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PEO TO HOST PROVINCE-WIDE 2023 GLP TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 18



MPPs **Stephanie Bowman** (Don Valley West) (centre) and **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (centre right) both participated in the PEO GLP training session on October 21, 2022. Also in the photo are PEO North Bay GLP Chair **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., (left) PEO East Toronto Chapter Rep **Tracy Garner**, P. Eng., Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (centre left) PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Rep **Juliana Otero**, P. Eng., (second from the right) and GLC Chair **Jeffery Lee**, P. Eng., (right).

If you are interested in the PEO Government Liaison Program, you want to hold the date of Saturday, November 18.

That day, GLP representatives from every one of Ontario's 124 ridings will be invited participate in a day long training session with MPPs.

It will be held at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport.

Last year, guest speakers included **Andrew Dowie**, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), NDP Attorney General Critic, and Liberal Finance Critic **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West). Also speaking was Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg**.

Last year's session was called "A new century of regulating engineering in the public interest."

Registration will be open in the coming weeks.

The 2023 GLP training will take place at the Holiday Inn, Toronto International Airport



PEO WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER PROVIDES NEW MPP WITH FIRST BRIEFING



PEO Windsor-Essex chapter representatives **Danny Castellan**, P. Eng. (left) and **Asif Khan**, P. Eng. (right), met with **Anthony Leardi**, MPP (Essex) (centre) and discussed the regulatory mandate of PEO, as well as MPP Leardi's future involvement in other PEO initiatives.

AMHERSTBURG - Essex MPP **Anthony Leardi** was briefed on the regulatory mandate of PEO at a 30 minute meeting at his constituency office on August 15.

MPP Leardi met with PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter representatives **Danny Castellan**, P. Eng., and **Asif Khan**, P. Eng., to discuss the work of the Government Liaison Program. They discussed the possibility of MPP Leardi participating in a fall Take Your MPP To Work day and other initiatives. Mr. Khan is Vice-Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee and GLP Chair of the Windsor-Essex chapter.

MPP Leardi's fellow Windsor new PC MPP **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., (Windsor-Tecumseh) is the only engineer in the legislature.

MPP Leardi was first elected in 2022. He is the nephew of a former Liberal MPP **Remo Mancini** and replaced long-time NDP MPP **Taras Natychak**.

MPP Leardi is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines, **George Pirie**, MPP (Timmins).

SASK. ENGINEER RECEIVES SUSPENSION AFTER BRIDGE COLLAPSES HOURS AFTER OPENING



Pictured is the Dyck Memorial Bridge over the Swan River in the RM of Clayton after it collapsed on Sept. 14, 2018. Source: CBC News

CLAYTON -- The Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan has suspended a license holder for 18 months because he designed a bridge that collapsed just hours after it opened to the public.

Licensee **Scott Gullacher** was responsible for the Dyck Memorial Bridge in the Regional Municipality of Clayton, Saskatchewan about 300 kilometres east of Saskatoon. The bridge opened and collapsed on September 14, 2018. No one was injured when it fell into the river.

CBC journalist **Will McLernon** reported that following his 18-month suspension, Gullacher will be barred from working on any bridge project in Saskatchewan for a period of five years. Following this period, Gullacher will undergo three years of direct supervision with additional ethics training during that time.

This event serves as reminder of the obligations of engineering regulators and licensees to always put the public interest first.

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They were former PEO president **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng, former PEO VP (Elected) **Chris Roney**, P.Eng and former PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP rep **Graham Houze**. Both Ms. Bergeron and Mr. Roney are also past presidents of Engineers Canada.

Minister Clark is very familiar with PEO and its regulatory mandate having met with PEO representatives on many occasions since he was first elected in a by-election in 2010.

Minister Clark has been a regular participant at PEO events in eastern Ontario and at Queen's Park.

KNOW YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Michael Ford** (York South--Weston) and **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina--Fort York) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

HON. MICHAEL FORD, MPP (YORK SOUTH--WESTON)

Minister **Michael Ford**, MPP (York South--Weston) was first elected in the 2022 provincial election as a Progressive Conservative. He currently serves as the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

First elected as a Toronto school trustee in 2014, he later won a 2016 Toronto City Council by-election, serving in this role until 2022.



CHRIS GLOVER, MPP (SPADINA--FORT YORK)



Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina--Fort York) (centre) during a PEO Take Your MPP To Work Day with the PEO East Toronto Chapter on April 28.

Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina--Fort York) was first elected as a member of the New Democratic Party to the Ontario Legislature in 2018, and re-elected in 2022. He is currently the Official Opposition Critic on Democratic Reform, and Technology, Development, and Innovation.

Prior to his election to the legislature, MPP Glover was a Toronto District School Board Trustee, a member of the Toronto Board of Health and an Adjunct Professor at York University.

MPP Glover is a regular participant in PEO East Toronto Chapter events.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

There is no winner of the GLP Trivia Contest this week. Contestants are reminded that they can only win once in a four-week period.

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

Answer: Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP (Toronto Centre)



This week's question: What day will the 2023 PEO province-wide GLP Training Day take place?

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 28. 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 September 1.

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