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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



This is the final issue of PEO GLP Weekly Times for 2022.



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GREAT EVENT TO END THE YEAR PEO GLP REPS AND COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATE IN SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY CALL

PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) reps participated in a quarterly call on December 14. It was chaired by **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., co-Chair of GLP Engagement. The other Chair, **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. was unable to attend.

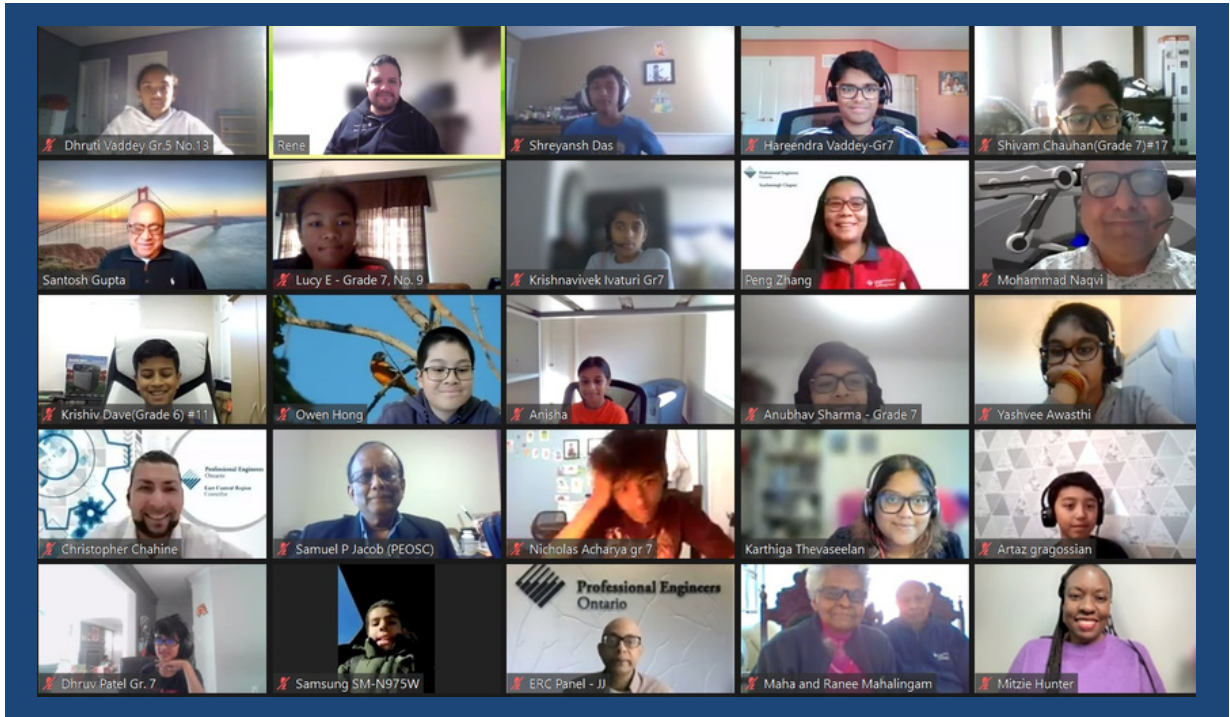
Participants included representatives from across the province including Northern Regional Councillor **Dana Montgomery**, P.Eng. There were presentations on work done to date and plans for 2023.

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LIBERAL DEPUTY LEADER AND PEO COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATE IN MATHLETICS COMPETITION



Liberal Deputy Leader **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) (bottom right) and PEO Councillor **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., (first in fourth row) participated in PEO Scarborough Chapter Mathletics Competition 2022 on November 26.

The PEO Scarborough Chapter Mathletics Competition 2022 was held virtually for junior and senior elementary students on November 26. Liberal Deputy Leader **Mitzie Hunter** (Scarborough-Guildwood) participated in the event and she encouraged the students to "consider STEM disciplines as their career choice" and congratulated them for participating in the Mathletics Competition.

Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP (Scarborough Rouge Park), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure sent a pre-recorded greeting message. He thanked the Chapter for organizing the event and inviting him to the function.

PEO Councillor **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., also attended this event.

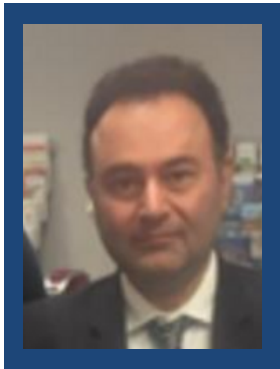
Former PEO Councillor **Santosh Gupta**, P. Eng., introduced MPP Hunter. Chapter GLP Vice Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P. Eng., introduced MPP Thanigasalam's video to the audience and Chapter Chair, **Peng Zhang**, P. Eng., thanked both MPPs who are regular participants in PEO Scarborough chapter activities.

It is important for chapters to maintain relationships with their MPPs.

PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS ALL CANDIDATES DEBATES TO BE HELD JANUARY 3 TO 6

The nomination period for PEO Council elections has closed. Twenty candidates have put their names forward for eight positions. Voting will be by internet and telephone beginning on January 13 at 12 pm. Voting closes on February 17 at 4 pm. Seven debates will be held, for more details see page 5.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES



Fred Saghezchi,
P.Eng.



Marilyn D. Spink,
P.Eng.



Greg Wowchuk,
P.Eng.

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



Christopher Chahine,
P.Eng.

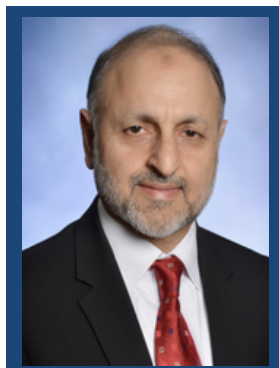


Abhishek Gupta,
P.Eng.

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



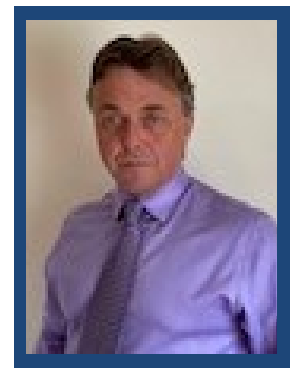
Chantal Chiddle,
P.Eng.



Sardar Asif Khan,
P.Eng.



Leila Notash,
P.Eng.



Glen Schjerner,
P.Eng.

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REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



Victor Lan,
P.Eng.



Nanda Lwin,
P.Eng.



Daryoush Mortazavi,
P.Eng.

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



Michelle Liu,
P.Eng.



Joseph Podrebarac,
P.Eng.



Randy Walker,
P.Eng.

WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



Susan MacFarlane,
P.Eng.



Kris Popiolek,
P.Eng.

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR (ACCLAIMED)



Ravinder Singh Panesar,
P.Eng.

NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



Ahmed Elsaid Elshaer,
P.Eng.



Luc R Roberge,
P.Eng.

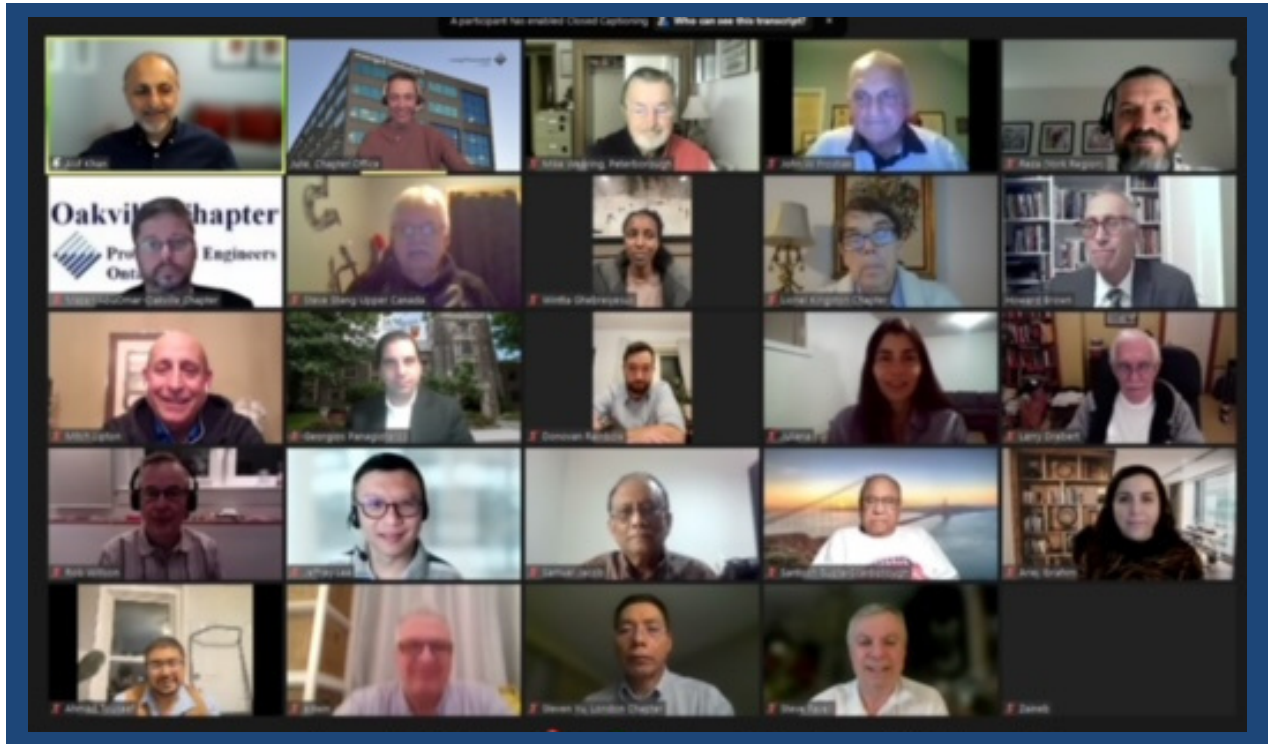
For more information on the candidate meetings schedule, [click here](#).

Good luck to all the candidates. The online all candidates meetings will be held as follows:

- **Tuesday, January 3:** 5:30 pm – Northern Regional Councillor, 6:30 pm – Eastern Regional Councillor
- **Wednesday, January 4:** 5:30 pm – Western Regional Councillor, 6:30 pm – East Central Councillor
- **Thursday, January 5:** 5:30 pm – Councillor-at-Large, 7:00 pm – Vice President
- **Friday, January 6:** 5:30 pm – President-Elect

PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

PEO GLP REPS AND COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATE IN SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY CALL



PEO GLP held a quarterly call on December 14 that was chaired by **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (top left). Pictured are some of the representatives.

A PEO GLP Quarterly Meeting was held on December 14 with GLP reps from across the province participating to review activities from the year. It was chaired by **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., co-Chair of GLP Engagement, GLP Chair of Windsor-Essex chapter and a member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

Participants included PEO Northern Regional Councillor **Dana Montgomery**, P.Eng., and GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. Presentations were made by North Bay Chapter GLP rep **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., and Windsor-Essex GLP rep **Juliana Otero**, P.Eng., PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Rainbow reviewed the successful October training session and feedback. He congratulated the Chapters that won the annual awards based on chapter size with most activities with their MPPs. As reported in the October 28 *GLP Weekly Times* the winners were:

- Chapters with 1 MPP: **North Bay and Thousand Islands** (tie)
- Chapters with 2 MPPs: **Kingston**
- Chapters with 3-5 MPPs: **Windsor-Essex**
- Chapters with 6+ MPPs: **York**

Ms. Otero reviewed ways to make MPP meetings more successful. Ms. Hamilton reviewed year over year successes with a massive increase in MPP encounters this year over last. See chart on next page.



November 2021

vs

November 2022

	MPP interactions	MPP meetings	Take Your MPP to Work Day	Total
LIB	5	0	0	5
PC	15	7	1	23
NDP	11	3	0	14
GREEN	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	10	0	42

	MPP interactions	MPP meetings	Take Your MPP to Work Day	Total
LIB	8	3	0	11
PC	34	12	3	49
NDP	5	2	0	7
GREEN	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	48	17	3	68

PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** reviewed chapter success over the past year compared to the last year on MPP encounters. This photo shows PEO GLP chapter activity over the past two years. There was a dramatic improvement.

Mr. Brown discussed changes to *The Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* and the upcoming mandatory continuous professional development.

In addition to inviting MPPs to meet chapter representatives, attend take your MPP to work days, and participate in licence certificate ceremonies, chapters were advised to check out online what MPPs are doing. Many MPPs hold New Year's levees, and it is recommended to try and attend to talk to them about chapter and PEO activities.

The meeting generated great feedback.

Kingston Chapter Chair **Lionel Ryan** said "Thank you ALL - Much Appreciated - Good Content!"

Ahmad Touseef who has just joined Algoma chapter said of the event "Thank you. Learned a lot!"

Mr. Brown reminded all attendees that the most important aspect of building relationships with MPPs is "Take an interest in them, and they will take an interest in you."

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features newly elected MPP, **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) and **Jamie West**, MPP (Sudbury), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

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

CHARMAINE WILLIAMS, MPP

Charmaine Williams represents the Progressive Conservative Party. She is the Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity and was first elected in the June 2022 general election.

Prior to her election, she served as a certified Multi-Systemic Therapist, Behavioural Consultant and Counsellor for 19 years. She has worked with several therapeutic programs and organizations like the Associated Youth Services of Peel, Youth Substance Abuse Program, Peel Children's Center and the Reach Out Center for Kids in Peel and the Halton Region.

She was the first black woman elected to Brampton City Council in 2018.



Charmaine Williams, MPP
(Brampton Centre)

JAMIE WEST, MPP



Jamie West, MPP (Sudbury)

Jamie West is a member of the New Democratic Party as the official opposition critic on labour, training, and skills development. He was first elected in 2018.

He is a graduate of both Cambrian College and Laurentian University. Prior to his election to the legislature, he worked for Vale Limited's smelter operation in Sudbury, and served as president of the Sudbury and District Labour Council. MPP West also taught labour studies at Laurentian University.

He has met with PEO GLP reps and participated in a Take Your MPP to Work Day at SNOLAB with **France Gélinas**, MPP (Nickel Belt) in March 2019.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Last week's question: Who is Marit Stiles replacing as NDP leader?

Answer: Peter Tabuns

This week's question: Which MPP participated in Scarborough chapter's mathematics competition on November 26?

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, December 19.



Narayana Asogan, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, January 7 - New Year Holiday Skate Party with **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa). Location: Harman Park Arena, 829 Douglas St, Oshawa. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

Sunday, January 15 - New Year's Levee with **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) and **Rob Oliphant**, MP (Don Valley West), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Location: Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave East at Leslie. For further information contact Stephanie Bowman at sbowman.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Sunday, January 15 - New Year's Levee with **Michael Coteau**, MP (Don Valley East) and **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), Liberal Caucus Critic for Health, Northern Development, Indigenous Affairs and Colleges and Universities. Location: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 1377 Lawrence Ave East. For further information contact Michael Coteau at michael.coteau@parl.gc.ca

Note: PEO cannot pay for MPP fundraising events

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. This is the final issue of the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* for 2022. The next issue will be published on January 16, 2022.

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