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PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng. (right), with **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham-Unionville) (left) at Queen's Park March 16, in front of the wall with previous MPPs' names carved in the stone.

## PEO YORK CHAPTER MEETS WITH MARKHAM-UNIONVILLE MPP AT QUEEN'S PARK

PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng. met with **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham-Unionville) on March 16 during MPP Pang's tour of Queen's Park. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Mr. Mahmoudipour had a chance to speak with him and presented him with a personalized PEO notebook, and invited him to York Chapter's upcoming Licensing Ceremony on April 23.

Mr. Mahmoudipour oversees the GLP program for the nine York Chapter ridings.

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## NDP CANDIDATE WINS FORMER LEADER'S SEAT WITH LANDSLIDE VICTORY



NDP candidate **Sarah Jama** won the Hamilton Centre by-election on March 16.  
Photo: Hamilton Spectator.

HAMILTON - Political newcomer **Sarah Jama** won the March 16th Hamilton Centre by-election for the New Democratic Party. Ms. Jama captured 54.3 per cent of the vote — a margin of more than 6,000 ballots. There was only a 22 per cent turnout for the by-election.

Ms. Jama is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Disability Justice Network of Ontario.

NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) was also pleased with the election results. The seat was long held by former leader **Andrea Horwath**, who was elected Mayor of Hamilton last October. She served as the MPP for Hamilton Centre from 2007 to 2022.

The NDP Opposition has regularly supported PEO's legislative efforts, and many of their MPPs regularly participate in chapter activities.

It is important for PEO chapters to reach out to all MPPs, and bring them up to date on PEO's work as the regulator of the profession of public interest.

## MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER AGM AND LICENCE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY



PEO Oakville Chapter Executive members at their AGM and Certificate Ceremony on February 22 with Stephen Crawford, MPP (Oakville) (centre), and Oakville and Halton Regional Councillor, Tom Adams (front centre-left). Also in the photo are (left to right, front row) Chapter Vice Chair Mazen AbuOmar, P.Eng., Chair Sohail Nasir, P.Eng., Chapter's Webmaster Mehri Mansouri, P.Eng., Events Chair Sam Inchasi, P.Eng., and Past Chair Norbert Lee, P.Eng. In the back row are (left to right) Chapter's GLP Chair Bruce Li, P.Eng., Certificate Chair Pouya Pishgah, P.Eng., Licence Assistance Program Chair Auday AlSalhi, P.Eng., Education Chair Richard Hui, and Treasurer and Chair of PEO Government Liaison Committee Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng.

OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and License Certificate Presentation Ceremony on February 22. More than 60 people attended the ceremony, including Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Town of Oakville and Halton Regional Councillor, **Tom Adams**, and **Olivia Luo**, who spoke at the event on behalf of the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington).

Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton), sent congratulatory certificates for all new licence recipients. Halton Regional Chair **Gary Carr**, who is a former Halton MPP, provided a letter of greetings. Chapter GLP Chair **Bruce Li**, P.Eng., provided *GLP Weekly Times* with an overview of the meeting, and thanked the MPP and Councillor for attending the meeting, presenting the certificates, and their continuous support to PEO Oakville chapter.

Oakville Chapter has a long standing relationship with their MPPs who regularly participate in chapter events. These events are important opportunities for PEO chapters to bring MPP's up to date on PEO's work on legislative initiatives such as the introduction of mandatory PEAK/mandatory continuing professional development, as we have written in the past.

## MPP SENDS VIDEO TO PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER AGM

**Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) provided a video message for the PEO East Toronto Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 16. MPP Glover is the NDP's Critic of Small Business and the Critic of Technology, Development and Innovation.

In his video, MPP Glover made references to PEO's 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.

MPP Glover also addressed his recent discussion with PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT about the work that PEO does.

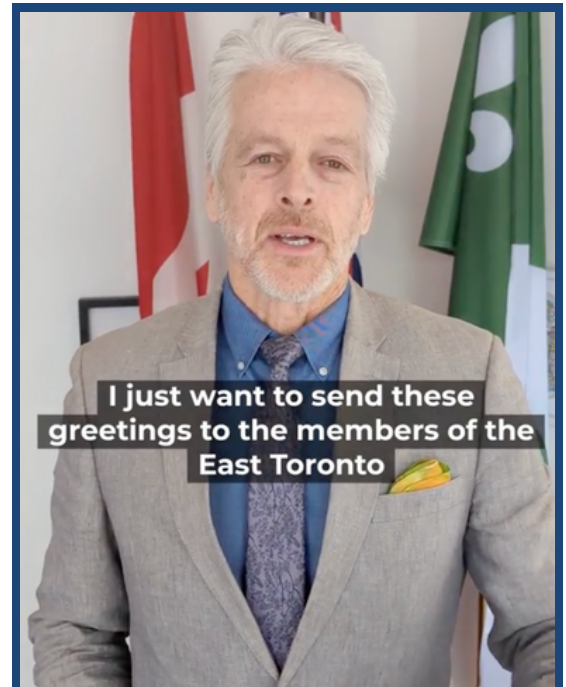
In his message, MPP Glover said in part: "I want to thank you all, members of the PEO, for all of the community work that you do...All that you do is much appreciated here in Spadina-Fort-York, and I've got an ask for you...every year in my riding, we have Community Service Awards, and we have different categories.

"We have COVID heroes, we have healthcare heroes, we have people who are helping seniors or helping vulnerable people. Engineers, your role is to solve problems. You are solving all kinds of problems that help people in the community. So next year, in January, we're going to be asking for nominations for our Community Service Awards. Please nominate your colleagues or one of your colleagues who's done some work or helped solve a problem that is helping people in the community.

"We'd really like to acknowledge the work that they are doing, and I want to acknowledge the work that all, all of you, the engineers of Ontario, are doing in helping to build this province."

MPP Glover has agreed to participate in East Toronto Chapter's upcoming Take Your MPP to Work Day.

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



MPP **Chris Glover** (Spadina-Fort York) provided a video for East Toronto Chapter AGM on March 16.

## FORMER TRANSPORTATION MINISTER WINS PRESIDENCY OF ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY



Newly elected Ontario Liberal Party President **Kathryn McGarry** at the party's Annual Meeting on March 2. Photo captured by the Toronto Star.

HAMILTON - Former MPP **Kathryn McGarry** was elected as President of the Ontario Liberal Party at their annual meeting on March 2 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Ms. McGarry previously served as both Minister of Transportation and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry under former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West). She also served as the MPP for Cambridge from 2014 to 2018, and as Cambridge Mayor from 2018 to 2022.




During her time at Queen's Park, Ms. McGarry regularly participated in PEO events, both with the Grand River Chapter and at the Legislature.




Ontario Liberals have not yet set a date for the election of a new leader. **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa-South) continues to serve as interim leader.

Mr. Fraser has regularly met with PEO's Ottawa chapter since his election in 2013.

# PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS RESULTS ARE IN

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

<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>  Greg Wowchuk, P.Eng.	<b>VICE PRESIDENT ELECT</b>  Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.	<b>COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE</b>  Leila Notash, P.Eng.
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<b>COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE</b>  Glen Schjerning, P.Eng.	<b>NORTHERN REGION COUNCIILLOR</b>  Luc Raymond Roberge, P.Eng.	<b>EASTERN REGION COUNCIILLOR</b>  Michelle Liu, P.Eng.
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<b>EAST CENTRAL REGION COUNCIILLOR</b>  Nanda Lwin, P.Eng.	<b>WESTERN REGION COUNCIILLOR</b>  Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.	<b>WEST CENTRAL REGION COUNCIILLOR</b>  Ravinder Singh Panesar, P.Eng.
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# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte) and **Jeff Burch**, MPP (Niagara Centre) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

## TODD SMITH, MPP (BAY OF QUINTE)



Todd Smith, MPP

**Todd Smith**, MPP was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2011 and served the Prince Edward-Hastings riding for seven years.

In June 2018, MPP Smith was re-elected as part of the Progressive Conservative majority government. He currently serves as the PC's Minister of Energy.

A graduate of Loyalist College, MPP Smith had a 16-year career in radio news broadcasting, and was the news director of Quinte Broadcasting before taking office.

## JEFF BURCH, MPP (NIAGARA CENTRE)

**Jeff Burch**, MPP was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018, and currently serves as the NDP's Caucus Chair and the Official Opposition critic for Municipal Affairs.

He obtained a bachelor's in Philosophy from Brock University, and previously served as a former union leader, CUPE member, and United Steelworker local president.

MPP Burch has worked in the Niagara region as a union representative, City Councillor and Executive Director in the non-profit sector.



Jeff Burch, MPP

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to Former PEO Councillor **Vassilios (Bill) Kossta**, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Last issue's question:** When is the Ontario budget being tabled?

**Answer:** March 23.

**Honourable mention goes out to two other licence holders who also correctly answered the question. They were:** Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng., and **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** Who won the Hamilton by-election on March 16?

**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, March 27.

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



Former PEO Councillor **Vassilios (Bill) Kossta** is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**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](#).

**Thursday, March 30 - Transportation Symposium, Day 2: Connecting and Building our Region's Economy with keynote speaker, Ontario's Associate Minister of Transportation, Stan Cho, MPP (Willowdale).** Time: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Location: 100 Queens Quay East - 3rd Floor. Ticket registration closes on March 24. To register please see [here](#).

**Friday, March 31 - Building a Strong Ontario - Hybrid Keynote Speech and Fireside Chat with Ontario's Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge).** Attend In-Person: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Attend Virtually: 12:35 PM - 1:30 PM. Location: Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, Simpson Tower, 8th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 2Y4. To register please see [here](#).

**Wednesday, April 12 - Virtual Get-To-Know-You with PEO's New CEO/Registrar Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng., interviewed by OSPE CEO Sandro Perruzza.** Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM. 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 March 31.

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