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AGRICULTURE MINISTER SPEAKS AT PEO GEORGIAN BAY CHAPTER

SOUTHAMPTON - PEO Georgian Bay Chapter held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Certificate Presentation Ceremony on April 22.

Chapter Chair **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng. advised *GLP Weekly Times* on June 13 that Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron—Bruce) was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Minister Thompson has been a long time supporter of PEO activities since her first election in 2011. For more on the story, see page 7.

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PEO COUNCIL HOLDS 558TH MEETING

PEO Council had a productive meeting on June 23 at PEO headquarters in Toronto. It was chaired by PEO President and Chair **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng.

Mr. Fraser provided Council with reports on his recent activities including chairing the Council workshop and participating in the Mississauga Chapter annual licencing ceremony with three MPPs.

CEO/ Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. also provided Council with her updates including her participation at the North Bay engineering symposium, a luncheon for volunteers and her participation in the Engineers Canada annual meeting in Halifax. She also provided Council with an update on the June 22 licencing webinar which had over a total of 11,000 sign ups, 6,000 online attendees and generated over 2,500 questions.

Council also approved work plans for the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee. Council also approved a policy development framework.

The new president of Engineers Canada **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. provided an update as well. She reported on Engineers Canada's new successful advertising campaign and the goal to focus on additional efforts on employers to encourage women to remain in the profession.

During the meeting, it was also announced that Lieutenant Governor Appointed (LGA) Councillors **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng. and **Scott Shelske**, P.Eng. have been reappointed as Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointees.



PEO President and Chair
Roydon Fraser, P.Eng.



PEO CEO/Registrar
Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng.



President of Engineers
Canada **Nancy Hill**



LGA Councillor
Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.



LGA Councillor
Scott Shelske, P.Eng.

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER GLP REP MEETS SOLICITOR GENERAL AT LOCAL EVENT



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng. (fifth from left) participated in an event with Ontario Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) (sixth from left) at the Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research Centre in Toronto on June 23.

Ontario Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) was the guest speaker at an event in his riding on June 23 at the [Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research](#) Centre in Toronto.

PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng. provided the *GLP Weekly Times* with an update on the event, which was sponsored by the Research Centre in conjunction with Centennial College and Toronto Metropolitan University [RIAD](#).

Minister Kerzner was first elected in 2022. Ms. Ghebreiyesus is an active new PEO volunteer and recently met **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, at another event at Toronto Metropolitan University.

Community events are an excellent opportunity for PEO volunteers to meet Ministers and MPPs and introduce them to PEO's work as the regulator of professional engineering in the public interest.

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Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron—Bruce) (third from left) participated in the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter Certification Ceremony on April 22. Also in the photo are Chapter Past Chair **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng. and **Bill Hrinivich**, P.Eng., (second from left) and the new licencees.

SOUTHAMPTON- As reported on page one, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron—Bruce) was the guest speaker at the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter licence certificate ceremony on April 22. PEO Georgian Bay past Chapter Chair **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng. provided *GLP Weekly Times* with an update on June 13.

The seven certificate recipients were:

- **Mitchell Sherman Ekels**, P.Eng.
- **Owen Hempel**, P.Eng.
- **Roberto Clemente**, P.Eng.
- **Kiran Thomas**, P.Eng.
- **Mayur Suthar**, P.Eng.
- **Hayden Daniel Burke**, P.Eng.
- **Brianna Nicole Tolkunow**, P.Eng.

Minister Thompson has participated in the PEO GLP Academy and Congress in Goderich in 2015 and various other PEO events over the years. She is a former Minister of Education and a former Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

Licence certificate ceremonies are great events for PEO Chapters to invite their MPPs to attend in order to provide them with an understanding of PEO's role as the regulator of professional engineering in the public interest. It is also a good opportunity for MPPs to learn about PEO's policy mandates such as the mandatory continuing professional development and the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA).

PREMIER CALLS FOR BY-ELECTION IN TWO RIDINGS

Ontario Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** has drawn up the writ for two by-elections to be held on July 27.

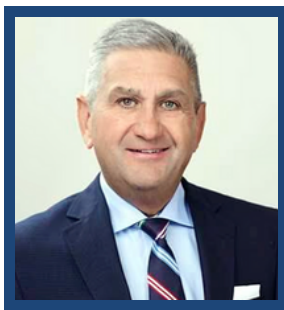
Two by-elections have been called for the ridings of Kanata--Carleton and Scarborough--Guildwood for July 27. These by-elections follow the resignations of former Ontario Minister for Long-Term Care **Merrilee Fullerton**, and former Liberal Deputy Leader **Mitzie Hunter**.

Several candidates have already been named in both races. In Scarborough--Guildwood, the Ontario PC's have named Toronto City Councillor **Gary Crawford**, and the Ontario Liberals have named President of the Scarborough Business Association, **Andrea Hazell**.

In Kanata--Carleton, the PC's have chosen former vice-president of Canopy Growth Corporation, **Sean Webster**. The Ontario Liberals have named former Member of Parliament and Canadian Armed Forces veteran **Karen McCrimmon**. The Ontario NDP's have named local Kanata advocate **Melissa Coenraad** as their candidate.



Merrilee Fullerton
Former MPP
(Kanata—Carleton)



Sean Webster
PC Candidate
(Kanata—Carleton)



Karen McCrimmon,
Former MP
(Kanata—Carleton)



Mitzie Hunter
Former MPP
(Scarborough—
Guildwood)



Andrea Hazell
Ontario Liberal Candidate for
Scarborough—Guildwood



Gary Crawford
Toronto City Councillor
(Scarborough Southwest)



Melissa Coenraad
NDP Candidate
(Kanata—Carleton)

FORMER PEO PRESIDENT APPOINTED ENGINEERS CANADA PRESIDENT

OTTAWA- Former PEO President **Nancy Hill** took the helm as the new President of Engineers Canada at their annual meeting on May 26.

In 2014, she achieved the distinction of becoming a fellow of the prestigious Canadian Academy of Engineering. In 2017, she was also named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women.

She is an engineer, lawyer, patent and trademark agent and co-founder of Hill & Schumacher.



Nancy Hill, P.Eng.

For over 25 years, she has been managing intellectual property rights for clients worldwide, including many universities across Canada. Her areas of focus are robotics, structural steel, healthcare, and green energy, and many of her clients have gone on to win prestigious awards for their innovations. One of her goals is get more women engineers to stay in the profession.

Other Engineers Canada Ontario directors are **Arjan Aranjet, P.Eng.**, **Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.**, **Marisa Sterling, P.Eng.** and **Christian Bellini, P.Eng.**

Both Ms. Sterling and Mr. Bellini are past PEO Presidents. Mr. Aranjet and Mr. Kirkby are long time participants in PEO's Government Liaison Program.



During her term as PEO President, **Nancy Hill, P.Eng.** participated in a PEO Government Liaison committee meeting.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River) and **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

HON. GREG RICKFORD, MPP (KENORA—RAINY RIVER)

Greg Rickford was first elected in the 2018 provincial election and was re-elected in 2022. He is currently the Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs. He is a former MP, having served the House of Commons from 2011 to 2015.

Prior to entering politics, Minister Rickford worked as a nurse and lawyer in the remote First Nations communities of the Kenora District.

He holds degrees in common and civil law from McGill University and an MBA from Université Laval.



Hon. Greg Rickford, MPP
(Kenora-Rainy River)

JENNIFER FRENCH, MPP (OSHAWA)



Jennifer French, MPP
(Oshawa)

Jennifer French was first elected in the June 2014 provincial election, and re-elected in 2018 and 2022.

She currently serves as the opposition NDP Critic for Infrastructure, Transportation, and Highways. She is also the Chair of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. She regularly participates in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter events.

She holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in science from Queen's University.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

Congratulations to PEO East Central Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question.

Last week's question: Which Minister spoke at the PEO Mississauga Chapter Licence Certificate Presentation Ceremony on June 12?

Answer: Public and Business Service Delivery Minister **Kaleed Rasheed**.

Honourable mention to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., who also sent in the correct answer.

This week's question: Which Minister spoke at the Georgian Bay Chapter Certificate Presentation Ceremony on April 22?

Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our trivia contest!

Send your answers to **Howard Brown** at howard@brown-cohen.com by Tuesday, July 4. You may only win once in a four-week span.



PEO Councillor Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's Trivia Contest.



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?

The goals of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) are:

- To ensure that the government, PEO licence holders and the public continue to recognize its regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest.
- To have the government view PEO as a partner and understand and support PEO's policy direction.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs more than 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.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/aboutpeo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. There is no *GLP Weekly Times* issue next week due to the upcoming long weekend and the shortened week. Our next issue is **July 7**.

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