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PEO'S CEO/REGISTRAR DISCUSSES ROLE IN ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS ARTICLE



PEO's CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng.** (right) and then-PEO President **Nick Colucci, P.Eng.** (left) meet with Ontario Attorney General **Doug Downey, MPP** (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte (centre) at his Queen's Park office on March 2nd.

In an interview published in the Summer 2023 edition of *Engineering Dimensions*, PEO's CEO/Registrar, **Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng.**, reflects on her first six months in her role, and shares her thoughts on what is needed to guide PEO into the future.

"In March, I presented a three-year summary of PEO's strategic plan to Council," said Ms. Quaglietta. "The four strategic goals guiding PEO's focus for the next three years emphasize modernizing processes, optimizing organizational performance, improving governance and creating a vision for PEO that generates value for all stakeholders."

"I hope to facilitate meaningful dialogue with licence holders and our stakeholders," said Ms. Quaglietta when asked what she is most looking forward to during her time as CEO/Registrar. "Their engagement is essential."

To read the full article, [click here](#).

ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS

JENNIFER QUAGLIETTA STEERS PEO TOWARDS SUCCESS

PEO's CEO/Registrar reflects on her first six months on the job and shares her thoughts on what is needed to guide Ontario's engineering regulator into the future.

By Nicki Ferguson

Stepping into her role as PEO's CEO/Registrar in January, Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng., KQSO, assumed leadership of one of the province's most transformational agencies. With a background in finance engineering and an MBA from the University of Toronto, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her position. The role brings the perspective of someone who has witnessed the challenges of engineering while consistently driving an engineering practice throughout her career and as the first CEO/Registrar through PEO's first six months.

Engineering Dimensions (ED): What are your impressions of PEO after your first six months as CEO/Registrar?

"PEO is a unique organization. It is a not-for-profit, a Crown corporation, and a regulatory body. It is a place where the public interest is paramount, and where the engineering profession is represented. I am excited to be part of this journey and to work with the staff and the Council to drive PEO's strategic plan forward."

ED: How have you engaged with staff in your first six months?

"I have been fortunate to have a very strong relationship with the staff. I have been able to engage with them in a meaningful way, and I have been able to listen to their feedback. I have been able to work with them on a number of projects, and I have been able to see the results of their hard work. I am proud of the staff and of the work they are doing for PEO."

Technology that supports productivity and efficiency and data collection to support regulatory requirements, such as creating staff from the back needed to drive in a hybrid work environment, the implementation of digital tools to streamline and improve regulatory processes, and

A rich and diverse pool of talented people who engage and interact with stakeholders while delivering value – which I've witnessed firsthand, as well as the staff's passion for the work, their commitment, and their ability to work together to achieve the organization's goals.

These are the foundations of a strong organization. I am excited to be part of this journey and to work with the staff and the Council to drive PEO's strategic plan forward.

ED: What are your goals and objectives as CEO/Registrar?

"I have four strategic goals that I am focused on. The first is to modernize PEO's processes and systems. The second is to optimize PEO's performance. The third is to improve PEO's governance. The fourth is to create a vision for PEO that generates value for all stakeholders. I am excited to be part of this journey and to work with the staff and the Council to drive PEO's strategic plan forward."



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PEO SCARBOROUGH GLP CHAPTER CONGRATULATES LOCAL MPP ON RECENT ELECTION VICTORY



PEO Scarborough chapter representatives **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., and **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., wrote a congratulatory letter to newly elected MPP **Andrea Hazell** (Scarborough–Guildwood) on August 8th.

PEO Scarborough chapter has written the new MPP-elect of Scarborough--Guildwood, **Andrea Hazell** a congratulatory letter for her election to the provincial legislature on July 27th. The letter offered congratulations on behalf of PEO.

In addition to congratulating MPP-elect Hazell, the letter also introduced her to the role and responsibilities of PEO. The letter was signed by representatives **Victor Lan**, P.Eng., **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., and **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng.

PEO Scarborough chapter has five additional MPPs who they have worked closely with over many years. They are **Aris Babikian**, MPP, (PC - Scarborough-- Agincourt), **Doly Begum**, MPP, (NDP - Scarborough Southwest), **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP, (PC - Scarborough- Rouge Park), Hon. **Raymond Cho**, MPP, (PC - Scarborough North), and **David Smith**, MPP, (PC - Scarborough Centre).



PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had a chance to meet MPP-elect **Andrea Hazell** (left) at a stakeholder event in Toronto on August 16. She mentioned the letter from the PEO Scarborough chapter, and was excited to receive it. With her in this photo are former Ontario Minister **John Wilkinson** (centre left) , former MPP **Mitzie Hunter** (centre right), and **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) (right).

ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY SETS FALL DATES FOR FIVE ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATES



The Ontario Liberal Party has scheduled for five all candidates debates across the province. The candidates (from top left, clockwise) are Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, **Nate Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches--East York), **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre), **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), and **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands).

The Ontario Liberal Party has released their list of scheduled debates which will take place in the run-up to their leadership election on December 2nd.

The deadline for candidates to register is September 5th, and there are currently five candidates. **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands), **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, **Nate Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches--East York), and **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre).

The first debate, which will take place in Thunder Bay, is planned for Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Two debates will take place in the month of October, with the first in Stratford on Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m., and the second on Tuesday, October 24 in Toronto at 7:00 p.m.

The final two debate will take place on Wednesday, November 8 in Ottawa at 7:00 p.m., and on either Saturday, November 18 or Sunday the 19th in Brampton at 1:00 p.m.

Elections will take place on Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26. Results will be announced on Saturday, December 2.

To learn more about the upcoming leadership debates, and learn more about the candidates, click [here](#).

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She is also a former Attorney General with responsibility for the Professional Engineers Act. Previously, she also met with former PEO York Chapter GLP Representative **Dale Kerr Genge**, P. Eng.

Mr. Carruthers had a chance to speak briefly with her. They also are planning a formal meeting in the coming weeks, which had been scheduled originally for August 10.

KNOW YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Stephen Crawford** (Oakville) and **Monique Taylor**, MPP (Hamilton Mountain) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

STEPHEN CRAWFORD, MPP (OAKVILLE)



Stephen Crawford, MPP (Oakville) (centre) attended the PEO Oakville chapter's AGM and Licence Certificate Ceremony on February 22.

MPP **Crawford** was first elected in the 2018 provincial election and was re-elected in 2022 as a Progressive Conservative.

He currently serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. Before entering politics, He worked as a financial advisor.

He regularly takes part in PEO Oakville Chapter events, including licence certificate ceremonies, and Take Your MPP To Work days.

MONIQUE TAYLOR, MPP (HAMILTON MOUNTAIN)



Monique Taylor (left) with then-PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair, **Mike Bell**, P. Eng. (right) at a Holiday Open House in Hamilton on December 18, 2019.

MPP **Taylor** was first elected as a member of the New Democratic Party to the Ontario Legislature in 2011, and re-elected in 2014, 2018, and 2022. She is currently the Official Opposition Critic on Children, Community and Social Services, and also serves as the Deputy Opposition Whip.

Prior to her election, She worked as an assistant to Hamilton City Councillor **Scott Duvall**.

She has met with PEO in the past, including discussions with then-PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair, **Mike Bell**, P. Eng., in 2019.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

Congratulations to PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question.

Last week's question: Who is Ontario's current Attorney General with responsibility for the Professional Engineers Act?

Answer: **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte)



Honourable mentions: PEO Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng from Willowdale - Thornhill Chapter, and former PEO Councillors **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., from Scarborough Chapter, and **Roger Jones**, P. Eng of PEO's Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter.

This week's question: Who is the current Official Opposition Critic for the Attorney General in the Ontario legislature?

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, August 21. 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 August 25.

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