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Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) (second from the right) was the guest speaker at the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licence certificate ceremony on November 3 in Barrie.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL PARTICIPATES IN PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY

BARRIE- Over 20 licences were presented to new professional engineers at a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter event in Barrie on November 3.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) was the guest speaker and presented each recipient with their licence.

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## PEO COUNCILLOR AND YORK CHAPTER GLP REPS HOLD ONLINE MEETING WITH MINISTER



Associate Housing Minister **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill), met with a PEO York Chapter delegation on November 4 (top left). They included PEO Councillor **Sherlock Sung**, (bottom left), PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng (top right) and PEO York Chapter GLP rep **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng., (bottom right). Also in the photo is Minister Parsa's assistant Marcy.

RICHMOND HILL - PEO York Chapter met with **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill) on November 4. The delegation included PEO Councillor **Sherlock Sung**, York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., and York Chapter GLP representative **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng. They discussed PEO's regulatory mandate and upcoming future processes. Both Mr. Sung and Mr. Awoyemi live in the Minister's riding.

Minister Parsa was very interested in PEO's efforts and asked many questions during the meeting.

There were three key take aways from the meeting:

- They will provide further updates on the new process to facilitate P.Eng designation
- Bringing in mandatory continuing professional development by January 2023
- Attend future roundtable events in the riding

Also participating in the meeting was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. This was the first chance the PEO York Chapter had to meet with the minister since he was named to cabinet in June. They previously met with him last December.

# PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP REP PARTICIPATES IN RECEPTION AT QUEEN'S PARK



PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP rep and Government Liaison Committee member **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., participated in the Ontario Legislature Intern Reception on November 3 (centre left). In the photo with her are left to right **Hardeep Singh Grewal**, MPP (Brampton East), **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore), **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham-Unionville) and **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills).

The Ontario Legislative Intern Programme (OLIP) hosted their fall reception at Queen's Park on November 3. PEO is a longtime OLIP sponsor.

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP representative and Government Liaison Committee member **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., attended the event and spoke with a number of MPPs from all parties. They included **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (PC—Windsor-Tecumseh), **Chris Glover**, MPP (NDP—Spadina-Fort York), and **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Liberal—Ottawa-Vanier), whose responsibilities include being the Attorney General Critic for her party.

Also attending the reception was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Ms. Garner and Mr. Brown had a chance to speak with the MPPs about PEO activities including the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and mandatory continuing professional development.



PEO East Toronto GLP rep and GLC member **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., (right) speaks with **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) (left).



PEO East Toronto GLP rep and GLC member **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., (centre) speaks with **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) (right) and Minister Collard's Assistant (left).

# ATTORNEY GENERAL PARTICIPATES IN PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY

BARRIE - PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter hosted their fall licence presentation at the Barrie Country Club on November 3. Over 20 new licensees were welcomed.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte), attended the ceremony and "delivered a speech of encouragement on the key role of engineers in Ontario."

On his Facebook page, Minister Downey congratulated the new Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter licensees and said that he celebrates their achievement.

He previously spoke at the PEO annual general meetings in both 2021 and 2022 and met with PEO leadership in the fall of 2020 and 2021.

Minister Downey was first elected in 2018 and has worked closely with PEO since his appointment as Attorney General in June 2019.

He has said how pleased he was to collaborate with the recent changes to the Professional Engineers Act, which have been in development for several years, including approval of the new mandatory continuing professional development program. PEO East Central Region Councillor **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., was also a guest speaker.

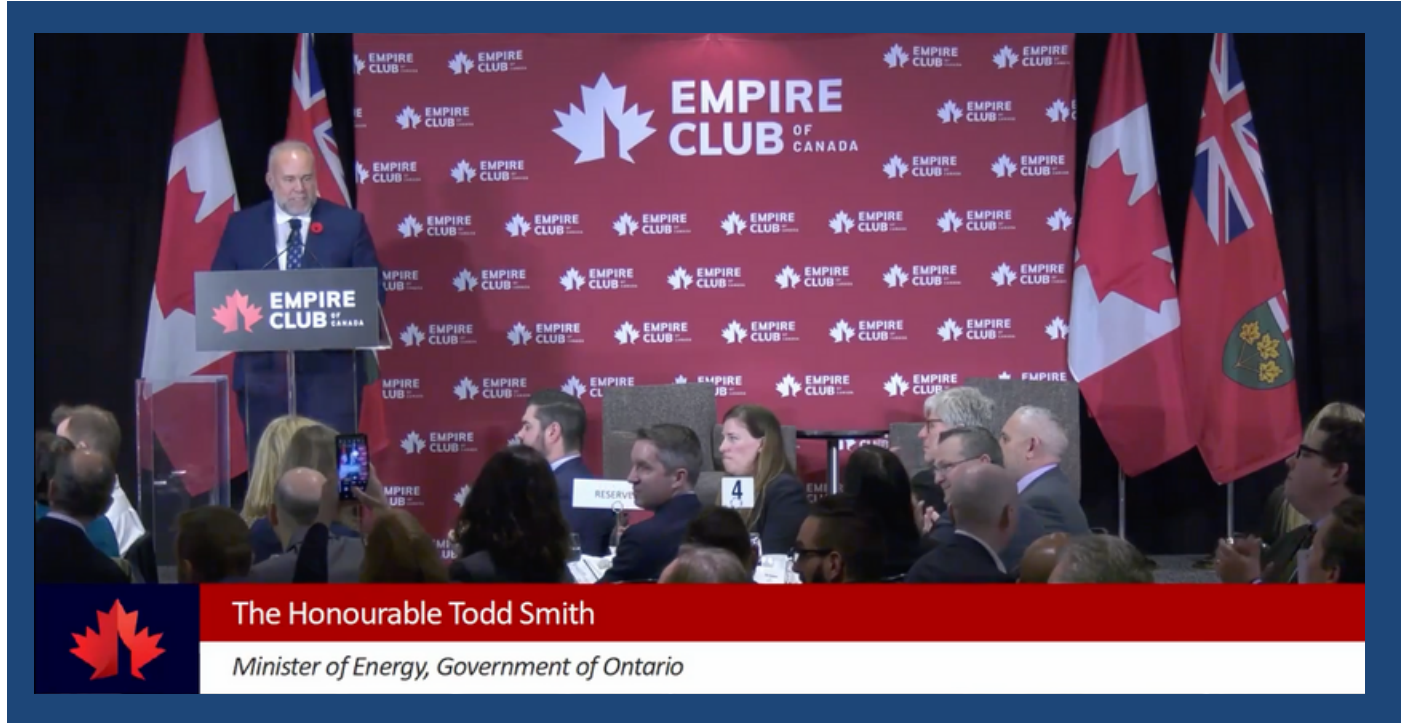


Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Medonte) speaking to the licence recipients on November 3 in Barrie.



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) (front row third from left) with almost 30 PEO representatives, including chapter executives, PEO East Central Region Councillor **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., (second from the left) and new licensees.

## ENERGY MINISTER SPEAKS TO EMPIRE CLUB OF CANADA



**The Honourable Todd Smith**

*Minister of Energy, Government of Ontario*

Energy Minister **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte), was the guest speaker at The Empire Club of Canada on November 3.

Energy Minister **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte) was the keynote speaker at the Empire Club of Canada luncheon in Toronto on November 3.

He discussed a variety of topics relating to reliable, sufficient, and affordable energy for Ontarians and the "series of steps to secure Ontario's energy future."

Also attending the event were **Stéphane Sarrazin**, MPP (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell), Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Smith, and **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as well as Mississauga engineer **Todd Busch**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown had a chance to speak afterwards with Minister Smith about PEO's activities.

To watch the full event, [click here](#).

Mr. Busch is a professional engineer with 27 years consulting experience. He provided PEO *GLP Weekly Times* with an article he authored on U.S. Licensing of Canadian Engineers. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features newly elected MPP, **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North), and **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

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

## GRAHAM MCGREGOR, MPP



**Graham McGregor**, MPP  
(Brampton North)

**Graham McGregor** represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. He was first elected in the June 2022 general election.

MPP McGregor was born and raised in Brampton and previously worked as a legislative assistant with his now colleagues **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) and **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West).

He had a chance to meet three PEO representatives at a Brampton Board of Trade Event in July. He has also worked as a consultant for a local auto dealership and for several small businesses and entrepreneurs in Brampton North.

## TERESA ARMSTRONG, MPP

**Teresa Armstrong** is a member of the New Democratic Party and is the critic on Affordability and Pensions.

She is a strong supporter of PEO and has participated in PEO London Chapter events including a Take Your MPP to Work Day.

Prior to MPP Armstrong's election to the legislature in 2011, she was an insurance broker and served as one of the first chairpersons for the Argyle Resource Centre. She is also a past president of East London Lioness Club, past board member of LUSO Centre, and a volunteer with the East London Optimist Club.



**Teresa Armstrong**, MPP  
(London-Fanshawe)

# 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:** Which PEO chapter did Attorney General Doug Downey speak at on November 3?

**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](mailto:howard@brown-cohen.com) by Monday, November 14.

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



## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Sunday, November 13 - Meet and Greet with NDP Leadership Candidates In Person** featuring **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport). Time: 5-7 PM Location: TBD. Cost: TBD. To register, [click here](#).

**Monday, November 21 - Virtual Women's Breakfast** featuring **Sandy Shaw**, MPP (NDP—Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas), **Mary-Margaret McMahon**, MPP (Liberal—Beaches-East York), and **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (PC—Brampton Centre), Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. Cost: \$40. To register, [click here](#).

**Tuesday, November 22 - Environment Industry Day** featuring **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South) Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) Minister of Red Tape Reduction. Location: Charbonnel Lounge - St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. Cost: \$400. To register, [click here](#).

**Wednesday, November 23 - Beaches-East York Liberal Holiday Party** featuring **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches-East York) and **Mary-Margaret McMahon**, MPP (Beaches-East York). Location: Jawny Bakers 804 O'Connor Dr, Toronto. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

**Thursday, December 1 - All Hands on Deck: Building an Ontario that Works for Everyone** featuring **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. Location: Château Laurier, Adam Room. Cost: \$120. 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 is November 18.

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