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PEO LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL AT QUEEN'S PARK

PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., led a delegation to meet with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) at Queen's Park on March 2.

Also participating in the meeting were PEO's CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., **Dan Abrahams**, Vice President of Policy and Governance and Chief Legal Officer, **David Smith**, PEO Director of External Relations, as well as **Anthony Galea**, the Minister’s Senior Policy Advisor.

To learn more about what was discussed at the meeting, see story on page 3.

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MPP SENDS VIDEO TO KINGSWAY CHAPTER SUPPORTING PEO LICENSING INITIATIVES



MPP **Christine Hogarth** (Etobicoke—Lakeshore) sent a video message for Kingsway Chapter AGM on February 2.

Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke—Lakeshore) provided a video message for the PEO Kingsway Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 2.

MPP Hogarth is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In her video, MPP Hogarth made references to PEO's PEAK mandatory continuing professional development program and PEO's work to comply with recent amendments to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA).

In part, she said: "The work you are doing to take on 2023 and many years beyond is crucial, it is critical for the future of this province. We know for example there is a tremendous amount to be done in strengthening and renewing Ontario's infrastructure. Like the things that keep our province and our economy on the move like roads, highways and bridges, the things that keep people skilled and healthy like hospitals and schools.

"To make all these things happen, we need a greatly expanded skills trades workforce and that is why I am so pleased to learn of (PEO's) efforts to streamline your licensing processes so most applicants receiving a licensed decision within six months, together with the related reforms you're undertaking like your CPD requirements, these are our priorities as a government and I know they are shared by the Kingsway Chapter of Professional Engineers of Ontario."

To watch the video message, please see [here](#).

PEO CEO/REGISTRAR SPEAKS AT NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH KICKOFF

PEO was well represented at the Ontario Society of Professional Engineer's (OSPE) National Engineering Month (NEM) kickoff on March 1 at the Ontario Science Centre.

PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., was a guest speaker at the function, where she shared her thoughts on building student knowledge towards a future engineering career.

A panel on the future of the engineering degree was held with four professional engineers and educators:

- Dr. **Marilyn Powers**, P.Eng., OSPE Chair
- Dr. **Janusz Kosinski**, P.Eng., Dean of Engineering at Lakehead University
- Dr. **Farzad Rayegani**, P.Eng., Senior Dean of Applied Sciences and Technology at Humber College
- Dr. **Heather Sheardown**, P.Eng., Dean of Engineering at McMaster University

Among others attending were PEO Past President **Christian Bellini**, P. Eng., new PEO Councillor-elect **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., and PEO Peterborough Chapter GLP rep **Rachelle Rowat**, P.Eng.



PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., at the OSPE's kickoff on March 1.



PEO Peterborough Chapter GLP Rep **Rachelle Rowat**, P.Eng (right) at the NEM kickoff with OSPE President and CEO, **Sandro Perruzza** (left), and OSPE Chair **Marilyn Powers** (centre).



Panelists at the OSPE's NEM kick off on March 1.

PEO MEETS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL



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PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. and PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. met with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) at Queen's Park on March 2.

President Colucci led the delegation and provided an update on PEO's activities and priorities including:

- Modernizing PEO's Licence Application Processes
- New Requirements for Mandatory Continuing Professional Development
- PEO's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan
- PEO's Anti-Racism and Equity Code
- Results of the 2023-2024 Council Elections

Also participating in the meeting were **Dan Abrahams**, PEO Vice President of Policy and Governance and Chief Legal Officer, and PEO External Relations Director **David Smith**, as well as the Minister's Senior Policy Advisor **Anthony Galea**, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. (right) met MPP **Trevor Jones** (Chatham-Kent-Leamington) (left) at Queen's Park on March 2.

After the meeting, President Colucci and Mr. Brown had the chance to informally meet a number of other legislators, including **Trevor Jones**, MPP (Chatham-Kent-Leamington), who is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

PREMIER HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER WITH STAKEHOLDERS



Todd McCarthy, MPP (Durham) (left) with **Howard Brown** (centre) and former PC candidate **Georgina Blanas**, Executive Director of Financial Executives International Canada at the Premier's dinner on March 2.

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) was the guest speaker at the annual PC Party Leader's Dinner on March 2 at the Toronto Congress Centre. Over 4,000 stakeholders, business and community leaders, including Ministers, MPPs, and municipal leaders participated in the event.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended the dinner and had a chance to speak with the Premier, Ministers, and MPPs including **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) and Mental Health and Addictions Minister **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge).

MPP McCarthy asked Mr. Brown to thank PEO Lake Ontario Chapter for their kind invitation to their recent Licence Certificate Ceremony and Annual Meeting.

The purpose of these events are to show MPPs in particular that PEO representatives participate in MPP events. This one in particular was attended by 4,000 stakeholders.

Specially, these are opportunities to speak with dozens of Ministers and MPPs about PEO's work on regulatory issues like the *Fair Access to the Regulated Professions Act* and PEAK compulsory professional development program.



Minister of Mental Health and Addictions **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge), and former Chairman of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto **Paul Godfrey** at the Premier's dinner on March 2.

PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS RESULTS ARE IN

As reported last week, congratulations to the newly elected PEO 2023-2024 Councillors! Click [here](#) to view the candidate statements and [here](#) to view the election results

PRESIDENT ELECT



Greg Wowchuk, P.Eng.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT



Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE



Leila Notash, P.Eng.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE



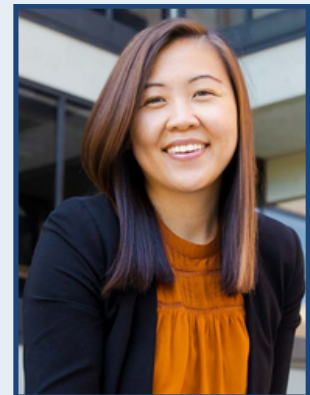
Glen Schjerning, P.Eng.

NORTHERN REGION COUNCIILLOR



Luc Raymond Roberge, P.Eng.

EASTERN REGION COUNCIILLOR



Michelle Liu, P.Eng.

EAST CENTRAL REGION COUNCIILLOR



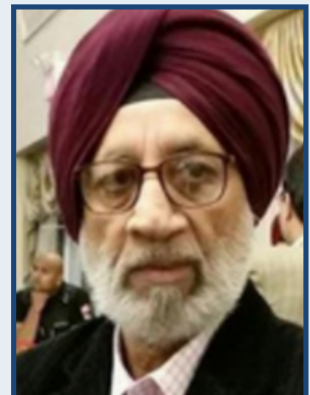
Nanda Lwin, P.Eng.

WESTERN REGION COUNCIILLOR



Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.

WEST CENTRAL REGION COUNCIILLOR



Ravinder Singh Panesar, P.Eng.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale) and **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

STAN CHO, MPP (WILLOWDALE)



Stan Cho, MPP

Stan Cho, MPP was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018 and currently serves as the province's Associate Minister of Transportation.

He holds the distinction of being the first Canadian-born person of Korean decent to hold public office in Canada. He holds a bachelor's in Philosophy from the University of Toronto.

MPP Cho participated in an event with the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter on June 27, 2019

KRISTYN WONG-TAM, MPP (TORONTO CENTRE)

Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP was first elected provincially in the 2022 election, and serves as the NDP's Attorney General Critic and the Critic of 2SLGBTQ+ Issues.

Prior to being elected to the Legislature, MPP Wong-Tam was a Toronto City Councillor for 12 years. Before that, MPP Wong-Tam was a real estate agent and business owner.

MPP Wong-Tam was also a guest speaker at the PEO 2022 GLP training session in November in Mississauga.



Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP

WE HAVE SEVEN WINNERS THIS WEEK!

CONGRATULATIONS! The *GLP Weekly Times* had a record number of winning entries this week. First to submit the correct answer was PEO Mississauga Chapter's **Indra Kumar Maharjan**, P.Eng. to:

Last week's question: Who was elected as Mayor of Hamilton last fall and created the need for a by-election for Hamilton Centre riding provincially?

Answer: Andrea Horwath.

Honourable mention goes out to six other licence holders who also correctly answered the question. They were: Regional Councillor-elect **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., Thousand Islands Chapter Chair and GLP Chair **Ahmad Khadra**, P.Eng., former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., from Grand River Chapter, Scarborough Chapter Rep and former PEO Councillor **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., Scarborough Chapter Rep **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., and East Toronto Chapter Rep **Naser Choudhury**, P.Eng.



Indra Kumar Maharjan, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

This week's question: Who is the Attorney General of Ontario, whose Ministry has responsibility for the Professional Engineers Act?

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, March 13.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Thursday, March 16 - March Break Queen's Park Tour with Billy Pang, MPP (Markham-Unionville). Time: 10:15 AM – 12:30 PM. Location: 111 Wellesley St. West, Toronto, ON, M7A 1A5. To register please see [here](#).

Monday, March 27 - Inaugural Bill Graham Lecture Series with Canadian Ambassador to the UN and Former Ontario Premier, Bob Rae in conversation with Ron Graham. Time: Reception at 6PM. Dinner & Tributes at 6:45 PM. Location: Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., 8th Floor, Simpson Tower, Toronto, M5H 2Y4. Ticket Price: \$500/person. To RSVP please see [here](#).

Thursday, March 30 - LinkedIn Local Toronto Meetup with Courageous Women Creating Change & Impact with Jill Andrew, MPP (Toronto-St. Paul's). Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Location: Xero, 250 University Avenue, Suite 400, Toronto, ON, M5H 4G1. To register please see [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 March 17.

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