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**Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) was announced as the new leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party on December 6. This photo is from her campaign launch on September 22.

## DAVENPORT MPP TO LEAD ONTARIO NEW DEMOCRATS

**Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) the long time Education Critic for the New Democratic Party, will be the new leader of the party. She will be confirmed by the membership in a March 4 vote.

MPP Stiles will replace interim leader **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth) who has lead the party since June when **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) stepped down as Leader after 13 years.

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## PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER HOLDS 90 MINUTE MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF LABOUR



**David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) (seated) met with PEO Scarborough Chapter representatives at his constituency office on December 2. Also in the photo (left to right) are the Chapter's GLP Chair **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Vice Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., and GLP Rep **Shakil Malek**, P.Eng.

PEO Scarborough Chapter met with newly elected MPP **David Smith** (Scarborough Centre) at his constituency office on December 2. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.

Participants included the Chapter's GLP Chair **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., GLP Vice Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., and GLP rep **Shakil Malek**, P.Eng. Mr. Malek is the GLP rep for MPP Smith's riding.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended the meeting.

Mr. Lan provided *GLP Weekly Times* with a summary of the meeting:

"Mr. Jacob explained to MPP Smith PEO Scarborough Chapter's activities and events. Mr. Malek then went on to discuss PEO and its legislative mandate, membership, and PEO's centennial anniversary this year. Also discussed was PEO's role in regulating the engineering profession and bridging the gap with foreign trained professionals.

Mr. Brown discussed the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trade Act* and PEO's move to mandatory continuing professional development."

MPP Smith was very interested in PEO's work and asked to be kept informed and provided with any follow up material in writing.



## MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER LICENSING CEREMONY



**Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (centre) attended PEO Oakville Chapter licensing ceremony on November 23. Also in the photo (left to right) are Chapter Licence Assistance Program Chair **Auday AlSalhi**, P. Eng., Oakville Regional Councillor **Tom Adams**, guest speaker **Moncef Nehdi**, P. Eng, Chapter Vice-Chair and GLP-Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., **Justine Low**, from the office of **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North- Burlington) Chapter Chair **Sohail Nasir**, P. Eng., Chapter Certificate Chair **Pouya Pishgah**, P. Eng., Chapter Events Chair **Sam Inchasi**, P. Eng, and Chapter GLP Rep **Bruce Li**, P. Eng.

OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter hosted their fall licence ceremony on November 23. This was the first in person certificate ceremony in more than two years with more than 50 people attending.

**Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) participated in the event. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. This was the second event he participated in with PEO in the last three weeks having spoke at the Take Your MPP to Work Day at Siemens Canada Limited Headquarters on November 18.

MPP Crawford was instrumental in arranging PEO's first meeting with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) in 2019.

The Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) sent congratulatory certificates for all new licence recipients.

Also participating were **Justine Low** from **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North Burlington) office, and Oakville Ward 6 Town and Regional Councillor, **Tom Adams**.

The keynote speaker was Professor and Chair of the Civil Engineering Department at McMaster University **Moncef Nehdi**, P.Eng. He was the 2021 recipient of the Ontario Professional Engineers Award Engineering Medal – Research and Development category.

# DAVENPORT MPP TO LEAD ONTARIO NEW DEMOCRATS



**Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) will become the next leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party after a confirmation vote on March 4.

Former Ontario NDP Education Critic **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) is set to become the Leader of the Official Opposition after she ran uncontested for her party's leadership this fall.

She launched her bid to lead her party on September 22. She kicked off her campaign with endorsements from fellow caucus members **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), **Bhutila Karpoché**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park) and **Chandra Pasma**, MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean).

Longtime leader **Andrea Horwath**, who was the MPP for Hamilton Centre, resigned from the post on election night, after leading the NDP since 2009.

MPP Stiles was the only candidate in the race, and will be confirmed on March 4. She has been the MPP for Davenport since 2018, and was a former public school trustee.

On Tuesday, she said "It shows that we are a united party; we're not interested in being divided."

PEO chapters have a long relationship with many members of the NDP caucus, having met with many of them over the years. Most recently **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth) met with PEO East Toronto Chapter in September.

## MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features newly elected MPP, **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) and **Laura Mae Kindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

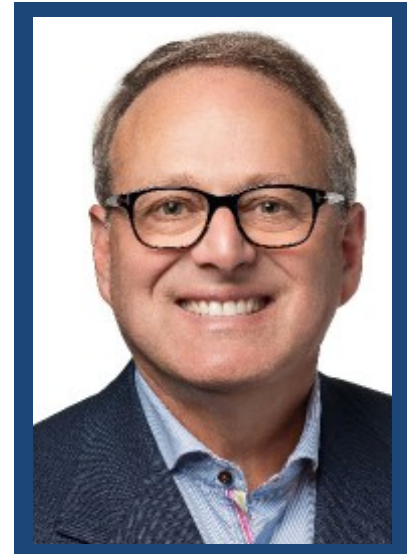
For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

### MICHAEL KERZNER, MPP

**Michael Kerzner** represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He is the Solicitor General and was first elected in the June 2022 general election.

Prior to his election, he was the Co-Founder and former Chairman of the Board of DNALabs Canada Inc., a genetics company that is committed to providing genetic testing solutions. He is an entrepreneur in the technology and bioscience fields.

He has been recognized for his volunteer work and identified as a well-respected consensus team builder having served actively and locally in many different organizations.



**Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre)

### LAURA MAE LINDO, MPP



**Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre)

**Laura Mae Lindo** is a member of the New Democratic Party as the Vice-Chair on the Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy. She was first elected in 2018.

Prior to her election, MPP Lindo received two Bachelor degrees, one in philosophy and one in African studies and philosophy, as well as a Masters and PhD in Education from York University.

She is an advocate for the rights of women and girls through the provincial Leading Women Leading Girls Building Communities Award as well as the creation of the Black Excellence in Leadership Award in 2021.



# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO York Chapter's **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to.

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

**Answer:** Dale Kerr Genge

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

**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, December 12.

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



**Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Tuesday, December 13 - Afternoon** with PC Caucus Chair **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant). Location: Private venue in St George. Cost: \$1000. To register, [click here](#).

**Wednesday, December 14 - Ring of Fire Progress Update** featuring **George Pirie**, MPP (Timmins), Minister of Mines, Government of Ontario. Location: Arcadian Court - 401 Bay Street, Toronto. Cost: In-person \$99, virtual 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](mailto:sbowman.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org)

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