McMahon**, MPP (Beaches-East York), **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West), **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph), **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), **Sandy Shaw**, MPP (Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas), **Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton Mountain), and **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane).



Retiring PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., (right) met Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) (left) at Queen's Park on August 9.



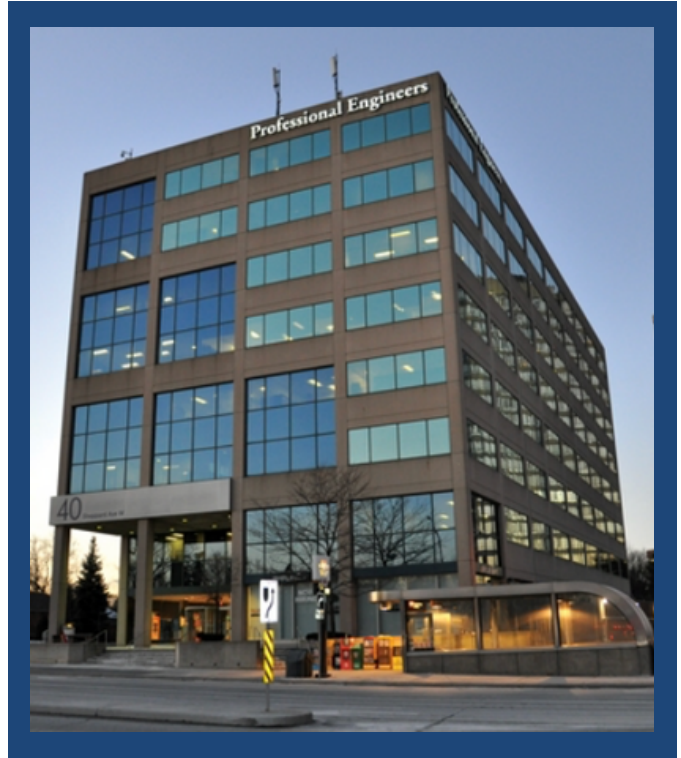
# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

There was no winner in the GLP Trivia Contest last week, so the *GLP Weekly Times* has chosen a new question.

**This week's question: Which newly elected MPP met three PEO Brampton Chapter GLP reps at a Brampton Board of Trade event on July 27?**

**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, August 15.

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



## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Saturday, August 20 at 3 PM - An Afternoon in the Islands** with Hon. **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Location: Gananoque, ON. Cost: \$175. To register, [click here](#).

**Sunday, August 21 at 12 - 3PM - Summer Fun Fest** with Deputy Liberal Leader **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood). Location: Morningside Park, 390 Morningside Ave., Scarborough, ON. Cost: Free. To register, contact [mhunter.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:mhunter.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org).

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