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PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., (right) spoke with Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce) (left) and the newly elected MPP for Chatham-Kent, **Trevor Jones** (centre) at the 2022 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference in Ottawa on August 16.

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PEO BARRIE-INNISFIL GLP REP HOLDS MEETING WITH DEPUTY HOUSE LEADER



PEO Government Liaison Program Rep **Rob Martinko**, P.Eng., (top left) had a virtual meeting with his MPP, **Andrea Khanjin**, (Barrie-Innisfil) (bottom left) on July 27. Also attending the meeting were MPP Khanjin's Stakeholder Relations Rep **Andrew Valler** (bottom right) and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (top right).

BARRIE - New PEO GLP rep, **Rob Martinko**, P.Eng., held a virtual meeting with his MPP, **Andrea Khanjin**, (Barrie-Innisfil) on July 27. Mr. Martinko introduced himself to MPP Khanjin as the PEO GLP rep for her riding and explained to her how PEO is working to comply with amendments the government made to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and implement mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) in January 2023.

MPP Khanjin is also the Deputy Government House Leader, Deputy Government Whip and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Afterward, MPP Khanjin tweeted her thanks to Mr. Martinko and Mr. Brown, and said, "It was great learning about PEO and I'm very excited to continue working with all of you!"

MPP Khanjin has been supportive of PEO in the past, including attending the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony in 2019 in Barrie.

It is important for GLP reps to build and maintain relationships with their elected officials, as it provides MPPs with knowledge on PEO's mandate as the regulator of the profession in the public interest.

PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER GLP REP MEETS OPPORTUNITIES MINISTER



Pankaj Maradiya, P.Eng., (left) had the opportunity to speak to his newly elected MPP, **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) (right) on August 4. Also in this photo is **Sejal Maradiya**, Mr. Maradiya's spouse (centre).

BRAMPTON - PEO Brampton Chapter GLP representative **Pankaj Maradiya**, P.Eng., had the chance to speak with the MPP in his riding, **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) on August 4 at the opening celebration of her constituency office.

MPP Williams is the Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Maradiya took the opportunity to speak with the Minister and explain to her PEO's role as the regulatory body for engineers in Ontario, describe the GLP, and introduce himself as her GLP representative.

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

It is especially important for GLP representatives to communicate with their MPPs, especially those who are newly elected, so that they can gain insight into PEO's goals of regulating the profession.

PEO KINGSTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH NEW MPP AT COMMUNITY EVENT

KINGSTON - PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., had the opportunity to speak with **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) at a community event celebrating Pakistan's 75th Independence Day on August 14.

MPP Hsu is the Liberal critic for Energy; Mines; Natural Resources and Forestry; and Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

This was an excellent opportunity to continue building the relationship between MPP Hsu and PEO's Kingston Chapter, following the MPP's recent meeting with Mr. Bashir as well as the GLP rep for his riding, **Reza Kashi**, EIT, on July 20.

While speaking with MPP Hsu, Mr. Bashir thanked him for his continued support of PEO GLP activities.

MPP Hsu has long been supportive of PEO, as he also attended the PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy & Congress in Kingston in 2012 during his tenure as an MP.



PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., spoke with **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) at an event in Kingston on August 14.

MEET YOUR NEW MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features two of the newly elected Ontario MPPs, **Laura Smith**, MPP (Thornhill) and **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands), so PEO licence holders can get to know their Members of Provincial Parliament. For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

LAURA SMITH, MPP



Laura Smith, MPP
(Thornhill)

Laura Smith represents the Progressive Conservative Party. She is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP Smith worked in the legal profession for many years and owned a litigation support company.

She was also a former vice president of a co-operative nursery school in her community as well as a Director with the Thornhill Thunder Soccer Club .

MPP Smith studied political science at York University and legal administration at Seneca College.

TED HSU, MPP

Ted Hsu is a member of the Liberal Party. He is the party critic for Energy; Mines; Natural Resources and Forestry; and Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Hsu worked as Executive Director at SWITCH, a local sustainable energy association. He also previously worked in the finance industry and conducted academic research in physics.

In 2011, he was elected MP for Kingston and the Islands. He chose not to seek re-election in 2015 to spend more time with his young family. During his time as an MP, he served as his party's Science and Technology Critic.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in physics at Queen's University and completed his PhD in physics at Princeton University. MPP Hsu's father was a chemical engineering professor at Queen's University.



Ted Hsu, MPP (Kingston
and the Islands)

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PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., (left) spoke with **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, (centre left) and Government House Leader **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham-Stouffville), Minister of Legislative Affairs and Long-Term Care (centre right) at the 2022 AMO Conference. Also included in the photo is former PEO President, **George Comrie**, P.Eng. (right) who is also the Mayor of the municipality of Whitestone.

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Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) was one of the keynote speakers, as were NDP interim leader **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), Liberal MPP **Stephen Blais**, (Orleans) and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph).

See the full agenda at [this link](#).

One of the highlights of the conference was the Ministers Forum which included every Minister including Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte).

In addition to President Colucci, who served for several years on the PEO Government Liasion Committee (GLC), other PEO licensees attending the AMO conference included:

- **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng, MPP (Windsor Tecumseh), former Vice-Chair of the PEO GLC
- Former two-time PEO president, **George Comrie**, P.Eng., Mayor of Whitestone
- Former PEO Council Chair **Dave Euler**, P.Eng., CAO of the City of North Bay
- Former PEO president **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., and **Angela Vieth**, P. Eng, City of Waterloo Councillors
- Former PEO Vice President **John Vieth**, P.Eng., and candidate for Waterloo regional Council
- Township of Scugog Councillor **Ian McDougall**, P.Eng.

Mr. Colucci, who in his day job works as Director of Infrastructure Services for the Town of Erin, said “The conference was a great opportunity for me and other municipal leaders to meet with Ministers and MPPs and have a meaningful discussion on issues in the public interest. To have so many engineering and PEO leaders there just added more value.”

PEO Government Relations consultant **Howard Brown** also attended the conference and had a chance to introduce Mr. Colucci and other licensees to Ministers and MPPs.



PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., (right) speaking with **Brian Saunderson**, MPP (Simcoe-Grey) (left), the new Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General at the AMO conference on August 16.



TVO host **Steve Paikin**, (left) former recipient of the PEO President's Award with Waterloo Councillor and former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., (right).

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Question: Which newly elected MPP met three PEO Brampton Chapter GLP reps at a Brampton Board of Trade event on July 27?

Answer: **Graham MccGregor**, MPP (Brampton North).

This week's question: Which three MPPs did GLC Vice Chair Asif Khan, P.Eng., meet with on July 26?

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, August 22.

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 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 - 3 PM - 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.

Sunday, August 28 at 2 - 5 PM - Annual Summer BBQ with **Robin Martin**, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health. Location: Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, North York. Cost: free. 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.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue will be August 26.

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