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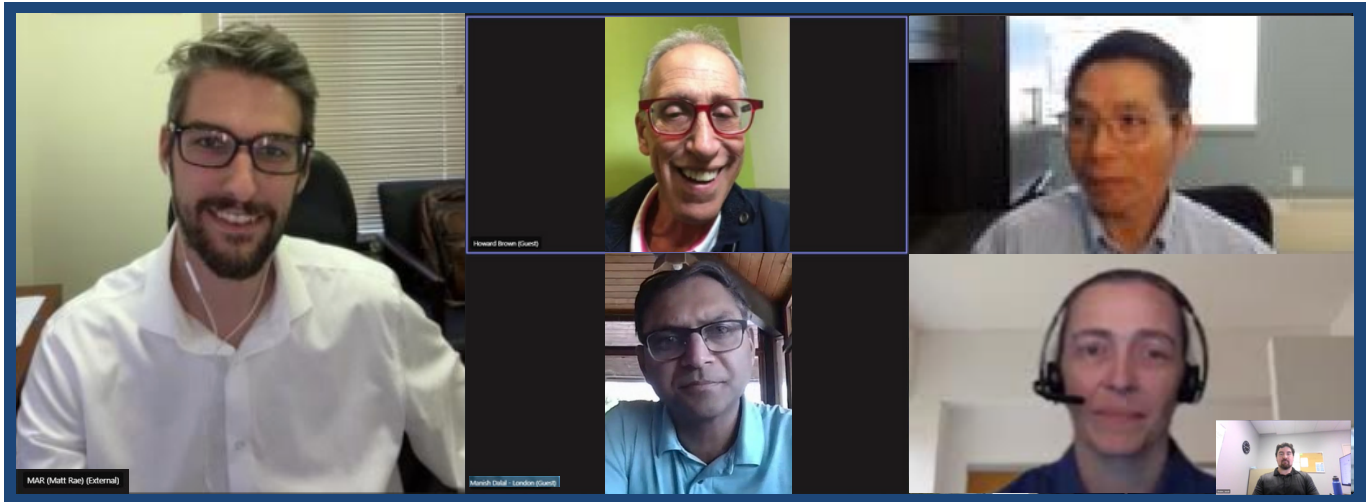
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PEO LONDON CHAPTER GLP REPS HAVE PRODUCTIVE TALK WITH NEW PERTH-WELLINGTON MPP



PEO London Chapter GLP rep **Steven Yu**, P.Eng., (top row, right) met with **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth-Wellington) (left) on September 9. Also participating in the call were London Chapter Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., (bottom row, centre) PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** (bottom row, right), Executive Assistant to the MPP **Jacob Shuker** (bottom, right) and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (top row, middle)

STRATFORD - PEO London Chapter GLP representatives met with the newly elected Perth-Wellington MPP **Matthew Rae** on September 9. Attending the meeting for the chapter were GLP representative **Steven Yu**, P.Eng., and London Chapter Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng. Also participating in the call on behalf of the head office were Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. **Jacob Shuker** from MPP Rae's office was also in attendance.

Mr. Rae was familiar with PEO as he had worked with the former MPP **Randy Pettapiece** prior to his election.

The PEO delegation provided Mr. Rae with an update on PEO's regulatory mandate, as well as upcoming chapter activities and PEO initiatives. They explained that PEO's focus in the coming months will focus on two priority issues — the impact of the new *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* on PEO and the introduction of mandatory continuous professional development, which begins on January 1, 2023.

PEO COUNCILLOR RUNS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN EASTERN ONTARIO

CORNWALL - The list is growing. As reported in the *GLP Weekly Times* issues on September 2 and 16, a number of PEO licence holders are seeking election to municipal office across the province in the October 24 elections.

Most recently, the *GLP Weekly Times* has learned that PEO Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., is also a candidate for the Howe Island ward in the township of Frontenac Islands. In 2018, Mr. Kirkby lost that ward by just three votes.



PEO Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., is seeking election to the township of Frontenac Islands.

Mr. Kirkby's volunteerism at PEO spans 25 years in many roles, and he was inducted as a member of PEO's Order of Honour in 2022.

Other PEO licence holders seeking election or re-election are:

- **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng., is running for Council in Sarnia. She is currently the PEO Senior Western Region Councillor.
- **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., is seeking re-election as a Councillor in the City of Waterloo. Ms. Freeman is former PEO president and Councillor.
- **George Comrie**, P.Eng., is seeking re-election as the Mayor of the Municipality of Whitestone. Mr. Comrie is a two-time PEO president.
- **John Vieth**, is running as a candidate for Waterloo Region Council. Mr. Vieth is a former PEO Vice President and Councillor.
- **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng., is running for Council in the Town of Parry Sound. Ms. Ausma is a former PEO Vice President and Councillor.
- **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., is running in Ward 24 for Ottawa City Council. Mr. Boone is a former Regional Councillor.
- **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.
- **Angela Vieth**, P.Eng., is running for re-election to Waterloo Council.

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

SAVE THE DATE

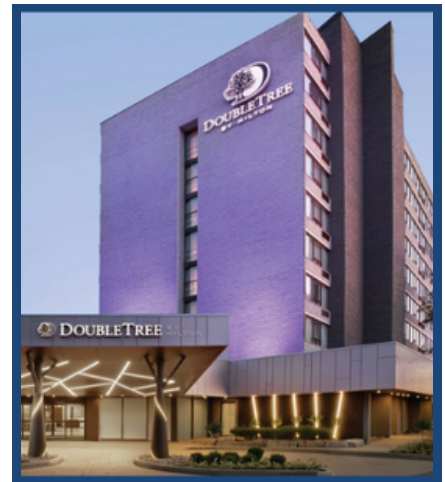
GLP IN-PERSON TRAINING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 IN MISSISSAUGA



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 McDonnell**, 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 program will begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. There is also a dinner that evening in conjunction with the Chapter Leaders Conference taking place the next day. For more information, contact your Chapter Chair or **Julie Hamilton** at jhamilton@peo.on.ca.



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 above).

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* as well as on PEO's plans to have mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) in place by January 2023.

MISSISSAUGA ENGINEER ATTENDS EVENT WITH MPP



Former PEO Manager Liaison of the Government Relations Programs, **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., (centre) spoke with her MPP, **Sharif Sabawy** (Mississauga-Erin Mills).

MISSISSAUGA - Mississauga engineer **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. had the opportunity to speak with a number of MPPs at a local community event on September 13. Ms. Chau spoke with her MPP **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga-Erin Mills), who is also the Parliamentary Assistant for the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

Most recently, Ms. Chau was the PEO Manager Liaison of Government Relations Programs. She retired last month and has been busy attending a number of community events. MPP Sabawy is very familiar with PEO as he has a long-time interest in PEO activities and he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Alexandria University.

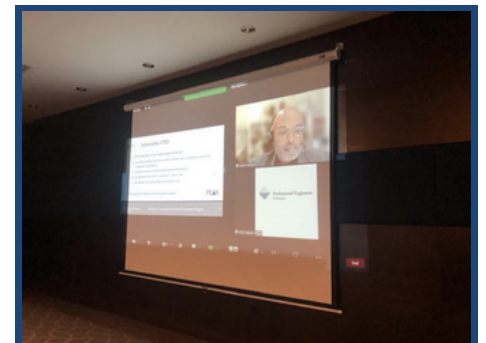
PEO CHAPTERS DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR GLP PROGRAM AT REGIONAL MEETINGS

The PEO Chapter Office is holding its five regional congresses this fall to discuss chapter issues as well as news from PEO, including, the *Fair Access to the Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* and the mandatory continuing professional development in place as of January 1, 2023.

Participating in the sessions were representatives from each chapter as well as PEO's Lead, Professional Development, **Arden Heerah**, MEng, P.Eng, PMP, who gave a comprehensive presentation on the new mandatory continuing professional development. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also provided an update at each meeting on the current work being done by the local GLP committees.

The sessions are scheduled as follows:

- West Central Region in Oakville on September 14
- Eastern Region in Pembroke on September 17
- Western Region in Kitchener on September 24
- East Central Region in Toronto on September 28
- Northern Region in Sault St. Marie on October 1



MINISTER AND MPP UPDATED ON PEO AGENDA AT LOCAL EVENT



Minister **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) (left) with former Education Minister **Indira Naidoo-Harris** (bottom left) and Construction Trades Council Business Manager **Mark Arsenault** (right) at recent event on September 13.



Don Valley East MPP **Adil Shamji** (right) speaks with former Fairness Commissioner **Gene Augustine** (middle) and **Yasmin Shaker** (left), Board Member of the Pearson Centre, which hosted the event.

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) spoke at the Pearson Centre for Progressive Leadership Awards Gala on September 13.

Also participating were **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), former Minister and Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Jean Augustine** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. McNaughton for his help in the past on PEO issues and congratulated him on his new appointment. Mr. McNaughton is the Minister responsible for the new *Fair Access to the Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*.

Mr. Brown also had the chance to speak with Mr. Shamji and Ms. Augustine about PEO's work as it relates to both FARPACTA and mandatory continuing professional development. MPP Shamji was interested in the impacts on the profession and when the East Toronto Chapter would be holding its licence certificate ceremony. MPP Shamji met with East Toronto Chapter on July 7.

The gala was co-chaired by Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie** and Waterloo Councillor **Sean Strickland**, who is also the CEO at Ontario Construction Secretariat.

GLP CHAIR GETS 2,500 VIEWS ON POST WITH MPPS



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Yehuda Adams**, P.Eng., sent *The GLP Weekly* a post he shared with his followers on LinkedIn on September 9 which generated over 2,500 impressions. The post included four pictures of Mr. Adams with Minister of Health **Robin Martin**, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), as well as two pictures with Minister of Education **Steven Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan).

Congratulations Mr. Adams!

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Representing the chapter and PEO were East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng., and **Jaspreet Nijjar**, P.Eng., the new GLP representative for MPP Tabuns' riding. GLP Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** was also in attendance.

Mr. Tabuns, who was appointed interim leader of the official opposition and New Democratic Party last month, is very familiar with PEO and its mandate. Mr. Nijjar introduced himself as the GLP rep in the new system in which each MPP now has their own GLP rep.

Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Sadeghi were both able to explain to MPP Tabuns PEO's new focus on not only ongoing regulatory issues, particularly in regards to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), but also PEO's focus on bringing in mandatory continuing professional development by January 2023. The mandatory CPD program builds on the voluntary PEAK (Practice Evaluation and Knowledge) program, which was established in 2017.

Mr. Tabuns meets regularly with the East Toronto Chapter, but said it would be difficult over the next six months to attend PEO events until he completes his term as interim leader.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* features two newly elected MPPs, **Dawn Gallagher Murphy**, (Newmarket-Aurora) and **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

DAWN GALLAGHER MURPHY, MPP



**Dawn Gallagher
Murphy, MPP**
(Newmarket-Aurora)

Dawn Gallagher Murphy represents the Progressive Conservative Party. She is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP Gallagher Murphy worked for 25 years in the secure payments industry including 15 years spent managing her own consulting business and worked as a card program solution development professional in the Canadian and International banking industries.

MPP Gallagher Murphy also served as the community office manager for former Newmarket-Aurora MPP **Christine Elliott** since 2018.

DAVID SMITH, MPP

David Smith is a member of the Progressive Conservative Party. He currently serves as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Smith served for the last 12 years as a Trustee on the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for Ward 17. In this position, he worked with the City of Toronto and the Ministry of Education to develop programming and streamline administration for Scarborough Centre students.



David Smith, MPP
(Scarborough Centre)

MPP Smith previously worked in the financial services industry, as well as served on the CNE Exhibition Committee, as a director of Toronto Lands Corp, and as Chair of Finance Administration and Accountability on the TDSB.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

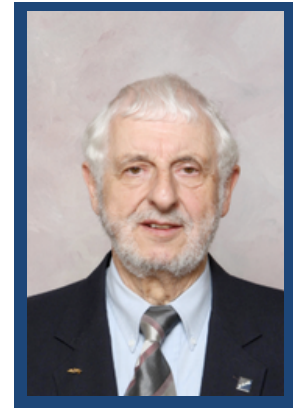
Question: Which Minister did PEO West Toronto GLP Chair Yehuda Adams, P.Eng., meet at MPP Robin Martin's annual barbecue on August 28?

Answer: Robin Martin, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence)

This week's question: Which MPP did PEO Scarborough Chapter Rep Lorraine Fraser, P.Eng., meet with on September 2?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Howard Brown at howard@brown-cohen.com by Tuesday, September 20th.

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



Roger Jones, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Thursday, September 29th, 8 - 10 AM - "In Conversation with The Honourable Monte McNaughton" Conversation with MPP Monte McNaughton, (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) Location: Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre 20 Polonia Avenue, Unit #100. Doors open 7:45am, breakfast will be served. Cost: \$45 for members, \$65 for non-members. 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](#).

Saturday October 1, 12 - 4 PM - Thanksgiving Luncheon with Deepak Anand, MPP (Mississauga-Malton). Location: MPP Deepak Anand's Office 7895 Tranmere Dr, Unit 11 Mississauga. To register, click [here](#).

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue is September 30.

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