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Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby) (left) and Patrice Barnes, MPP (Ajax) (right) presented a licence certificate to recipient, Archun Aranan, P.Eng (middle) at the PEO Lake Ontario Chapters Event on January 27.

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DAVENPORT MPP CONFIRMED AS NEW NDP LEADER



Marit Stiles, MPP (Davenport) was confirmed as Ontario's NDP Leader on February 4.
(Photo: Chris Young for The Canadian Press).

Marit Stiles, MPP (Davenport) has been confirmed as the new leader of the New Democratic Party for Ontario. The decision was formalized at a party meeting on February 4, and was attended by more than 300 party supporters.

MPP Stiles was first elected in 2018, and was the Education Critic. She is also the former president of the New Democratic Party of Canada. **Peter Tabuns**, MPP (Toronto-Danforth), served as interim leader since June 2022, after **Andrea Horwath** stepped down after 13 years as leader. The NDP caucus has been very supportive of PEO's legislative initiatives.

PEO and *GLP Weekly Times* both congratulate MPP Stiles on the election, and look forward to continuing working with her.

ONTARIO OUTLINES HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PLAN

Deputy Premier and Health Minister **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin- Caledon) was guest speaker at the Empire Club of Canada on February 7.

She addressed the province's plan for better connected care, reduced wait times in hospitals, and improvements in patient experience. To hear the speech and question period following, see [here](#).

On the same day, Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) met with Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**, MP (Papineau) and other first Ministers to review new funding for healthcare.

Regulators from across the province were participants at the Empire Club event, which was attended by over 300 stakeholders including PEO *GLP Weekly Times*.

Minister Jones met with PEO Brampton Chapter representatives in January 2022 in an online meeting to update her on PEO initiatives.

Minister Jones was the first MPP to raise concerns regarding the repeal of the industrial exception from the *Professional Engineers Act*. PEO representatives have worked hard to build a rapport with Minister Jones as an important spokesperson on regulatory issues.



Deputy Premier and Health Minister **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon) addressed Ontario's Health Care system on February 7.



Health Minister **Jones** (right) speaks with Empire Club Vice President **Kulvir Singh Gil** (left) about Ontario's Health Care system.



Health Minister **Jones** (left) accompanied by Empire Club President **Sal Rabbani** (right) at the event on February 7.

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER HOSTS TWO MPPS FOR LICENCE CEREMONY



Patrice Barnes, MPP (Ajax) (left) and **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby) (second from right) were guest speakers at the PEO Lake Ontario Licence Ceremony on January 27. Also in the photo are Chapter GLP Rep, **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng (second from left) and Chapter GLP Chair, **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng (right).

WHITBY - PEO Lake Ontario Chapter held a licence certificate ceremony on January 27 in Whitby. Participating in this ceremony were **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby) and **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax). Both MPPs are regular participants in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter events. MPP Coe is Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, **Doug Ford** (Etobicoke-North). MPP Barnes is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education.

MPP **Jennifer French** (Oshawa) was unable to attend the event, but provided certificates for each recipient.

Chapter events are a good opportunity for PEO licence holders and Chapter representatives to bring MPPs up to date on PEO's work to comply with the amendments to the *Fair Access to the Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and also to implement compulsory PEAK as of January 1, 2023.



MPP **Coe** (Whitby) (second from centre-left) and MPP **Barnes** (Ajax) (second from centre-right) with Lake Ontario Chapter executives at the January 27 event in Whitby.

PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS VOTING CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 21

Twenty candidates have put their names forward for nine positions for PEO Council this year. Voting by internet and telephone closes on **February 21 at 10 a.m.** Seven debates were held and are now available on the PEO website.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES



Fred Saghezchi, P.Eng. Marilyn D. Spink, P.Eng. Greg Wowchuk, P.Eng.

The President-elect debate was held on January 6. See webcast [here](#).

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



Christopher Chahine, P.Eng. Abhishek Gupta, P.Eng.

The Vice-President debate was held on January 5. See webcast [here](#).

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng. Sardar Asif Khan, P.Eng. Leila Notash, P.Eng. Glen Schjerning, P.Eng.

The Councillor at Large debate was held on January 5. See webcast [here](#).

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



Victor Lan, P.Eng.



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng.



**Daryoush Mortazavi,
P.Eng.**

The East Central Regional debate was held on January 4. See webcast [here](#).

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



Michelle Liu, P.Eng.



Joseph Podrebarac, P.Eng.



Randy Walker, P.Eng.

The Eastern Regional debate was held on January 4. See webcast [here](#).

WESTERN REGIONAL CANDIDATES



Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.



Kris Popiolek, P.Eng.

The Western Regional debate was held on January 4. See webcast [here](#).

PEO COUNCIL CANDIDATES

NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



Ahmed Elsaid Elshaer, P.Eng.



Luc R. Roberge, P.Eng.

The Northern Regional debate was held on January 3. See webcast [here](#).

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR (ACCLAIMED)



Ravinder Singh Panesar, P.Eng.

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Good luck to all the candidates.
PEO licence holders are encouraged
to stay informed, and vote!

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Jess Dixon** MPP (Kitchener South-Hespeler) and **France Gélinas** MPP (Nickel Belt) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

JESS DIXON (KITCHENER SOUTH—HESPELER), MPP



MPP Jess Dixon

Jess Dixon, MPP is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and a former Crown Attorney in Kitchener. She was first elected in the June 2022 Ontario Election.

MPP Dixon graduated from the University of Ottawa's law program in 2013. After serving as a crown attorney, she grew frustrated with issues in the judicial system pertaining to how it manages the 'mentally ill, homeless, and addicted' leading to her eventual bid for election.

FRANCE GÉLINAS, MPP (NICKEL BELT)

France Gélinas, MPP is the NDP's current critic for Health and Long-Term Care, and Francophone Affairs.

She was first elected in 2007, and has been re-elected four times.

MPP Gélinas is the executive director of the Community Health Centre of Sudbury, and served as the President of the Francophone Reference Group of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

She regularly participates in PEO events in her riding and at Queen's Park.



MPP France Gélinas

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Last week's question: What former PEO President's Award winner passed away January 29?

Answer: Former Mississauga Mayor, **Hazel McCallion**.

This week's question: Who was the interim leader of the NDP since June 2022?

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, February 13.

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



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Wednesday, February 15 - MPP Adil Sandji (Don Valley East) to speak at Patients, Not Profits Town Hall Panel in RIM Park, Waterloo. Time: 7:30 – 9:30 PM. Location: RIM Park, Forbes Room2001 University Ave E, Waterloo, ON N2K 4K4. To register please see [here](#).

Sunday, February 26 - Solicitor General Michael Kerzer, MPP's (York Centre) Family Skating Party. Time: 3:15 - 4:45 PM. Location: Chesswood Arena, 4000 Chesswood Drive, North York, ON M3J 2B9. For more information contact: Michael.kerzer@pc.ola.org, +1 (416) 630 0080.

Thursday, March 2 - 2023 Leader's Dinner with PC Party Leader, Doug Ford, MPP (Etobicoke North) in support of the PC Ontario Fund. Time: 6:00 PM. Location: Toronto (TBC). Ticket Price: \$1,500. To register please see [here](#).

Saturday, March 4 - Join Transportation and Francophone Minister Caroline Mulroney, MPP (York-Simcoe) for breakfast to discuss priorities for York-Simcoe. Time: 9:30 AM. Ticket Price: \$40. Location: Lions and Sun Bar and Lounge Sharon, 18947 Woodbine Ave, Sharon, ON L0G 1V0. To register please see [here](#).

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue is February 17.

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