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ONTARIO FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER, MPP AND PROFESSOR CONFIRMED AS SPEAKERS FOR PEO GLP TRAINING EVENT AND AWARDS CEREMONY



Ontario Fairness Commissioner
Irwin Glasberg



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP
(Windsor-Tecumseh)



Seneca-York University Government
Relations Professor **Hershell Ezrin**

MISSISSAUGA - Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** has been confirmed as a speaker for the upcoming PEO GLP training event and awards ceremony on October 21 in Mississauga. He will be joining the event online.

Also confirmed as guest speakers in person are Seneca-York Government Relations Professor **Hershell Ezrin** and **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. He is also a former Vice Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

NDP Attorney General critic **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), and Liberal Finance critic **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) have both been invited.

The event, which is titled *A New Century of Regulating Professional Engineering in the Public Interest*, will include sessions on how to effectively communicate with your MPPs, as well as information on the impact of the new *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) on PEO and the introduction of mandatory continuing professional development, which begins on January 1, 2023.

The event will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Toronto Airport West at 5444 Dixie Road from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

To register for this event, please follow [this link](#).

PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER MEETS WITH ROOKIE MPP



Stephanie Bowman, MPP (Don Valley West) (bottom right) met with PEO East Toronto Chapter on September 29. Attending the meeting were PEO GLP rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., (top left), PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, (top right), MPP Bowman's Constituency Office Manager **Michael Fontein** (bottom left) and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (bottom right corner).

PEO East Toronto Chapter hosted their first meeting with newly elected MPP and Liberal Finance critic, **Stephanie Bowman**, (Don Valley West) on September 29.

Attending the online meeting were PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, GLP Rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., MPP Bowman's Constituency Office Manager **Michael Fontein** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

In addition to her role as Finance critic, MPP Bowman is also her party's critic for Infrastructure as well as Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. She was one of four Liberal MPPs elected to the Legislature in the June 2 election.

MPP Bowman said her father was a professional engineer and she has had a long-time interest in engineering issues. She herself is a chartered professional accountant. The PEO delegation walked her through the work PEO is doing with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and mandatory continuing professional development.

It is especially important for reps to build and maintain relationships with their MPPs so that they are able to comfortably approach them when they have concerns regarding regulatory issues.

MINISTER PARTICIPATES IN PRE-RECEPTION AT PEO THOUSAND ISLANDS CHAPTER AGM



PEO Thousand Islands Chapter hosted its Annual General Meeting on October 1 in Brockville. Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (centre) participated in the reception as well as one held in Gananoque on August 20.

BROCKVILLE - PEO Thousand Islands Chapter held its 2022 Annual General Meeting on October 1 in Brockville. Ontario Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) participated in a pre-reception prior to the event with PEO councillors, chapter representatives and local MP **Michael Barrett**.

PEO councillors that attended included Councillor-at-Large **Vaj Bandy**, P.Eng., Eastern regional councillors **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., and **Randy Walker**, P.Eng., and Lieutenant Governor Appointed councillor **Sherlock Sung**. It was also attended by former PEO councillor **Guy Boone**, P.Eng. Councillor Kirkby and Councillor Sung provided the GLP Weekly Times with some of the highlights of the meeting.

Councillor Kirkby advised that a lot of positive offline discussion was held on the PEO Government Liaison Program with Minister Clark, in particular about the importance of the annual Queen's Park receptions.

Councillor Sung spoke with the Minister about a requested meeting with his MPP, Associate Housing Minister **Michael Parsa**, (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill) in the coming weeks with his GLP representative.

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH MPP



PEO Oakville Chapter Vice Chair and GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., (left) and GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (right) had the chance to speak with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP, (Oakville-North Burlington) at a meeting on September 23.

OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter held a meeting with Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington) on September 23.

PEO representatives attending the meeting were GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng and PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng.

Mr. Lee and Mr. AbuOmar congratulated MPP Triantafilopoulos on her re-election to the Legislature and her appointment as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. They provided updates on how PEO is working to meet improved licensing and registration processes, including the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), and upcoming mandatory continuing professional development requirements.

MPP Triantafilopoulos has been supportive of the PEO Oakville Chapter in the past, including participating in the chapter's summer event in June 2019.

ANOTHER ENGINEER RUNNING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION, BRINGING TOTAL TO 11

As reported in previous *GLP Weekly Times* issues, Ontario is holding municipal elections on October 24.

In our September 30 issue, we featured 10 professional engineers who were seeking election or re-election municipally.

PEO *GLP Weekly Times* has now learned some additional news:

- **Steve Ireland**, P.Eng., is running for re-election to Council in the municipality of Merrickville-Wolford. He is a former member of the PEO Thousand Islands Chapter Executive.
- **Ian McDougall**, P.Eng., has been acclaimed as one of the Township of Scugog's regional councillors. Congratulations, Councillor McDougall.



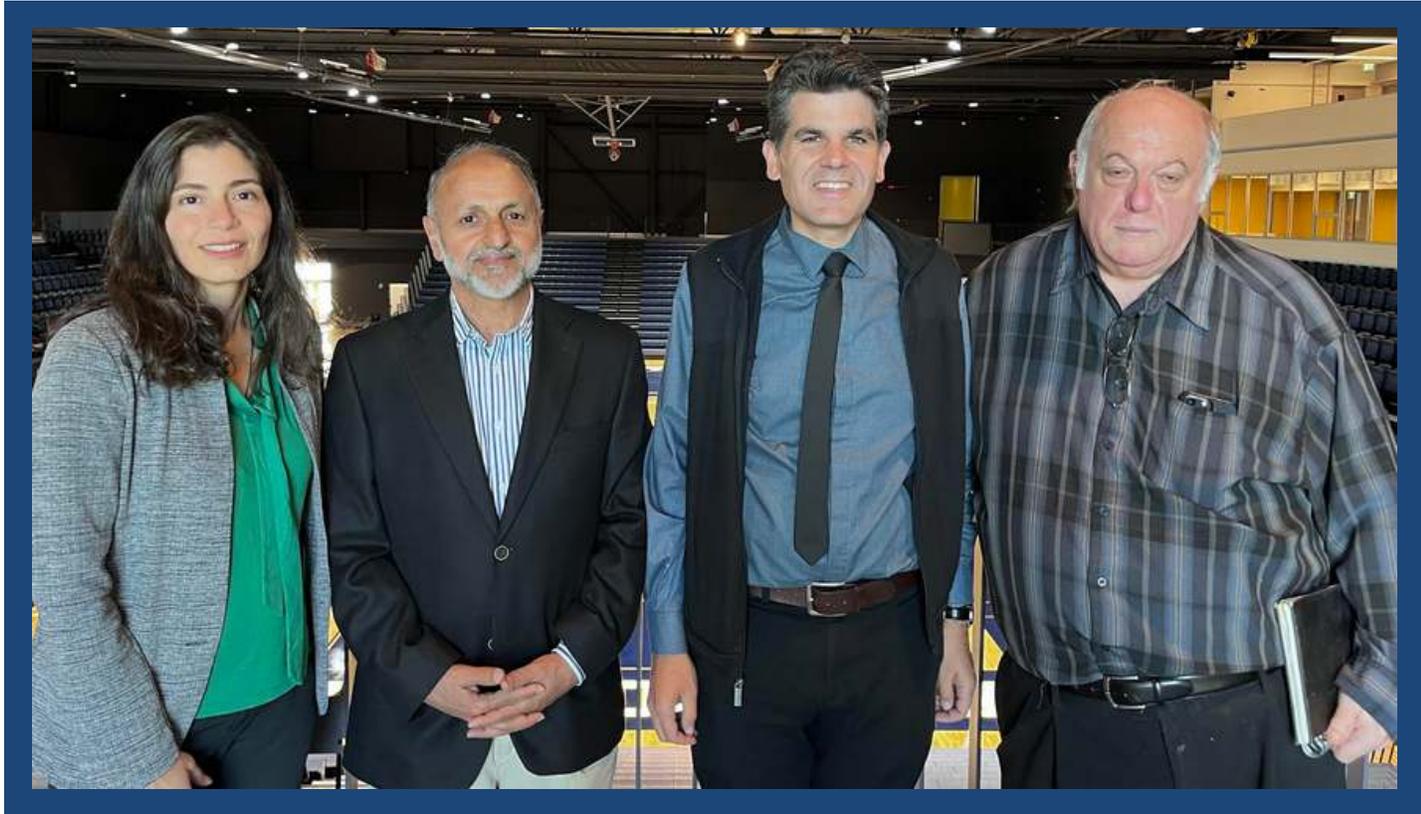
The other professional engineers seeking election or re-election in Ontario are:

- **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.
- **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 WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER HOSTS TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR



PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter hosted **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (centre right) at a Take Your MPP to Work Day event at the University of Windsor on September 23. Here he is with his local GLP rep **Juliana Otero**, P.Eng., (left), PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair and GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (centre left) and Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP member **Dan Castellan**, P.Eng., (right).

WINDSOR - PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day at University of Windsor on September 23 with **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

The event included a tour of the facility and a social event in the lounge with refreshments. Participants representing PEO included PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair and GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P. Eng., and Windsor-Tecumseh GLP rep **Juliana Otero**, P.Eng. Participants representing University of Windsor included Faculty of Engineering Dean Dr. **Bill Van Heyst**, P.Eng, Faculty of Human Kinetics Dean **Dr. Linda Rohr**, Facility Services Associate Director **Colin McLellan**, P.Eng. and Facility Planning, Renovation & Construction Manager, **Danny Castellan**, P.Eng. Also attending was Executive Assistant to MPP Dowie, **Paul Synnott**.

Mr. Khan provided an update on the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trade Act* (FARPACTA) and mandatory continuing professional development (CPD). MPP Dowie, being a P.Eng. explained the benefits of having a professional engineer in the Legislature and how he has been approached a few times with engineering-related questions and opinions.

THREE MPPS ATTEND PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER LICENCE PRESENTATION



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter Chair **Rohan Service**, P.Eng., (left) and GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., (right) met with **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) (centre) at the licence presentation ceremony on September 23.

WHITBY - PEO Lake Ontario Chapter hosted a licence presentation ceremony on September 23 in Whitby. GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., provided the GLP Weekly Times with an update on the event. There were 10 licence certificates distributed to new professional engineers at the event.

Three local MPPs attended the ceremony, including **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax), **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby), and **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham).

It is beneficial for GLP representatives to invite their elected officials to PEO events so that they can develop a greater understanding of the issues facing the engineering profession.



PEO Lake Ontario GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., (centre right) spoke with **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) (centre left) at the chapter licence certificate presentation ceremony in Whitby on September 23. Also in the photo are chapter GLP Reps **Chris Hallett**, P.Eng., (left), and **Wintta Ghebreyesus**, EIT (right).

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO GLP Weekly Times features two newly elected MPPs, **Natalie Pierre**, MPP (Burlington) and **Anthony Leardi**, MPP (Essex), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

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

NATALIE PIERRE, MPP



Natalie Pierre, MPP
(Burlington)

Natalie Pierre represents the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario. She is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges and Universities.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, MPP Pierre has worked as a Human Resources and finance professional. She served for 13 years as a Talent Acquisition Specialist for Sheridan College.

MPP Pierre holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Diploma in Human Resources from McMaster University.

ANTHONY LEARDI, MPP

Anthony Leardi is a member of the Progressive Conservative party. He serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines.

Prior to his election to the legislature, MPP Leardi worked as a lawyer with 23 years of litigation experience, 13 of which were spent in criminal prosecution as a federal agent for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. He has been a guest lecturer for the Ontario Law Society.

MPP Leardi holds a degree in History from McGill University, a degree in Education from the University of Windsor, and a degree in Law from Western University, as well as a certificate in Law from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.



Anthony Leardi, MPP
(Essex)

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO London Chapter's **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

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

This week's question: Who was the guest speaker at the 549th PEO Council meeting held on September 23?

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, October 11.

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



Manish Dalal, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

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](#).

Thursday, October 20 at 12 to 2 p.m. - Update on the Status of Infrastructure: Building Ontario with Hon. **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre) Minister of Infrastructure. Location: Fairmont Royal York - 100 Front St W, Imperial Room & Foyer, Toronto. In-person tickets: \$99. Virtual tickets: free. To register, [click here](#).

OOPS: In the August 26 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times*, PEO Chapter Assistant **Sharon Gillam**'s last name was incorrectly spelled. In the September 23 issue, former Fairness Commissioner **Jean Augustine**'s first name was incorrectly spelled.

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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 is October 21.

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