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RENOWNED GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PROF RETURNS TO HEADLINE PEO GLP TRAINING SESSION



Professor **Hershell Ezrin** (centre left) will return as a keynote speaker at the PEO GLP training session on October 21. Here he is at the 2018 session, which was held at the University of Toronto. Also in the photo are then PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (left), then York Chapter GLP Rep **Lily (Keoponnreay) Kim**, E.I.T. (centre), **Sandro Perruzza**, P.Eng., CEO of Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (centre right) and PEO Councillor **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng. (right).

MISSISSAUGA - The agenda has been set for the PEO GLP training session on Friday, October 21 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Toronto Airport West at 544 Dixie Road. It will be called ***The Next Century of Regulating Professional Engineering in the Public Interest*** and provide the first opportunity for many of the 124 GLP reps from across the province to meet in-person.

A number of prominent MPPs have been invited, including Attorney General **Doug Downey** MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte), newly-elected MPPs **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., (Windsor-Tecumseh) and NDP Attorney General critic **Kristyn Wong-Tam** (Toronto Centre), as well as Liberal Attorney General critic **Lucille Collard** (Ottawa-Vanier).

We're pleased to announce that the keynote kick-off speaker will be York-Seneca Government Relations Professor **Hershell Ezrin**, who served in the Privy Council in Ottawa, the Canadian Consul in New York and Los Angeles and as the principal secretary to 18th Premier **David Peterson**. He will speak on Ontario's political climate and ways to better engage with the government.

Sessions will be held on how to communicate with your MPP as well as issues such as the impact of the new *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* on PEO and the introduction of mandatory continuing professional development, which begins on January 1, 2023.

Contact Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** at jhamilton@peo.on.ca to register.

PEO LONDON CHAPTER GLP REP MEETS WITH PERTH-WELLINGTON MPP AND MINISTER

LISTOWEL - PEO London Chapter GLP Rep **Steven Yu**, P.Eng., participated in a retirement reception for former Perth-Wellington MPP **Randy Pettapiece** on September 24 in Listowel.

About 50 people attended, including current Perth-Wellington MPP **Matthew Rae**, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce) as well as Perth-Wellington MP **John Nater**.

Mr Yu told the *GLP Weekly Times* that he had an excellent conversation with MPP Rae on PEO activities.

"He appreciated our effort to keep him updated on our activities and would love to attend the certificate ceremony and other events."

On September 9, Mr. Yu met online with MPP Rae and his assistant **Jacob Shuker** along with PEO London Chapter Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

PEO London Chapter GLP Rep **Steven Yu**, P. Eng. (right) had the chance to meet his former MPP **Randy Pettapiece** (left) and his MP **John Nater** (centre) at the retirement party for Mr. Pettapiece.



PEO London Chapter GLP rep **Steven Yu**, P.Eng. (right) met **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth-Wellington), on September 24.



10 PEO LICENCE HOLDERS RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE ACROSS ONTARIO

A total of 10 professional engineers are seeking election in the upcoming Ontario municipal elections on October 24.



The *GLP Weekly Times* has identified the following candidates who are seeking municipal office (photos above):

- **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng. is running for council in the township of Frontenac Islands in the Howe Islands ward. He is currently a PEO Eastern Region Councillor.
- **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng. is running for Council in City of Sarnia. She is currently a PEO Western Region Councillor.
- **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng. is seeking re-election as a Councillor in the City of Waterloo. Ms. Freeman is a former PEO president and Councillor.
- **George Comrie**, P.Eng. is seeking re-election as the Mayor of the Municipality of Whitestone. Mr. Comrie was a two-time PEO president.
- **John Vieth**, P.Eng. is running as a candidate for Waterloo Region Council. He is a former PEO Vice President and Councillor.
- **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng. is running for Council in the Town of Parry Sound. She is a former PEO Vice President and Councillor.
- **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., is running in Ward 24 for Ottawa City Council. He is a former PEO Eastern Region 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 City Council.

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

PEO EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR MEETS NDP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CRITIC AT 2GETHER CONFERENCE IN LONDON

LONDON - PEO's Director of External Relations, **David Smith**, participated in the 2GETHER conference with over 700 design industry professionals in London, Ont. on September 21st and 22nd.

He had a chance to meet and speak with **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre) who is the NDP critic for Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.



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The conference was a joint meeting of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) and the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA).

Other speakers included London Mayor **Ed Holder** and dozens of industry and municipal government professionals. PEO was introduced as one of the special guests at the meeting. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended the conference and had a chance to introduce Mr. Smith to MPP Kernaghan, Mayor Holder and others.



PEO External Relations Director **David Smith** (left) with **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London-North Centre). Also in the photo are OALA Executive Director **Aina Budrevics** (centre left), OPPI Executive Director of the OPPI **Susan Wiggins** (centre right) and OALA President **Steve Barnhart** (right).

ONTARIO FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATES IN PEO IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETING



Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** (right) was a guest speaker at the PEO Council meeting on September 23 at PEO headquarters. Also in the photo are PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. (left), and PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (centre).

Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** participated in the 549th PEO Council Meeting on September 23 at PEO headquarters in Toronto. He discussed the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and took questions from PEO councillors.

It was Commissioner Glasberg's first opportunity to address PEO Council since the government's approval of amendments to FARPACTA. Commissioner Glasberg is very familiar with PEO as he has a long history of work with the profession during many years with the Ontario government.

In addition to his current role, he previously served as Deputy Minister for the Attorney General as well as in senior roles in the Ministry of Labour.

The Council meeting was chaired by PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. who updated Council on his work over the last three months.

Other topics discussed at the Council meeting included:

- Review of the draft PEO operating and capital budgets for 2023
- Discussion on next steps for FARPACTA
- Workplace violence and harassment policy update
- PEO Central Election and Search Committee update
- A discussion on the submissions from PEO's 2022 AGM

For more information, see PEO Council dispositions [here](#).

NDP EDUCATION CRITIC DECLARES FOR PARTY LEADERSHIP



Ontario NDP Education Critic **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) threw her name in the ring for NDP leadership on September 22.

Current Ontario NDP Education Critic **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) launched her bid to lead her party on September 22. Longtime leader **Andrea Horwath**, resigned from the post on election night, after leading the NDP since 2009.

MPP Stiles is the first candidate in the race, which will conclude in March. She kicked off her campaign with endorsements from fellow caucus members **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), **Bhutila Karpoche**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park) and **Chandra Pasma**, MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean).

MPP Stiles has been MPP for Davenport since 2018, and was a former public school trustee.

Apart from MPP Stiles, several other NDP caucus members have been rumoured to be running for the leadership, including **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo), **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), **Wayne Gates**, MPP (Niagara Falls) and **Sol Mamakwa**, MPP (Kiiwetinoong). Candidates have until December 2022 to register for the leadership race.

PEO chapters have a long relationship with many members of the NDP caucus, having met with the majority of them over the last few years.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features two elected MPPs, **Mike Harris**, (Kitchener-Conestoga) and **Catherine Fife** (Waterloo), so PEO licence holders can continue to get to know their representatives.

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

MIKE HARRIS, MPP



Mike Harris, MPP
(Kitchener-Conestoga)

Mike Harris represents the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to his election to the Legislature in 2018, MPP Harris was an entrepreneur and learned the importance of service to the community from a young age as the eldest son of former Ontario Premier, Mike Harris.

MPP Harris has served on several Standing Committees and was the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

CATHERINE FIFE, MPP

Catherine Fife is a member of the New Democratic Party of Ontario. Her current legislative roles are as critics for the Treasury Board and Finance, and member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. She was first elected in 2012 in a by-election.

Prior to her election to the legislature, MPP Fife spent 10 years with the Toronto District School Board as an educational assistant, school community advisor and settlement worker for new immigrants. She was also the research coordinator for the Partnerships for Children and Families Project at Wilfrid Laurier University.

MPP Fife has worked to improve the quality and access to education by serving as Trustee and Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board, Vice President of the Canadian School Boards' Association, and President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.



Catherine Fife, MPP
(Waterloo)

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

This week's question: What is the date of the upcoming PEO GLP Training Session in Mississauga?

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 Monday, October 3.

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



PEO headquarters in Toronto.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

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

Thursday, October 6 at 6 p.m. - An Evening with MPPs - Energy Minister Todd Smith, MPP (Bay of Quinte), Natural Resources and Forestry Minister Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka) and Mines Minister George Pirie, MPP (Timmins). Location: Ticket price: \$1,000. To be announced. To register, click [here](#).

Tuesday, October 18 at 6 p.m. - An Evening with Ontario PC Leader Doug Ford, MPP (Etobicoke Centre). Location: Lionhead Golf Club & Conference Centre at 8525 Mississauga Rd, Brampton, ON L6Y 0C1. Ticket price: \$1,000. To register, click [here](#).

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue is October 7.

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