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PEO York Chapter GLP Representatives **Michael Chiu**, P.Eng. (left), **Brian Carruthers**, P.Eng. (centre left), and **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng. (right) met with Children, Community and Social Services Minister **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill) on November 8.

## PEO YORK CHAPTER MEETS WITH MINISTER TO DISCUSS LICENSING INITIATIVES

RICHMOND HILL - PEO York Chapter GLP Representatives met with Michael Parsa MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill), Minister of Children, Community and Social Services in the Minister's constituency office in Richmond Hill on November 8.

The GLP representatives were **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng, **Brian Carruthers**, P.Eng and **Michael Chiu**, P.Eng. During the 30-minute discussion, they reviewed PEO's recent licence application changes to comply with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and its PEAK mandatory continuing professional development program.

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PEO York Chapter GLP Representative **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng. (bottom), and Chapter Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng. (top left), met virtually with **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill) (top right) on December 14, 2022.

Mr. Awoyemi, who is Minister Parsa’s GLP rep, told PEO GLP Weekly Times that the Minister “is interested in participating in a PEO Take your MPP to work day. He also went further and invited us to Queen’s Park to participate in the question session and lunch.”

Mr. Awoyemi previously met with the Minister on December 20, 2021 in an online meeting before he entered cabinet and on November 4, 2022 when he was Associate Minister of Housing.

The previous meetings were also attended by York Chapter GLP Chair Reza Mahmoudipour, P.Eng, PEO Councillor **Sherlock Sung** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

## 18 CANDIDATES DECLARE FOR PEO COUNCIL

The nomination period for PEO Council elections has closed. Eighteen candidates have put their names forward for eight positions. Voting will take place online and via telephone beginning on January 12, 2024. Voting closes on February 16, 2024 at 4 p.m. EST. The online all-candidates meetings will take place from January 2nd to January 5th, with times to be announced. PEO members are encouraged to stay informed and vote!

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## REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

### WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

**Vicki Hilborn**, BAsC, MAsC, P.Eng.  
**Peter Inman**, P.Eng., MBA, CEM, FEC  
**Kris Popiolek**, P. Eng., FEC

### WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

**Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng., FEC (Acclaimed)

### EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

**Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., FEC  
**Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., FEC

### EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

**Shahandeh Hannah Ehtemam**, P.Eng., PMP (Acclaimed)

### NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

There were no candidates for the Northern Regional Councillor position.

Good luck to all candidates!

## NEW MPP ELECTED IN KITCHENER CENTRE



Green Party Candidate **Aislinn Clancy** was elected as the new MPP of Kitchener Centre on November 30. The Green Party now holds two seats in the Ontario legislature.

KITCHENER - Green Party candidate **Aislinn Clancy** has won the byelection in Kitchener Centre held on November 30.

The race, which saw a record eighteen candidates, was triggered after NDP MPP Laura Mae Lindo resigned her seat on July 14. Of the 18 candidates, the remaining three who ran for parties with seats in the legislature were IT consultant **Rob Elliott** (PC), Kitchener city councillor **Debbie Chapman** (NDP), and previous provincial candidate **Kelly Steiss** (Liberal).

With this victory, the Ontario legislature now has the following party standings:

- Progressive Conservatives - 79
- NDP - 28
- Liberals - 9
- Greens - 2
- Independent - 5
- Vacant - 1

PEO Grand River Chapter has worked closely in the past with many of their local MPPs to ensure PEO's voice is heard on regulatory issues.



NDP candidate **Debbie Chapman** (left), Liberal candidate **Kelly Steiss** (centre) and PC candidate **Rob Elliott** (right) represented the other three major provincial parties in the Kitchener Centre byelection.



## LIBERAL LEADERSHIP TO BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW

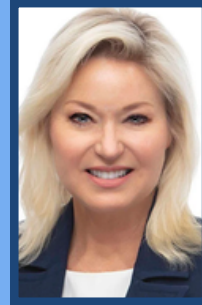
This weekend, the Ontario Liberals will announce the results of the election for their new leader. Over 100,000 Ontarians were eligible to vote in their local ridings.

The candidates are:

- Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**
- **Nate Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches–East York)
- **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands)
- **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre)

PEO has worked closely with several of the candidates over the years, including MP Naqvi when he was Ontario's Attorney General and Mayor Crombie when she was an MP, in helping make the federal government aware of PEO's regulatory mandate.

The results will be announced at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on December 2nd. To learn more about the leadership candidates, [click here](#).



Liberal leadership candidates (clockwise from top left) **Bonnie Crombie**, **Nate Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches–East York), **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre) and **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands)



## 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 December 8.

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