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PEO celebrates Professional Engineers Day on March 1 at PEO Headquarters.

NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH KICKS OFF

March is National Engineering Month, and Wednesday, March 1, was Professional Engineers Day in Ontario. It was a celebration of all the hard work Ontario's engineers do to make our world work.

In 2018, the Ontario Legislature declared March 1 as Professional Engineers Day, making it the first profession to receive such an acknowledgement.

From all of us at PEO, thank you engineers!

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PEO COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN

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



Glen Schjerning, P.Eng.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE



Leila Notash, P.Eng.

NORTHERN REGION COUNCIILLOR



Luc Raymond Roberge, P.Eng.

EASTERN REGION COUNCIILLOR



Michelle Liu, P.Eng.

EAST CENTRAL COUNCILLOR



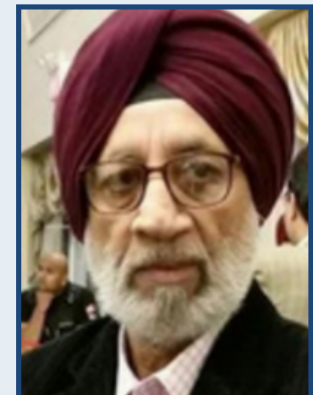
Nanda Lwin, P.Eng.

WESTERN REGION COUNCIILLOR



Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.

WEST CENTRAL COUNCIILLOR



Ravinder Singh Panesar, P.Eng.

PEO MOVES FORWARD ON GOVERNANCE PLAN



555th Meeting of PEO Council on February 24.

PEO Council held its 555th meeting at PEO Headquarters on February 24. The meeting included reports from President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., who chaired the meeting, and a report from CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. She provided an update on PEO's work to comply with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACKTA), as well as an update on the PEAK mandatory continuing professional development program.

PEO Council heard and considered recommendations around Phase 4 of the risk assessment process for the Governance Roadmap, related to the Order of Honour selection criteria and PEO committee and task force activities which are neither governance nor regulatory. The recommendations were proposed by Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., Chair of the Governance of the Nominating Committee (GNC).

Council voted to refer the Order of Honour Review back to the GNC for further consideration and to report back to Council at its March 2023 meeting.

Regarding the GNC recommendations around PEO committee and task force activities which are neither governance nor regulatory, Council agreed to stand down eight (non-governance nor regulatory) committees and sub-committees effective immediately. It also approved the transfer the President's Award (for non-engineers) to OSPE, to be renamed as the Engineering Ally Award. Council also approved to suspend the V.G. Smith and S.E. Wolfe Thesis awards, until further review.

Council also decided to support the "Retool the Iron Ring Ritual" initiative. It requested the Corporation of the Seven Wardens to implement meaningful changes to the Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer ceremony in ways that reflect contemporary engineering practice, values and inclusion.

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Council approved the CEO/Registrar's goals, and Chief Elections Officer, **Allison Elliot**, P.Eng., presented a report on the 2023 Council Election. Other reports were given by past President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., on PEO's progress towards Engineers Canada's 30x30 initiative, which aims to raise the percentage of newly licensed engineers who are women to 30 per cent by the year 2030. Past President Bellini also provided an update on the work of the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Exploratory Working Group.

During the session, PEO Council also nominated Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., as the newest Ontario member of the Board of Engineers Canada.

PEO Council thanked Lieutenant Governor Appointee, Councillor **Rob Brunet**, P.Eng., as he stepped down as Councillor, and bid farewell to Manager, Secretariat, **Ralph Martin** as he enters retirement from PEO.



Tim Kirkby, P.Eng., was elected to the Board of Engineers Canada.

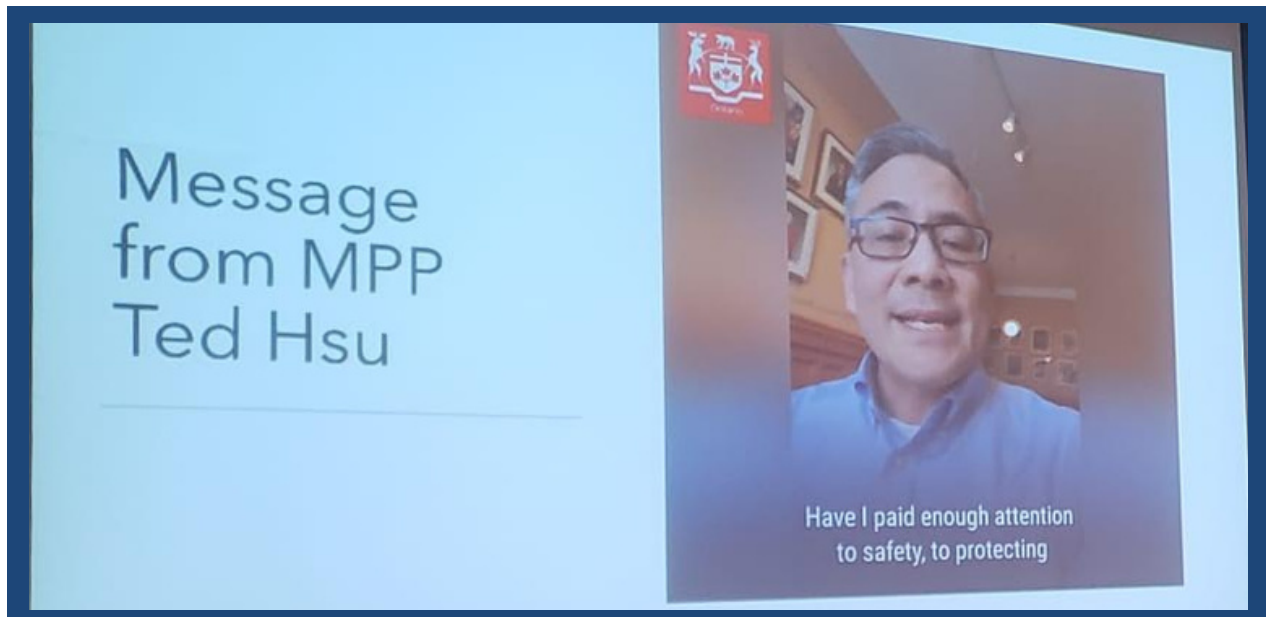


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KINGSTON MPP SENDS ENCOURAGING VIDEO TO CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Ted Hsu, MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Liberal Critic for Energy, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and Citizenship and Multiculturalism provided a video message for the Kingston Chapter AGM on February 21.

KINGSTON - PEO Kingston Chapter held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel in Kingston on February 21. Chapter GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashur**, P.Eng., reported that **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) sent a video message.

MPP Hsu is the Liberal Critic for Energy, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and Citizenship and Multiculturalism. He spoke about the important role that PEO and the 1,000 engineers in the Kingston Chapter play in ensuring public safety. He said in part:

"At a time when our society feels like it is cracking under so many strains, it is important to remember the role of professional societies as we rebuild. When you're doing your job, you have to make decisions under certain constraints, it is important to have professional standards under those constraints. Professional standards remind engineers to ask, have I spent enough time checking the facts or searching through my profession's accumulated experience? Have I paid enough attention to safety, the environment or any other non-financial externalities? Have I followed best practices of my profession's ethical standards? Thank you to PEO and professional societies and colleges for being the custodians of the standards that help define how developed we are as a society."

The event took place on the first day that the Legislature went back into session at Queen's Park. To watch the full video, please see [here](#).

HAMILTON CENTRE BY-ELECTION CALLED FOR MARCH 16



Former NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** was elected as mayor of Hamilton on October 24, 2022.

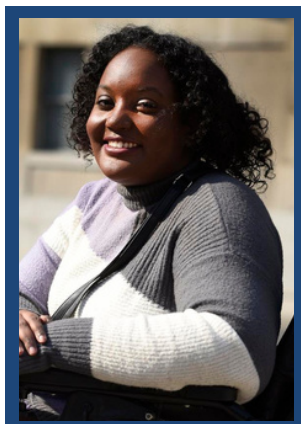
HAMILTON - A by-election has been called for March 16 for the riding of Hamilton Centre to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of **Andrea Horwath**, who served as the MPP for Hamilton Centre since 2007.

On October 24, 2022, Ms. Horwath was elected as Hamilton's first female Mayor. She is a long-time supporter of PEO.

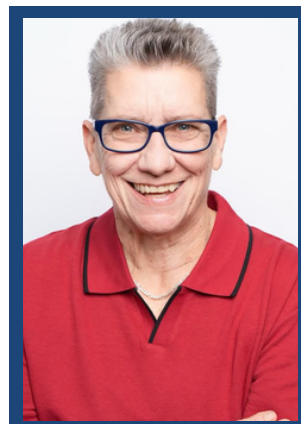
The candidates announced so far for the Hamilton Centre by-election are **Lucia Iannantuono** for the Green Party, **Sarah Jama** for the Ontario New Democratic Party, **Deirdre Pike** for the Ontario Liberal Party, and **Pete Wiesner** for the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.



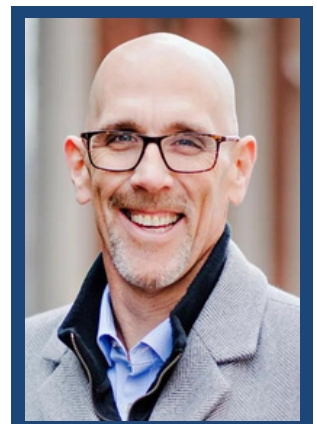
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MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Andrea Khanjin** (Barrie—Innisfil), MPP and **Tom Rakocevic** (Humber River—Black Creek) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

ANDREA KHANJIN (BARRIE—INNISFIL)



MPP Andrea Khanjin

Andrea Khanjin, MPP was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018. She serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

MPP Khanjin is the Deputy Government House Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario since 2019. She regularly attends PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter events.

She graduated with honours from the University of Ottawa and holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

TOM RAKOCEVIC (HUMBER RIVER—BLACK CREEK)

Tom Rakocevic, MPP was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2018. Shortly after his election, he was the guest speaker at the Engineering Students Societies' Council of Ontario's Annual Meeting.

MPP Rakocevic serves as the Opposition's Critic for Consumer Protection and Auto Insurance. Prior to his election, he was an executive assistant to Toronto city Councillor Anthony Perruzza.

He holds a master's degree from York University and a bachelor's degree in Education.



MPP Tom Rakocevic

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter's **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

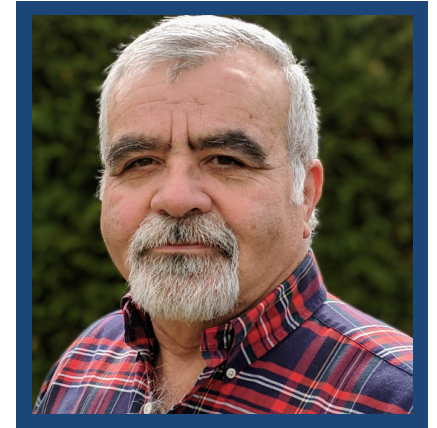
Last issue's question: Which Ontario Minister participated in a Democracy Forum at Toronto Metropolitan University on February 9?

Answer: **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre).

This 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?

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 6.

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



Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Monday, March 6 - Gateway to Growth Summit: Fireside Chat with Ontario's Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering—Uxbridge) and Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, MPP (Etobicoke Centre). Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Location: 100 Queens Quay East, 3rd Floor. Ticket Price: Individual (Member): \$175 | Individual (Non-Member): \$200 Table of 10 (Member): \$1,200 | Table of 10 (Non-Member/Guest): \$1,800. To register please see [here](#).

Tuesday, March 7 - They Won't Silence Us: Indigenous, Black and Racialized Women in the Public Domain with Jill Andrew, MPP (Toronto—St. Paul's). Time: - 5:30 - 9:00 PM. Location: Toronto Public Library - Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street Toronto, M4W 2G8. To register please see [here](#).

Thursday, March 9 - Women in Public Affairs (WIPA) Fireside Chat: A Conversation with Ontario's Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Charmaine Williams, MPP (Brampton Centre). Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Location: University Club, 380 University Avenue, Toronto. Ticket Price: \$30 Non-Members | Free for PAAC Members. 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 10.

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