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PEO York GLP rep **Lu Zheng**, P.Eng., (right) met with **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham - Unionville) (left) on July 7.

NEW PEO YORK CHAPTER GLP REP DISCUSSES REGULATORY ISSUES WITH LOCAL MPP

MARKHAM — PEO York Chapter GLP rep **Lu Zheng**, P.Eng., participated in a 30-minute meeting with **Billy Pang**, MPP (Markham - Unionville) to discuss PEO licencing protocols as well as the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* developments on July 7.

Ms. Zheng is the newly appointed GLP rep for MPP Pang's riding. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. He participated in the Chapter's Licence Presentation Ceremony on April 23.

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FORMER PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIR AND PRESIDENTS HONoured

Seven individuals were recognized at PEO's 2023 Order of Honour ceremony, which was held virtually on June 23. Former PEO Councillor and Government Liaison Committee Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng. was one of the seven recognized.

The event celebrated PEO members who have made substantial contributions to support PEO's statutory mandate to regulate the engineering profession in Ontario.

Other winners were:

- Former PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng.- Officer of the Order
- Former PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng.- Order of Honour member
- Former North Bay Chapter Chair **Lindsay Meghan Keats**, P.Eng.- Order of Honour member
- **Camphi Xiang**, P.Eng.- V.G. Smith Award
- **Jia Ning Zhou**, P.Eng.- S.E. Wolfe Award
- **May Marefat**, EIT.- G. Gordon M. Sterling Engineering Intern Award



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Former PEO President **Catherine Karakatsanis**, P.Eng., was the guest speaker at the event. This occasion also marked the 10th annual celebration of International Women in Engineering Day.

For more on this story, see Engineering Dimensions article [here](#).

Also in this current issue of Engineering Dimensions, is an update on:

- PEO's enhancement of its practice resources
- Review of the mandatory *Practice Evaluation and Knowledge* (PEAK) program
- Profile on PEO's new President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. and the 2023-24 Council

OPPORTUNITY FOR LICENCE HOLDERS TO VOTE IN JULY 27 BY-ELECTIONS

As announced in PEO GLP Weekly Times on June 30, by-elections have been called for the ridings of Kanata—Carleton and Scarborough—Guildwood. Candidates are listed below. Additional candidates have now been named, see photos below.

The by-elections follow the resignations of former Ontario Minister for Long-Term Care **Merrilee Fullerton**, and former Liberal Deputy Leader **Mitzie Hunter**.

A third by-election is expected to be called shortly to replace outgoing Kitchener Centre MPP **Laura Mae Lindo**.

By-elections are an important opportunity for PEO licence holders to meet local candidates and inform them of PEO's mandate as the regulator of professional engineering in the province in the public interest.



Gary Crawford
PC Candidate for
Scarborough—Guildwood



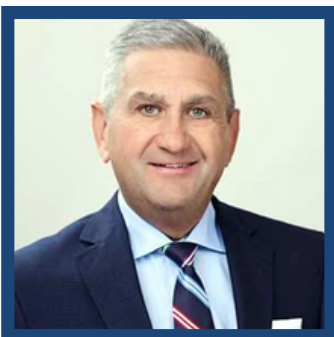
Thadsha Navaneethan
NDP candidate for
Scarborough—Guildwood



Andrea Hazell
Liberal Candidate for
Scarborough—Guildwood



Tara McMahon
Green candidate for
Scarborough—Guildwood



Sean Webster
PC Candidate for
(Kanata—Carleton)



Melissa Coenraad
NDP Candidate for
(Kanata—Carleton)



Karen McCrimmon
Liberal Candidate for
(Kanata—Carleton)



Steven Warren
Green Candidate for
(Kanata—Carleton)

MPP WHO SPOKE AT PEO EVENT LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

Liberal Health Critic **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) has kicked off his campaign for his party leadership. He made the announcement on July 8.

MPP Shamji is a former emergency physician at Michael Garrett hospital in Toronto. He announced that his campaign will be chaired by former Deputy Premier **George Smitherman** and former Ontario Liberal Party presidential candidate **Natalie Hart**.

MPP Shamji spoke at the PEO East Toronto Chapter Licensing Ceremony on November 24, where he acknowledged the "incredible work the (PEO) Government Liaison Program does... I am the Liberal critic for Health, Northern Development, Indigenous Affairs and Colleges and Universities. In all those portfolios, engineers play a vital role. It's critically important and one of the reasons why it is so important to be here tonight."



Guest speaker **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensing ceremony on November 24.

MPP Shamji is the fifth candidate in the race to lead the former governing party in Ontario alongside Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, Liberal MPP **Ted Hsu** (Kingston and the Islands); and Liberal MPs **Nate Erskine-Smith** (Beaches-East York) and **Yasir Naqvi** (Ottawa Centre).

The leadership election meeting dates for each riding were announced last week. They will be held either on November 25 or 26. For a full list see [here](#).



Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East) (centre) with the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensees and chapter executives on November 24.

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) and **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

LISA GRETZKY, (WINDSOR WEST)

MPP **Gretzky** was first elected in the 2014 provincial election and was re-elected in 2018 and 2022.

She currently serves as the NDP Critic for Mental Health and Addictions.

She previously served as the school trustee for the Greater Essex County District School Board.

MPP Gretzky is a regular participant in PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter activities.



Lisa Gretzky, MPP (Windsor West)

ERNIE HARDEMAN, MPP (OXFORD)



MPP **Hardeman** was first elected as MPP for Oxford in 1995 and has been re-elected seven times. He currently serves as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

He also served as the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs from 1999 to 2001 and 2018 to 2021 as well as Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs (Rural) and Chair of the Legislative Committee on Public Accounts.

He has a long standing interest in PEO's regulatory affairs and in the past intervened on PEO's behalf on issues with appropriate ministries.

Ernie Hardeman, MPP (Oxford)

Congratulations to former PEO Councillor **Santosh Gupta**, 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 Georgian Bay Chapter Certificate Presentation Ceremony on April 22?

Answer: Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron—Bruce)

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

This week's question: What is the name of the Act that the Ontario Government introduced that enhances the ability of internationally educated engineering graduates to be licenced in Ontario? It was introduced in the Fall of 2021.

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

Send your answers to **Howard Brown** at howard@brown-cohen.com by Monday, July 17. You may only win once in a four-week span.



Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., is the winner of this 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. Our next issue is **July 21**.

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