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Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East) (second from the left) was the guest speaker at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licence certificate ceremony on November 24. Also in the photo are Chapter Chair **James Tait**, P.Eng., (left), new recipient **Negar Daemi**, P.Eng., (centre), Chapter Vice Chair **Enoch Tse**, P.Eng., and Ceremony Chair **Sana Abd Alsalam** EIT (right).

NEWLY ELECTED MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER LICENSING CEREMONY

Over 20 licences were presented to new professional engineers at a PEO East Toronto Chapter ceremony on November 24 at the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto.

Newly elected Don Valley East MPP **Adil Shamji**, was the guest speaker and was on hand to present each recipient with their licence.

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NEW PEO CEO/REGISTRAR WELCOMED AT COUNCIL MEETING



New PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., (right) participated in the 552nd PEO Council Meeting on November 25 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto. With her in the photo are PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., (left) and outgoing CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., (centre).

Newly appointed PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., participated in the 552nd PEO Council Meeting on November 25 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto. This was Ms. Quaglietta's first opportunity to address PEO Council since the announcement of her appointment, which is effective January 9, 2023.

She is a professional engineer and holds a Master of Business Administration from the Rotman School of Management and a Bachelor of Applied Science and Engineering from the University of Toronto.

She previously served as the Vice President of Performance Excellence and Information Services at Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada. She also serves on the Board of Trustees at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.

Topics discussed at the Council meeting included:

- Compliance with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*: including Academic Equivalent Qualifications and Experience Assessments
- Governance Committee Reports and 2022-2023 Workplans
- 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets
- Changes to the 2022 Statutory and Regulatory Committees' Membership Lists
- Engineers Canada Directors Report

The Council meeting was chaired by PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng.

PEO Councillor **Leila Notash**, P.Eng., received a 20 year service award for her participation in PEO activities.

PEO GLP REP WINS MUNICIPAL ELECTION SEAT



PEO York Chapter GLP rep **Dale Kerr Genge**, P.Eng., (right) met with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (left) on December 3, 2021.

GEORGINA - PEO *GLP Weekly Times* has just learned that another engineer has been elected as a Councillor in an Ontario municipality.

Congratulations to **Dale Kerr Genge**, P.Eng., who won a position as a Councillor for Georgina in Ward 4 in the October 24 election.

She has been the PEO GLP rep for the York-Simcoe riding, which is held by Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP who is also the Minister of Francophone Affairs and a former Attorney General. Ms. Kerr Genge and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** met with Minister Mulroney in her constituency office last December to brief her on PEO's mandate as the regulator of professional engineering in Ontario.



New Georgina Councillor **Dale Kerr Genge**, P.Eng.

As previously reported, other engineers elected municipally this year were:

- Former PEO president **George Comrie**, P.Eng., was re-elected as the Municipality of Whitestone Mayor where he was first appointed in 2019
- Former PEO president **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., was re-elected for her fourth term as a City of Waterloo Councillor, a position she has held since 2006
- **Ian McDougall**, P.Eng., was acclaimed as a Township of Scugog's Regional Councillor after first being elected in 2018
- **Steve Ireland**, P.Eng., was re-elected to a third term as a Ward Councillor in Wolfard in Eastern Ontario

MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (centre right) at the PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Centennial Celebration at Art Windsor-Essex on November 12. Also in the photo (left to right) is Chapter Vice Chair **Hanan El-Syed**, P.Eng., retired professor **Pawel Lukawski**, P.Eng., and his spouse **Margaret Lukawski**, **Fahd Mikhael**, P.Eng., and former past chair **Stephen Tsui**, P.Eng.

WINDSOR - PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter hosted a PEO Centennial Celebration on November 12 at Art Windsor-Essex.

Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade attended the event and said on his Twitter page, "What a fabulous and elegant evening!"

Also in attendance was PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Rep **Juliana Otero**, P.Eng.

Mr. Dowie is a supporter of PEO and has attended many PEO events including the training session on October 21 that also featured **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) and Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg**.

Mr. Dowie was a founding member and Vice Chair of PEO's Government Liaison Committee as well as a former GLP Chair of the PEO Windsor-Essex chapter.



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (right) attended PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Centennial Celebration on November 12 with GLP rep **Juliana Otero**, P.Eng., (left).

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ATTEND QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION WITH MINISTERS AND MPPS

The Ontario Environment Industry Association (ONEIA) hosted a Queen's Park reception for Environment Industry Day on November 22.

The guest speaker was Environment Conservation and Parks Minister **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South). A number of PEO licence holders attended the reception including **Ahmed Al-Temimi**, P.Eng., President of Azure Group Inc., and **Larry Fedec**, P.Eng., Solid Waste Program Lead with HDR engineering. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended the reception and introduced Mr. Al-Temimi and Mr. Fedec to a number of MPPs including Minister Piccini and:

- **John Yakabuski**, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford) Chair, Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
- **Andrew Dowie**, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade



Environment Conservation and Parks Minister **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South) was the guest speaker at the Ontario Environment Industry Association reception at Queen's Park on November 22.



Larry Fedec, P.Eng., (right) with **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford) (left) at the Ontario Environment Industry Association reception at Queen's Park on November 22.



Ahmed Al-Temimi, P.Eng., (right) with Minister **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough) (left) at the Ontario Environment Industry Association reception at Queen's Park on November 22.



Larry Fedec, P.Eng., (left) with **John Yakabuski**, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) (right) at the Ontario Environment Industry Association reception at Queen's Park on November 22.

NEWLY ELECTED MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER LICENSING CEREMONY

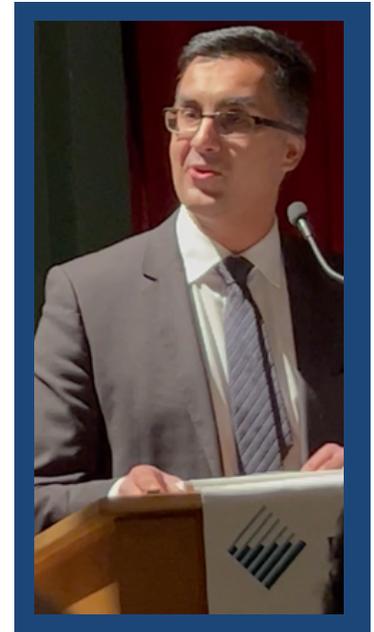
PEO East Toronto Chapter hosted their fall licence ceremony at the Arts and Letters Club on November 24. Over 20 new licensees were welcomed with over half in attendance.

Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East) was the guest speaker and presented each recipient with their licence. He spoke very positively of the engineering profession, of PEO's GLP, and his interest in the profession. He was introduced by PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, P.Eng. He previously met with PEO East Toronto Chapter in a virtual meeting in July.

MPP Shamji began by thanking Mr. Sadeghi for his kind introduction and the "incredible work the (PEO) Government Liaison Program does...I am the Liberal critic for Health, Northern Development, Indigenous Affairs and Colleges and Universities. In all those portfolios, engineers play a vital role. It's critically important and one of the reasons why it is so important to be here tonight."

His father is an engineer and was invited to join him for the event. MPP Shamji stayed for the entire event, a rare occurrence for a MPP.

To watch his full five minute speech, download [link here](#).



Guest speaker **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensing ceremony on November 24.



Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East) (centre) with the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensees and chapter executives on November 24.

PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER GLP REP PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH FINANCE CRITIC



PEO Grand River Chapter GLP rep **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., (right) with Ontario Liberal Finance Critic **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) (centre left), former Senator **Jerry Grafstein** (centre right), and **Robert Cribb**, (left) reporter for the *Toronto Star* at Massey College on November 22.

Ontario Liberal Finance Critic **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) was the guest speaker at a conference at Massey College on November 22. PEO Grand River Chapter GLP rep **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., participated in the event.

It was hosted by the College Principal **Nathalie Des Rosiers**, former Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, who was the MPP for Ottawa-Vanier. She also served as the Attorney General Critic and works closely with PEO in that capacity.

Both MPP Bowman and Mr. Basi both participated in the PEO GLP training on October 21 in Mississauga. MPP Bowman also met with PEO East Toronto Chapter rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** following her election in June to be briefed on PEO's mandate, *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* and mandatory professional continuing development.



Massey College Principal **Nathalie Des Rosiers** (left) with Massey College Policy Chair **Tom Axworthy** (right) at the conference on November 22.

To read guest speaker **Mary-Jane Bennett's** excellent article from the conference, [click here](#).

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features newly elected MPP, **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth-Wellington) and **Wayne Gates**, MPP (Niagara Falls), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

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

MATTHEW RAE, MPP

Matthew Rae represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education. He was first elected in the June 2022 general election.

He met with PEO London Chapter GLP reps on two occasions in September, once online and once in person. Attending the meeting was PEO London Chapter Chair **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., and PEO London Chapter GLP rep **Steven Yu**, P.Eng.

Mr. Rae was familiar with PEO as he had worked with the former MPP **Randy Pettapiece** prior to his election. He also worked for an education non-profit focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and entrepreneurship.



Matthew Rae, MPP (Perth-Wellington)

WAYNE GATES, MPP



Wayne Gates, MPP
(Niagara Falls)

Wayne Gates is a member of the New Democratic Party as the critic for Long-Term Care, Retirement Homes and Home Care. He was first elected in 2014.

Prior to his election, MPP Gates served as a City Councillor in the city of Niagara Falls. Before entering politics, he represented the membership of Unifor 199 as their local union president for over a decade. During this time he was instrumental in standing up for the rights of workers.

He and many of his NDP colleagues spoke out in the Legislature in support of PEO's position to repeal the Industrial Exception in the *Professional Engineers Act*.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Over the last six weeks, the GLP trivia contest has not provided the answers to the trivia questions. We are pleased to provide the answers today.

October 21: Which MPPs attended the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter licence presentation ceremony on September 23? **Answer:** **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax), **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) and **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby)

October 28: Who were the three MPPs that spoke at the PEO GLP Training Event on October 21? **Answer:** **Andrew Dowie**, P. Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) and **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) (see photo below)

November 4: Who were the two MPPs that spoke at the Lake Ontario Chapter celebration on October 24? **Answer:** **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby) and **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa)

November 11: Which PEO chapter did Attorney General **Doug Downey** speak at on November 3? **Answer:** PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter

November 18: Which MPP attended PEO Upper Canada Chapter 100th anniversary event on November 10? **Answer:** **Nolan Quinn**, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)

November 25: Which chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day event on November 18? **Answer:** Oakville

Clarification: The *GLP Weekly Times* did not identify former Governor General **Julie Payette** as a professional engineer in last week's issue. In fact, she is registered as a P.Eng., in Quebec and holds engineering degrees from McGill University and the University of Toronto. She is registered in Quebec as a P.Eng.



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (left), with PEO past president **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., (centre left), **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) (centre), GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (centre right), and York-Seneca Professor **Hershell Ezrin** (right) at the GLP 2022 Government Relations Fall Training Session on October 21.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Last week's question: Which chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day event on November 18?

Answer: Oakville

This week's question: Which GLP rep got elected to municipal council in the October 24 election?

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 5.

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

Saturday, December 3 - NDP London Riding Associations host a Meet the Leadership candidates for their party. Only one candidate has declared so far, **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) Location: 572 Adelaide St N, London. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

Tuesday, December 6 - Rethinking the Citizen Experience Online featuring **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga East—Cooksville) Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Government of Ontario. Location: Virtual. Cost: Free. To register, [click here](#).

Wednesday, December 7 - Holiday Fundraiser with **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and special guest **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte), Energy Minister. Location: Downtown Toronto (to be provided upon purchase). Cost: \$1000. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, December 8 - An Evening with **Prabmeet Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), President of the Treasury Board. Location: Toronto to be announced. Cost: \$1000. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, December 8 - Fundraising Dinner with **Liberal Deputy Leader Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood), Critic for Education, Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Treasury Board, and Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. Location: JC's Banquet & Convention Centre, 1686 Ellesmere Rd. Cost: \$150. To register, [click here](#).

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue is December 9.

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