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PREMIER, MINISTER AND MPPS MEET PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR IN WINDSOR

WINDSOR — PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. was invited to an event with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) at Water's Edge Event Centre in Windsor on June 1.

Mr. Khan had a chance to discuss local issues, PEO's mandate and the Government Liaison Program with the Premier as well as other MPPs, including former GLC Vice Chair **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh).

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TWO MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER EVENT



Aris Babikian, MPP (Scarborough—Agincourt) (centre) presented a scroll to (left to right) PEO Scarborough Chapter's GLP representative **Lou Lin**, P.Eng., Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta** P.Eng., and Secretary **Rene Siguenza**, P.Eng. at Scarborough Chapter's 18th annual Bridge Building Competition and 5th annual Seismic Resistant Structures Competition on May 13.

PEO Scarborough Chapter held their 18th annual Bridge Building Competition (BBC) and 5th annual Seismic Resistant Structures Competition (SRSC) on May 13.

Attending the event were:

- **Aris Babikian**, MPP (Scarborough—Agincourt), Chair on the Standing Committee on the Interior in the Legislature.
- **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.
- PEO East Central Region Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng.

Chapter Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng. told *GLP Weekly* that MPP Babikian "gave an inspiring talk" to the PEO representatives, students and parents. The event was organized by Chapter Secretary **Rene Siguenza** P.Eng.



David Smith, MPP (Scarborough Centre) presented a scroll to (left to right) PEO Regional Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., PEO Scarborough Chapter's Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng. and Secretary **Rene Siguenza**, P.Eng. at the Chapter's 18th annual Bridge Building Competition and 5th annual Seismic Resistant Structures Competition on May 13.

FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLARES FOR ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

OTTAWA — Former Ontario Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi**, has announced that he will seek the Provincial Liberal leadership. He declared his candidacy on June 3.

MP Naqvi served as an MPP from 2007 to 2018 and held a number of cabinet posts including Minister of Labour, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Government House Leader.

He regularly met with PEO leadership and attended PEO events in Ottawa and at Queen's Park. As reported in previous *GLP Weekly Times*, two additional candidates have joined the race, including:

- **Ted Hsu** MPP (Kingston and the Islands)
- **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith** MP (Beaches-East York)



Yasir Naqvi, MP (Ottawa Centre)

Also considering entering the race are:

- Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, former MP for Mississauga—Streetsville.
- **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West)
- **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East)

The Party will employ a ranked ballot system for members to cast their votes on November 25 and 26. The results will be announced round-by-round during the following weekend, with the new leader being named on December 2.



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(Beaches-East York)



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(Don Valley West)



Adil Shamji, MPP
(Don Valley East)

PEO COUNCILLOR AND WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL CHAPTER GLP REP MEET WITH DON VALLEY NORTH MPP



PEO East Central Region Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. (left) and PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair **Fred Saghezchi**, P.Eng. (right) met with **Vincent Ke**, MPP (Don Valley North) (centre) on May 25.

PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair **Fred Saghezchi**, P.Eng. met with Don Valley North MPP **Vincent Ke** at his constituency office in Toronto on May 25.

Also attending the meeting was PEO East Central Region Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., who is the Chapter's former Chair and GLP Chair.

According to Mr. Saghezchi, the meeting focused on the impact of the elimination of the Canadian experience requirement for the professional engineering licence. Both Mr. Saghezchi and MPP Ke, being originally from Iran and China respectively, acknowledged the challenges faced by international engineers in establishing their careers in Canada.

Mr. Saghezchi reiterated the Chapter's offer to work with MPP Ke's office for the benefit of both parties, including inviting MPP Ke to an upcoming Licence Presentation Ceremony.

Mr. Ke previously met with PEO last year and was the guest speaker at the Chapter Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2022. He also met with former GLP representative **Edwin Safari**, P.Eng., on April 15, 2022.

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR MEETS PREMIER, MINISTER AND MPPS IN WINDSOR

WINDSOR — As reported on page 1, PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. participated in an event in Windsor with Premier **Doug Ford** and MPP **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., on June 1.

In addition to speaking with the Premier and MPP Dowie, Mr. Khan had discussions with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York Simcoe) and **Trevor Jones**, MPP (Chatham-Kent-Leamington).

Mr. Khan took the opportunity to have separate productive discussions with each MPP.

"Minister Mulroney expressed sincere appreciation for the significant contributions engineers make to society," Mr. Khan told *GLP Weekly Times*. "During our discussion, I emphasized the vital role of the PEO in regulating the engineering profession and upholding public safety standards throughout Ontario."

"Since it was our first encounter with MPP Jones, I provided him with an overview of the PEO Government Liaison Program and the Government Liaison Committee. MPP Jones showed genuine interest in these initiatives and acknowledged their importance," he said.

"Throughout our conversation, MPP Jones emphasized a strong commitment to upholding public safety and expressed eagerness to maintain a collaborative relationship with the PEO."

Mr. Khan is also the GLP Chair for the PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter, an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Windsor, the Knowledge Development Manager at Stellantis and a Chair of the Program Advisory Committee (Mechanical Engineering Technology - Automotive Product Design) at St. Clair College.



PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (right) met with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York Simcoe) (left) at the Water's Edge Event Centre in Windsor on June 1.



PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (right) meet with **Trevor Jones**, MPP (Chatham-Kent-Leamington) (left) at the event on June 1.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Donna Skelly**, MPP (Flamborough—Glanbrook) and **Chandra Pasma**, MPP (Ottawa West—Nepean) so that PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

DONNA SKELLY, MPP (FLAMBOROUGH—GLANBROOK)

Donna Skelly, MPP was first elected in the 2018 provincial election. She currently serves as a Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

She previously served as the Parliamentary Assistant to both the Attorney General and the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

She entered politics after a successful 30-year career in broadcast journalism and holds a graduate degree in broadcast journalism from Seneca College in Toronto.



Donna Skelly, MPP (Flamborough—Glanbrook)

BOBBI ANN BRADY, MPP (HALDIMAND NORFOLK)



Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP was elected as an independent member of Legislature in June 2022.

She is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. She previously served as the Executive Assistant to former MPP **Toby Barrett** for 23 years.

MPP Brady holds a diploma in Broadcast Journalism. According to her website, she spent several years working in the fields in Norfolk County, owns a small business and writes as a freelance journalist.

Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP (Haldimand Norfolk)

Congratulations to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question!

Last week's question: Which Ontario minister recognized PEO for removing the Canadian experience requirement for licensure?

Answer: Hon. **Monte McNaughton** (Lambton—Kent—Middlesex)

This week's question: Which former Attorney General has declared for the Ontario Liberal Leadership?



PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P. Eng., is the winner of last week's trivia contest.

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

Send your answers to **Howard Brown** at howard@brown-cohen.com by Monday, June 12.

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

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. Our next issue is **June 16**.

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