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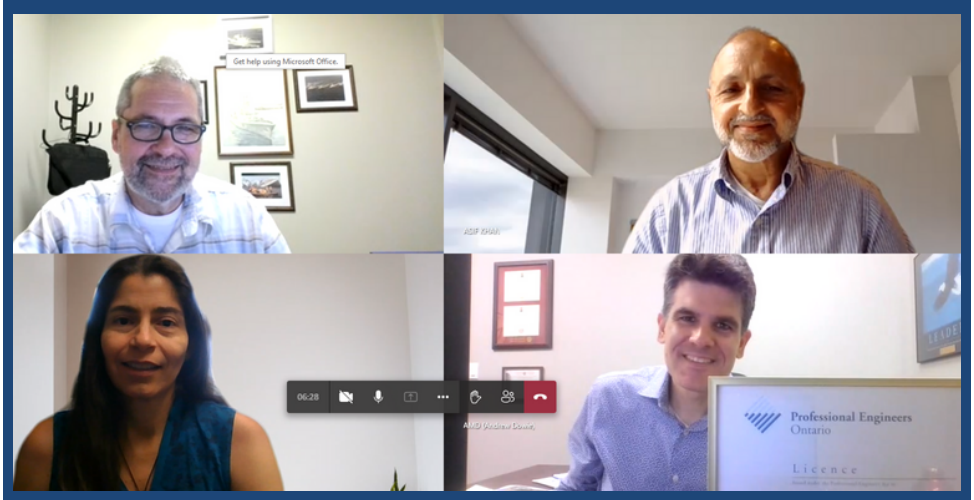
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NEW ENGINEER MPP APPLAUDS WORK OF GLP

WINDSOR - PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter met virtually with **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade on August 26.



Representing PEO and the Windsor-Essex Chapter was **Juliana**

Otero, P.Eng, who is the new GLP rep for MPP Dowie's riding and **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., who is the chapter's GLP Chair as well as Vice Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee. Ms. Otero and MPP Dowie previously worked together for the City of Windsor. Also attending the meeting was MPP Dowie's Executive Assistant **Paul Synnott**.

PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter reps **Juliana Otero**, P.Eng., (bottom left) and **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (top right) spoke with **Andrew Dowie**, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (bottom right) in a virtual meeting on August 26. Also pictured is MPP Dowie's Executive Assistant **Paul Synnott** (top left).

They discussed PEO's mandate, the *Fair Access to Regulatory Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), as well as PEO's progress on implementing a mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) requirement for its licence holders in January 2023. They also talked about an upcoming Take Your MPP to Work Day on September 21 at the University of Windsor. MPP Dowie recommended inviting **Trevor Jones**, the newly elected MPP for Chatham-Kent. The MPP applauded the work of PEO and the GLP, of which he was the Vice Chair prior to assuming public office. He also said he was looking forward to having everyone to Queen's Park once restrictions lift on in-person meetings.

He told the PEO group that he gave his maiden speech in the Legislature the day before the meeting. He said: "Professional Engineers Ontario has noted that I'm the only professional engineer to be elected serving in this House in the 43rd Ontario Legislature. My actions here must reflect the highest level of ethics and of a duty to the public. I pledge to make my fellow engineers proud of the service that I deliver in this Legislature... Shortly after I was elected to town council in 2014, I attended the Professional Engineers Ontario Queen's Park day reception right here at the Ontario Legislature. (Then-MPP) Percy (Hatfield) showed me this beautiful building and the hidden gems in his office, and he also left me with a parting reflection, that at some point in the distant future, he will need to have a worthy successor. I will do my utmost to give justice to the role given to me and to offer the same level of respect and dignity that Percy gave to this role for the many years that he served."

SAVE THE DATE: GLP IN-PERSON TRAINING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 IN MISSISSAUGA



The 2022 PEO in-person training will be held on October 21. Here are some of the attendants of the conference in 2018. From left to right: 2018 conference chair **Jerome James**, P.Eng., then-Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., then-Ottawa-Vanier MPP **Nathalie DesRosiers**, **Bhutila Karpoche**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park), then Deputy Green Party Leader **Bonnie North**, and 2018 conference chair **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng.

Over the last 10 years, PEO has regularly held training sessions to make sure GLP reps and MPPs are informed and aware of issues impacting the regulation of professional engineering.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee has announced that the 2022 in-person training will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Toronto - Airport West at 5444 Dixie Rd in Mississauga on the afternoon of Friday, October 21 (see photo below). It is in conjunction with the Chapter Leaders' Conference which starts that evening.

The training, which will be for all GLP representatives assigned to Ontario's 124 MPPs, will include training on messaging on PEO's work on the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) as well as on PEO's plans to have mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) in place by January 2023.



CURRENT AND FORMER PEO COUNCILLORS RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

At least five former and one current PEO councillors are seeking municipal seats in the upcoming elections on October 24 across Ontario.

PEO Western Region Councillor **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng., announced her candidacy for Sarnia Council on LinkedIn, saying: "I threw my name in the hat again to run for the position of Sarnia City Councillor. I believe local government will be key to ensuring that communities, and everyone in them, thrives as we move forward."

Former PEO Councillor **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng., is running for Council in the Town of Parry Sound.

Former PEO Councillor **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., is running in Ward 24 for Ottawa City Council.

Former PEO president **George Comrie**, P.Eng., is seeking re-election as Mayor of the Municipality of Whitestone.

Ian McDougall, P.Eng., is running for re-election as a Councillor in the Township of Scugog.

Ron Starr, P.Eng., is seeking re-election for the City of Mississauga in Ward 6.

It is important for PEO and GLP representatives to stay informed on the event of the upcoming municipal election as many municipal councillors go on to serve in the provincial Legislature.

Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), the only engineer currently sitting in the Legislature, as well as former MPPs **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., and **Phil McNeely**, P.Eng., previously served in municipal government. Additionally, municipal issues tend to have a major impact on provincial legislation. It was a municipal government push for changes to the *Building Code Act* that resulted in the creation of PEO's Government Liaison Program.

If you know of any professional engineers running in your municipality, please email Julie Hamilton at jhamilton@peo.on.ca.



PEO Western Region Councillor **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng., is running for Sarnia City Council.

NEW QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

Chairs and vice-chairs have been appointed for a number of committees at Queen's Park. They include:



Finance and Economic Affairs Committee

- Chair: **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford)
- Vice-Chair: **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre), NDP critic for Red Tape Reduction, and Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

Government Agencies Committee

- Chair: **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant), PC Caucus Chair
- Vice-Chair: **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), Interim Liberal Leader

Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy Committee

- Chair: **Laurie Scott**, MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock)
- Vice-Chair: **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP critic for Colleges and Universities and Anti-Racism and Equity

Standing Committee on the Interior (previously known as the "Estimates Committee")

- Chair: **Aris Babikian**, MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt)
- Vice-Chair: **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph), Green Party Leader

Justice Policy Committee

- Chair: **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier
- Vice-Chair: **Sol Mamakwa**, MPP (Kiiwetinoong), Deputy Opposition Leader

Procedure and House Affairs Committee

- Chair: **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa), NDP Critic for Infrastructure and Highways
- Vice-Chair: **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth-Wellington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education

Public Accounts Committee

- Chair: **Tom Rakocevic**, MPP (Humber River—Black Creek), NDP critic for Consumer Protection and Auto Insurance
- Vice-Chair: **Donna Skelly**, MPP (Flamborough—Glanbrook), Deputy Speaker

Social Policy Committee

- Chair: **Goldie Ghamari**, MPP (Carleton)
- Vice-Chair: **France Gelinis**, MPP (Nickel Belt), NDP critic for Health

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* features one newly elected MPP, **Stephane Sarrazin**, (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell) and one re-elected opposition member **France Gelinas**, MPP (Nickel Belt), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

STEPHANE SARRAZIN, MPP



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(Glengarry-Prescott-Russell)

Stephane Sarrazin represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Sarrazin served as the Mayor of the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet and as the warden of Prescott and Russell United Counties. He also served as a Member of the Board Of Directors at the Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network.

MPP Sarrazin studied at Algonquin College to become an electrician, which he worked as for nearly 20 years.

FRANCE GELINAS, MPP

France Gelinas is a member of the New Democratic Party. She was first elected in 2007 in a general election. She currently serves as her party's critic for Health.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP Gelinas worked as a physiotherapist and as executive director of the Community Health Centre of Sudbury. She also served on the United Way's Citizens' Advisory Panel as well as president of the Francophone Reference Group of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.



France Gelinas, MPP
(Nickel Belt)

MPP Gelinas participated in a PEO Take your MPP to Work Day in Sudbury in 2019 as well as in many PEO Queen's Park events.

Correction: The [July 29th issue](#) of the GLP Weekly Times incorrectly spelled the first name of Susana Toma, P.Eng.

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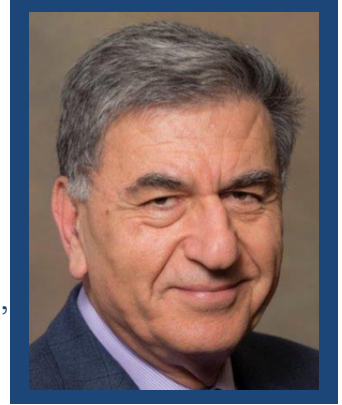
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They spoke for over 20 minutes, where Mr. Adams introduced himself as the new GLP chair for six West Toronto chapter ridings as well as living in her constituency. They then discussed Mr. Adam's background as an engineering graduate from University of Waterloo, who grew up in Eastern Ontario, and now works as engineer for AECOM. They discussed PEO's mandate, the *Fair Access to Regulatory Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), and progress on implementing a mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) requirement for its licence holders in January 2023. MPP Martin mentioned that her own father was a professional engineer whose career she followed closely.

It is beneficial for GLP reps to attend events with their local elected officials, as it helps raise awareness and understanding of professional engineers and PEO, as well as develop valuable relationships with MPPs.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter's **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:



Noubar Takessian, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

Question: Name one of the keynote MPP speakers at the 2022 Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference.

Answer: Correct answers included Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North, NDP Leader **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orleans) and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph)

This week's question: PEO Kingston Chapter and Thousand Island Chapter representatives attended an event on August 20 hosted by which Minister?

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 Tuesday, September 6.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

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

Wednesday, September 28, 7 PM - An Evening with Ontario PC Leader Doug Ford, MPP (Etobicoke North). Location: Brampton, TBA. Cost: \$1,000. To register, [click here](#).

Friday, September 30, 7:30- 9:30 AM - Mississauga Board of Trade Breakfast with local MPPs. Location: Residence Inn by Marriott, Mississauga Southwest, 2145 North Sheridan Way, Mississauga. Cost: Members \$55, Non-members \$75. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, October 6, 6 PM - An Evening with MPPs - Energy Minister Todd Smith, (Bay of Quinte), Natural Resources and Forestry Minister **Graydon Smith** (Parry Sound-Muskoka) and Mines Minister **George Pirie** (Timmins). Location: Toronto, TBA. Cost: \$1,000. To register, [click here](#).

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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 September 16.

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