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PEO York Chapter GLP representatives **Brian Carruthers**, P.Eng., and **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., met with President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Francophone Affairs **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York--Simcoe) on September 8 at her constituency office in Holland Landing

FOUR CHAPTER REPS BRIEF MINISTER AND MPP ON PEO LICENSING INITIATIVES

HOLLAND LANDING - Over the last two weeks, four PEO chapter GLP representatives in Holland Landing and Kingston briefed two different MPPs on an improved online application system and new application process being done by PEO across the province.

On September 8, PEO York Chapter GLP representatives **Brian Carruthers**, P.Eng., and **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., formally met newly appointed President of the Treasury Board **Carolyn Mulroney**, MPP (York--Simcoe) at her constituency office in Holland Landing.

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PEO representatives briefed the Minister on PEO's response to the new amendments to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and the new Mandatory Continuing Professional Development program. Mr. Carruthers walked the Minister through his own situation as a non-practising engineer. He said he is still required to complete a professional practice module annually. Minister Mulroney had some familiarity with the legislation but was particularly interested in the PEO timelines for implementation.

The PEO delegation also briefed the Minister on opportunities to meet with some of the approximately 700 license holders in her riding through upcoming events such as licence certificate presentation ceremonies for the newly licensed and a Take your MPP to work day.

The Minister was very interested in both initiatives and said she would make every effort to find time in her schedule to attend potentially with **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham-Stouffville), the Government House Leader and newly appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

She informed the PEO delegation that she is also now responsible for Emergency Management Ontario. Minister Mulroney was very familiar with PEO as she is a former Attorney General and Minister of Transportation.

"I was really pleased with the level of interest that Minister Mulroney had in our issues," said Mr. Carruthers. "I had prepared a detailed document with an executive summary and she went through every page with us."

This was Mr. Carruthers' first meeting with an MPP although he did meet the Minister at a local community event in August. See the *GLP Weekly Times* issue of August 18.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in the meeting.

During their meeting with Minister Mulroney, PEO York Chapter GLP representatives **Brian Carruthers, P.Eng.**, and **Reza Mahmoudipour, P.Eng.**, discussed the new FARPACTA legislation, as well as PEO's Mandatory Continuing Professional development program.



PEO KINGSTON CHAPTER CONTINUES TO BUILD RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL MPP



PEO Kingston chapter GLP representative **Reza Kashi**, EIT., (right) met Ted Hsu, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) (centre) at a local community event on September 4. Also in the photo is chapter GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., (left).

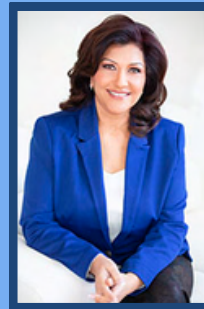
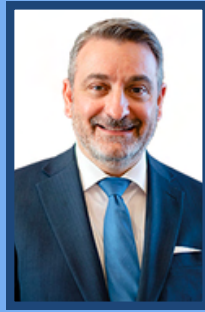
KINGSTON - Newly appointed PEO Kingston Chapter GLP representative **Reza Kashi**, EIT., had a chance to introduce himself to his MPP **Ted Hsu** (Kingston and the Islands) on September 4 at a local community event in Kingston. Also attending was local GLP Chair and long-time PEO volunteer **Hafiz Bashir**, P. Eng.

They thanked MPP Hsu for sending a video for the chapter's last licensing ceremony. During his video remarks, MPP Hsu noted "Professional standards remind engineers to ask have I spent enough time checking the facts or searching through my profession's accumulated experience?[...] Have I followed best practices of my profession's ethical standards?"

The PEO representatives also had a chance to speak with local MP **Mark Gerretsen** (Kingston and the Islands), as well as his father **John Gerretsen** who served locally and provincially for many years, working closely with PEO during terms as Attorney General, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Minister of the Environment.

MPP Hsu is also one of five candidates for Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party. The four other candidates are Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, **Nate Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches--East York), **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), and **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre).

CABINET SHUFFLE UNLIKELY TO EFFECT PEO AS TWO MPPS JOIN INNER CIRCLE



Seven MPPs were impacted by the Cabinet shuffle on September 4. They are (from top left, clockwise) **Paul Calandra** (Markham--Stouffville), **Rob Flack** (Elgin--Middlesex--London), **Todd McCarthy** (Durham), **Stan Cho** (Willowdale), **Nina Tangri** (Mississauga--Streetsville), **Caroline Mulroney** (York--Simcoe), and **Prabmeet Sarkaria** (Brampton South)

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) accepted the resignation of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) on September 4. MPP Clark worked closely with PEO for many years. Those affected by the Cabinet shuffle are:

- **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham--Stouffville) previously Minister of Long-Term Care, becomes Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He will remain Government House Leader.
- **Rob Flack**, MPP (Elgin--Middlesex--London) becomes Associate Minister of Housing.
- **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) becomes Associate Minister of Transportation.
- **Prabmeet Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), previously President of the Treasury Board, becomes Minister of Transportation.
- **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York--Simcoe) previously Minister of Transportation, becomes President of the Treasury Board. She will remain Minister of Francophone Affairs
- **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga--Streetsville) becomes Associate Minister of Small Business reporting to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.
- **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale) previously Associate Minister of Transportation, becomes Minister of Long-Term Care.

Many of these MPPs have been actively involved with their local PEO Chapters. The changes are unlikely to impact PEO as Attorney General **Doug Downey** (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) remains in his position, who has responsibilities for the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO PROVINCE-WIDE 2023 GLP TRAINING TO FOCUS ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS STRATEGY



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).

As reported in previous editions of *GLP Weekly Times*, PEO license holders interested in the Government Liaison Program should hold the date of Saturday, November 18.

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

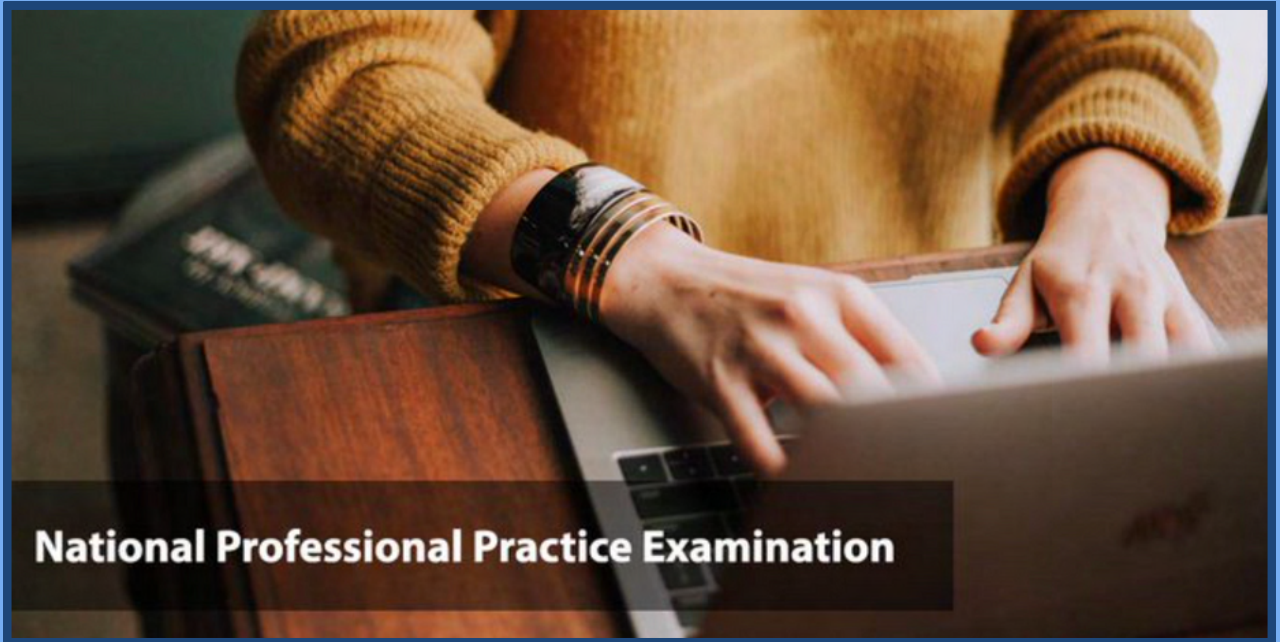
This year, attendees will take part in discussions on the new external relations strategy of PEO, as well as the role of volunteers in achieving outcomes. PEO will look to consult with GLP representatives on making sure meetings with MPPs are as productive as possible.

The session will be held at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport.

Registration for the 2023 training session, along with a full itinerary of events will be open in the coming weeks.



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



The next National Professional Practice Examination (NPPE) sitting will be held on November 6, 7, 8, 2023. Register for this sitting by October 2

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 2

The National Engineering Professional Practice Examination final series for 2023 will take place on November 6, 7 and 8. The exam is 2.5 hours long, online, and closed-book. It tests knowledge on ethics, professional practice, engineering law, and professional liability through remote proctoring. Registration is open until October 2.

Eligible applicants can write the exam anytime within the time frame provided by PEO as they acquire the 48 months of engineering work experience required for licensure. Writing the exam early is encouraged to reduce the time to licensure.

The NPPE confirms knowledge of professionalism, law, and ethics and is used by twelve engineering and geoscience self-regulatory organizations in Canada. The exam program follows all relevant standards detailed in the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing.

PEO's Exam Centre will notify eligible applicants when they can register for the exam. More information about the exam is available in the Candidate Guide in the NPPE Document section.

KNOW YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax) and **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa--Vanier) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

PATRICE BARNES, MPP (AJAX)

Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby) (left) and **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax) (right) presented a licence certificate to recipient, **Archun Aranan**, P.Eng (middle) at the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter's Event on January 27.



Patrice Barnes, MPP (Ajax) was first elected in the 2022 provincial election as a Progressive Conservative. MPP Barnes also served as a Public School Trustee on the Durham District School Board prior to entering Queen's Park.

She has actively been involved in PEO events with the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter since her election.

LUCILLE COLLARD, MPP (OTTAWA--VANIER)



MPP **Lucille Collard** (Ottawa--Vanier) and other Ottawa-region MPPs sent in video greetings to the PEO Ottawa Chapter annual general meeting on March 1.

Lucille Collard, MPP (Ottawa--Vanier) was first elected in a 2020 provincial by-election, and was re-elected in 2022 as a Liberal. Previously, MPP Collard worked in public service, practising various fields of law with the NAFTA Secretariat, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, and the Federal Court of Canada. She also served as a School Board Trustee from 2010 to 2020.

MPP Collard is the Liberal critic for the Attorney General, which has responsibility for the Professional Engineers Act. She is also the Liberal critic for the Solicitor General and Francophone Affairs. She has been supportive of the PEO Ottawa Chapter's work during her time in office.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Last week's question: What PEO former President met Attorney General Doug Downey, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) at the Association of Municipalities Ontario in London last week?

Answer: Diane Freeman, P.Eng.

Honourable Mentions: PEO Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., and former PEO Councillors **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., and **Roger Jones**, P.Eng.

This week's question: Who replaced Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds--Grenville--Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) in the recent Cabinet shuffle?

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, September 19. 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 22.

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