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Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** (centre-right) participated in the PEO Council meeting on March 31. Here he is speaking with (left to right) PEO's Past President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta** P.Eng., and President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng.

PEO COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

PEO Council has approved moving forward with the Ontario government's request to remove Canadian experience as a requirement for licensure. The unanimous decision was made at a vote of Council on March 31. Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** attended the meeting to discuss the decision.

PEO updated the Commissioner on its plans to move toward the July 1 implementation. Mr. Glasberg is a former Deputy Attorney General, who previously attended two PEO Council meetings and the GLP training conference in October 2022.

For more on the Council meeting, [see page 8](#).

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PEO TO HOLD 2023 VIRTUAL AGM ON APRIL 29



PEO's AGM will take place virtually on April 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. EDT. Proceedings will be conducted via live webcast and will be in listen mode only. PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., will present his annual report to the AGM, and President-elect **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., and CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., will also provide remarks at the meeting. The President-elect, officers and councillors for the 2023–2024 term will officially take office at the conclusion of the meeting.

The AGM of PEO is held for the following purposes:

- To lay before licence holders the reports of the Council and committees of the association
- To inform licence holders of matters relating to the affairs of the association
- To ascertain the views of the licence holders present at the meeting on matters relating to the affairs of the association.

Prior to the AGM, P.Eng. licence holders have the opportunity to give written or video submissions on matters of importance to the work of PEO. To make a submission, please refer to the [Guide for Member Submissions template](#) and forward the completed submission electronically to agmsubmissions@peo.on.ca. Submissions must be received by Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5 p.m. EDT.

All wishing to attend the meeting must register online [here](#). Registration closes Friday, April 28, 2023, at 9 a.m. EDT.

PEO LAYS MULTIPLE CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH AN UNLICENSED CRANE AND LIFTING DEVICE SAFETY INSPECTION SERVICE IN THE KITCHENER-WATERLOO AREA

WATERLOO - Charges have been laid against a Waterloo man under the *Professional Engineers Act* and the *Provincial Offences Act*. On March 20, PEO charged **Jay Lawrence Harding** for using a forged seal and for fraudulently representing himself as a licensed professional engineer.

PEO issued a news release on March 22, announcing the charges.

The news release said in part, that Mr. Harding is alleged to have conducted "at least 80 "inspections" and "non-destructive tests" of cranes and lifting devices in the Waterloo Region in 2021," under the name AJ Hoist Inspections.

PEO contends that "Mr. Harding does not hold a non-destructive testing certification, and is not presently and has never been licensed as a professional engineer in Ontario."

As the governing body for professional engineers, "PEO's mission is to regulate and advance the practice of engineering to protect the public interest."

Under the authority of the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO is continuing to investigate this matter.

It is strongly encouraged that "anyone in the possession of a sealed or stamped document or certification bearing the name "J.L. Harding", "J. Harding", "Jay Harding", "AJ Ontario Hoist Inspections", or AJ Hoist Inspections," to contact PEO's enforcement immediately:"

Hotline: +1-416-840-1444

Hotline: +1-800-339-3716, ext 1444

Email: **enforcement@peo.on.ca**

To read PEO's full news release, please see **[here](#)**.

NEW CHANGES TO NDP MPP ROLES



Opposition Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) refreshed NDP critic portfolios on March 30.

NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) announced the Opposition new critic portfolios on March 30, following the election of **Sarah Jama**, MPP (Hamilton Centre), and the decision to remove **Michael Mantha**, MPP (Algoma—Manitoulin) from the caucus while being investigated for a human resources issue.

Further changes to the NDP critic portfolios include:

- **Sarah Jama**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) is Youth and Accessibility and Disability Justice Critic
- **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West) is now Chief Opposition Whip in addition to Colleges and Universities Critic
- **Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton Mountain) is now Deputy Whip in addition to Children, Community and Social Services Critic
- **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (London North Centre) is now Deputy Opposition House Leader in addition to Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Critic
- **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, (Toronto Centre) is now Small Business Critic in addition to Attorney General and 2SLGBTQ+ Issues
- **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe) is now Child Care Critic in addition to Pensions
- **Bhutila Karpoche**, MPP (Parkdale-High Park) is now Affordability Critic in addition to GTA Issues
- **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) is now Poverty and Homelessness Reduction Critic in addition to Mental Health and Addictions
- **Guy Bourgouin**, MPP (Mushkegowuk-James Bay) is now Natural Resources and Forestry and Mining Critic, in addition to Francophone Affairs
- **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa) is now Transportation Critic in addition to Infrastructure and Highways
- **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) is now Democratic Reform Critic in addition to Technology, Development, and Innovation
- **Lise Vaugois**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Superior North) is now Seniors Critic in addition to WSIB and Injured Workers

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR MEETS WITH WINDSOR-TECUMSEH MPP



PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (left) met with **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) on March 15.

WINDSOR - PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., met with **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) at his constituency office in Windsor on March 15. He is also the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

Mr. Khan and MPP Dowie had a productive conversation about the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and the mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) program.

Local MPP events are important opportunities for PEO chapters to bring MPP's up to date on PEO's work on legislative initiatives, and for GLP representatives to make MPP's aware on PEO's work.

MPP Dowie regularly attends PEO Windsor-Essex chapter events, and is himself a long-time GLC member and former Vice Chair. He also served as the GLP Chair of Windsor-Essex Chapter.

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal** (left), P.Eng., with Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy** (right), MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) at the Empire Club on March 31.

PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., participated in a post-budget lunch event with Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) at the Empire Club of Canada on March 31. The Minister presented his annual budget to the Legislature on March 23.

Mr. Panchal had a chance to speak with Minister Bethlenfalvy at the Empire Club, where the Finance Minister provided background on his decision making process leading to the province's budget. Minister Bethlenfalvy said in part:

"Ontario like most of the world continues to face ongoing economic uncertainty... and at the same time, Ontario's population is growing. We have to build the infrastructure, the economy, and build our communities to support that growth.

"The targeted approach we are taking to balance the budget means that future generations, our children, and our grandchildren, will inherit a strong Ontario."

See [here](#) to watch the Finance Minister's speech at the Empire Club in full.

Minister Bethlenfalvy thanked a number of those in attendance, including Associate Minister of Transportation **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale), Deputy Finance Minister **Greg Orencsak**, former Secretary of Cabinet **Steve Orsini**, Ontario Financing Authority CEO **Gadi Mayman**, Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, and former Minister **Rod Phillips**.



Pankaj Panchal P.Eng. (left), with former Minister, **Rod Phillips** (right) at the event.

PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE IN EVENT WITH MPP



PEO Scarborough Chapter reps with **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough Rouge Park) at an event on March 25.

PEO Scarborough Chapter was well represented at an event organized by **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough Rouge Park) on March 25. It was held at the Malvern Family Resource Centre, and was attended by over 1500 participants.

Scarborough Chapter Representatives included **Qaim Ratansi**, P.Eng., for MPP Thanigasalam's riding, as well as Scarborough Agincourt GLP Representative **Lucy (Lin) Lou**, P.Eng. Also in attendance were PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Samuel P. Jacob**, P.Eng., and Chapter volunteer **Xiaochun Dong**, who resides in the MPP's riding.

The GLP representatives were asked by MPP Thanigasalam and his office staff to be available as mentors. They were able to interact with a wide variety of engineering graduates and EIT's, and had discussions with job seekers who needed clarification on basic PEO applications.

By being active volunteers in an MPP's event, the GLP representatives were able to establish good connections with the senior staff of the MPP's office and earned the appreciation of MPP Thanigasalam.

PEO COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS REMOVING NEED FOR CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

PEO Council held its 556th meeting at PEO Headquarters on March 31. It was chaired by President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. A special guest at the meeting was Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg**.

One of the decisions was on the necessary amendments to Regulation 941 to remove the Canadian experience requirement for licensure.

A motion, passed unanimously, "directs the CEO/Registrar to begin work with the Ministry of the Attorney General...in order to comply with the provisions of section 10.2 of the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*".

Other items discussed at the Council included:

- Reports from President Colucci, CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. and the four Governance Committees
- Approval of audited financial statements for 2022 and recommended re-appointment of Deloitte LLP as auditor
- Approval of revised nomination and selection process for the Order of Honour Awards
- Approval of support for GLP chapter activities with various modifications
- Approval of revised Terms of Reference of the Academic Requirements Committee and of the Experience Requirements Committee
- Approval of staff to develop one or more Advisory Groups to replace the Licensing, Enforcement, and Professional Standards Committees



Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** with President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., at the 556th meeting.



Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** (centre) with PEO's Vice President, Policy & Governance & Chief Legal Officer **Dan Abrahams** (left), and CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. (right), on March 31.



PEO's East Central Region Councillor-elect **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. (left), West Central Region Councillor-elect **Ravinder Singh Panesar**, P.Eng. (centre-left), West Central Region Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng. (centre right), and CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. (right) at the 556th Council meeting.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Kinga Surma**, MPP (PC - Etobicoke Centre) and **Terence Kernaghan**, MPP (NDP - London North Centre) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

KINGA SURMA, MPP (ETOBICOKE CENTRE)



Kinga Surma, MPP

Kinga Surma, MPP was first elected to the Legislature in 2018. She was previously the Associate Minister of Transportation, before being promoted to the Minister of Infrastructure in the June cabinet shuffle in 2021.

Prior to taking office, MPP Surma worked at Toronto City Hall for then Councillor **Peter Milczyn**.

MPP Surma holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Guelph and a Public Relations certificate from Toronto Metropolitan University.

TERENCE KERNAGHAN, MPP (LONDON NORTH CENTRE)

Terence Kernaghan, MPP was first elected to the Legislature in 2018. He is the newly appointed Deputy House Leader of the NDP caucus, and also serves as the Critic for Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. He previously served as the Critic for LGBTQ, Government Services and Consumer Protection.

Before being elected, MPP Kernaghan obtained his bachelor's degree from Western University, and was an elementary school educator focusing on critical literacy, digital citizenship, and social justice.



Terence Kernaghan, MPP

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former PEO Councillor and Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Last issue's question: Which PEO Chapter is the largest in Eastern Ontario?

Answer: Ottawa Chapter.

This week's question: What is the name of Ontario's Fairness Commissioner who was a guest at PEO Council on March 31?

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, April 17.

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



Former PEO Councillor **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., is the winner of last issue's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, April 22 – Artspiration: Inspired by Yorklands Green Hub with with Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, MPP (Guelph). Time: 2 - 4 PM. Location: Artworks Gallery Guelph, 404 York Rd., Guelph, N1E 3H4. To register, please see [here](#).

Friday, May 12 - Brampton Board of Trade in Conversation with President of Treasury Board Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP (Brampton South). Time: 8 – 10 AM. Location: The Garden Banquet Centre 8 Clipper Ct, Brampton, L6W 4T9. Member fee: \$49. General Admission: \$69. To register, please see [here](#).

Monday, May 29 - Brampton Board of Trade in Conversation with Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. Time: 2 – 4 PM. Location: The Garden Banquet Centre, 8 Clipper Ct. Brampton, L6W 4T9. Member fee: \$49. General Admission: \$69. 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 April 21.

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