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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Over the last 18 years, the PEO *Government Liaison Program Weekly Times* has featured PEO's work with MPPs in the public interest.

In the next 18 pages, we share highlights from each of the 43 issues of 2023 including the new continuing professional development (CPD) program being implemented by PEO and the amazing 2023 GLP Training Summit which featured over a dozen speakers including the new City of Toronto Chief Engineer and former Deputy Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and leading professors from both Western University and the University of Toronto.

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER HOSTS TWO MPPS FOR LICENCE CEREMONY

WHITBY - PEO Lake Ontario Chapter held a licence certificate ceremony on January 27 in Whitby. Participating in this ceremony were **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby) and **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax). Both MPPs are regular participants in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter events.



Patrice Barnes, MPP (Ajax) (left) and **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby) (second from right), Chapter GLP Rep, **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng (second from left) and Chapter GLP Chair, **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng (right).

PEO THOUSAND ISLANDS CHAPTER GLP REP SPEAKS WITH MINISTER AT BROCKVILLE EVENT



Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (left) with PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP rep **Ahmad Khadra**, P.Eng (right)

BROCKVILLE - PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP representative **Ahmad Khadra**, P.Eng spoke with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) at a Brockville Chamber of Commerce event on February 14. Mr. Khadra is the PEO representative for Minister Clark's riding. Minister Clark has worked closely with PEO since his first election in 2010, regularly attending and speaking at PEO events at Queen's Park and in the riding.

PEO CHAPTER REP MEETS WOMEN'S MINISTER AT TMU DEMOCRACY FORUM EVENT

Ontario Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) and PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, EIT attended the Democracy Forum event, "Two Women In Power: Still Fighting for Fairness" at Toronto Metropolitan University on February 9. The event was hosted by Toronto Star Queen's Park columnist **Martin Regg Cohn**, who was a guest speaker at the 2018 PEO Government Relations Conference.



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, EIT (left) with Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity of Ontario **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) (right).

MPP SENDS VIDEO TO KINGSWAY CHAPTER SUPPORTING PEO LICENSING INITIATIVES



Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) sent a video message for Kingsway Chapter AGM on February 2

Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) provided a video message for the PEO Kingsway Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 2. MPP Hogarth is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In her video, MPP Hogarth made references to PEO's PEAK mandatory continuing professional development program and PEO's work to comply with recent amendments to the Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACTA).

PEO MEETS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL

PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. and PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. met with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) at Queen's Park on March 2. President Colucci led the delegation and provided an update on PEO's activities and priorities. Also participating in the meeting were **Dan Abrahams**, PEO Vice President of Policy and Governance and Chief Legal Officer, and PEO External Relations Director **David Smith**, as well as the Minister's Senior Policy Advisor **Anthony Galea**, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., (centre-left) and PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. (centre-right), met with Attorney General **Doug Downey** MPP (centre), PEO Vice President and Chief Legal Officer **Dan Abrahams** (left) and External Relations Director **David Smith** (right).

PEO GLP REPS HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING TO REVIEW WORK WITH MPPS



Over 30 PEO GLP reps participated in the quarterly call with the Government Liaison Committee on March 7. The meeting included PEO discussions with ministers and MPPs from across the province. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the Government Liaison Committee to review chapter activities and discuss updates about Queen's Park, the GLP, legislative agenda, and new CPD training.

MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER AGM AND LICENCE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Licence Certificate Presentation Ceremony on February 22.

More than 60 people attended the ceremony, including Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Town of Oakville and Halton Regional Councillor, **Tom Adams**, and **Olivia Luo**, who spoke at the event on behalf of the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington). Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton), sent congratulatory certificates for all new licence recipients. Halton Regional Chair **Gary Carr**, who is a former Halton MPP, provided a letter of greetings.



Stephen Crawford, MPP (Oakville) (centre), and Oakville and Halton Regional Councillor, **Tom Adams** (front centre-left). Also in the photo are (left to right, front row) Chapter Vice Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., Chair **Sohail Nasir**, P.Eng., Chapter's Webmaster **Mehri Mansouri**, P.Eng., Events Chair **Sam Inchasi**, P.Eng., and Past Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng. In the back row are (left to right) Chapter's GLP Chair **Bruce Li**, P.Eng., Certificate Chair **Pouya Pishgah**, P.Eng., Licence Assistance Program Chair **Auday AlSalhi**, P.Eng., Education Chair **Richard Hui**, and Treasurer and Chair of PEO Government Liaison Committee **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.

SIX MPPS SEND VIDEOS TO CONGRATULATE NEW LICENCE HOLDERS FOR PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER AGM

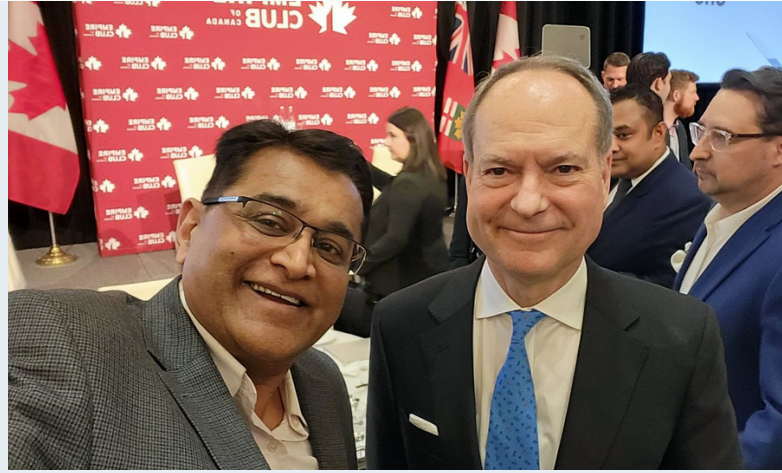


OTTAWA - PEO Ottawa Chapter held their Annual General Meeting on March 1, and Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., arranged for six MPPs to provide video messages of congratulations for new licence holders. The MPPs included **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orléans), Liberal Caucus Chair and Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation, and Economic Development Trade, **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), Liberal House Leader and Critic for Attorney General, Solicitor General, and Francophone Affairs, **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), Liberal Interim Leader and Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs, Long-Term Care, Children, Community and Social Services, **Goldie Ghamari**, MPP (Carleton), Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice, **Joel Harden**, MPP (Ottawa Centre), NDP Critic for Transportation – Transit & Active Transportation, and **Chandra Pasma**, MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness Reduction. Approximately 175 people attended the meeting, including 90 new licence holders.

APRIL 2023

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER

PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., participated in a post-budget lunch event with Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) at the Empire Club of Canada on March 31. The Minister presented his annual budget to the Legislature on March 23. Mr. Panchal had a chance to speak with Minister Bethlenfalvy at the Empire Club, where the Finance Minister provided background on his decision making process leading to the province's budget.



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal** (left), P.Eng., with Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy** (right), MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) at the Empire Club on March 31.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER SPEAKS AT PEO NORTH BAY CHAPTER ENGINEERING DAY



Economic Development Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), spoke at North Bay Chapter's Engineer Symposium

NORTH BAY - PEO North Bay Chapter's 52nd Engineer Symposium took place on April 14. At the event, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing) discussed unlocking the province's economic potential through engineering innovation to achieve carbon reduction targets. PEO delegates at the Symposium included Past President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. and North Bay Chapter Vice Chair **Lindsay Keats**, P.Eng. At the event, Past President Bellini presented certificates to newly inducted engineers of the North Bay Chapter. Also in attendance were North Bay Deputy Mayor **Maggie Horsfield** and North Regional Councillor **Luc Roberge**. **Anthony Rota**, MP (Nipissing-Timiskaming) also participated by sending in a video message. The Symposium examined Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Climate Change Plan for Nuclear and Hydro, the Ministry of Transportation's Climate Change Initiatives, Resource Recovery Corp's plan to replace fossil fuels with Geo-Exchange Technology, and Waste Diversion for the city of North Bay.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CONGRATULATES PEO ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte) was the guest speaker at the 101st AGM, which was held virtually on April 29. In his speech, he acknowledged "the critical role of engineers in transforming various sectors through innovation on the front lines and emphasized the importance of their expertise, experience and partnership." He congratulated 2022-23 and 2023-24 presidents **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., and **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., for their work on behalf of PEO and the province. He also thanked new PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., for her efforts.



Attorney General Doug Downey, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) spoke at PEO's 101st AGM on April 29.

EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) (centre) during the visit to Alexandra Park on April 28.

PEO East Toronto Chapter's GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT organized a Take Your MPP to Work Day for **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) on April 28. It was held at Alexandra Park, a well known Toronto Community Housing (TCH) project. They were accompanied by Toronto City Councillor **Ausma Malik**, Chapter Vice Chair **Enoch Tse**, P.Eng. and GLP representative **Georgios Panagiotaros**, P.Eng. Also, in attendance were TCH CEO, **Jag Sharma** and Chief Development Officer, **Jessica Hawes**. They showcased their state-of-the-art community housing project, which Mr. Sadeghi said the engineering work would provide four benefits: Reconnect the community to the city, improve safety and security, develop new parks and recreational spaces for residents, and provide affordable rental and home ownership opportunities.

PEO PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP

PEO Peterborough Chapter's GLP Chair **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., formally met with **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough - Kawartha) on April 28. Mr. Wearing brought MPP Smith up to date on PEO initiatives and Chapter activities over the last year. At the meeting, Mr. Wearing briefed MPP Smith about PEO's recently introduced changes to its licensing process with the passing of the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA). "MPP Smith was particularly interested in the popsicle bridge busting challenge that we ran for Peterborough students during the March National Engineering Month (NEM) when we had 134 students participate in Peterborough." Mr. Wearing presented MPP Smith with a PEO notebook with his name on it.



PEO Peterborough Chapter's GLP Chair and Past Chair **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., met with **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha) in Peterborough on April 28.

DON VALLEY WEST MPP SAYS MEETING NEW PEO LICENSEES “ENERGIZING”

Stephanie Bowman, MPP (Don Valley West) was the guest speaker at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensing ceremony on May 9. The event was held at the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto. Afterwards on social media MPP Bowman said of the event:

"Energizing to attend the PEO East Toronto Chapter Licensing Ceremony last night and meet incredibly bright, new P.Eng licensees.

Congratulations to all! I look forward to hearing what these new licensees will go on to accomplish.

#PEO" MPP Bowman is a former director of the Bank of Canada, a candidate for the provincial Liberal leadership and her party's critic for Finance, Infrastructure, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Congratulations to PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng and East Toronto Chapter GLP representative for arranging for MPP Bowman to attend.



Dr. Sana Abd Alsalam, EIT - New Member Licence Presentation Chair (left) and **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) (right) at PEO East Toronto Chapter Licensing Ceremony.

JUNE 2023

TWO MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER EVENT



Aris Babikian, MPP (Scarborough—Agincourt) (centre) presented a scroll to (left to right) PEO Scarborough Chapter's GLP representative **Lou Lin**, P.Eng., Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta** P.Eng., and Secretary **Rene Siguenza**, P.Eng. at Scarborough Chapter's 18th annual Bridge Building Competition and 5th annual Seismic Resistant Structures Competition on May 13.

PEO Scarborough Chapter held their 18th annual Bridge Building Competition and 5th annual Seismic Resistant Structures Competition (SRSC) on May 13. Attendees of the event included **Aris Babikian**, MPP (Scarborough - Agincourt), Chair on the Standing Committee on the Interior in the Legislature, **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and PEO East Central Region Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng.

NEW PEO LGA COUNCILLOR MEETS MPSS

PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointed (LGA) Councillor **Paul Mandel** had a chance to meet and speak with a number of MPPs at a community event in Toronto on June 8. Mr. Mandel was recently appointed by the Government of Ontario to PEO Council as a public representative. He is also a Chartered Professional Accountant. He spoke with Colleges and Universities Minister **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North), Deputy Government Whip **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham), **Laura Smith**, MPP (Thornhill) and **Kevin Holland**, MPP (Thunder Bay - Atikokan). He explained his role as a PEO Lay Councillor to each. Also in attendance was NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport).



PEO LGA Councillor **Paul Mandel** met **Kevin Holland**, MPP (Thunder Bay—Atikokan) (centre-left) and **Laura Smith**, MPP (Thornhill) (centre-right) at a Toronto community event on June 8.

MINISTER AND MPSS PARTICIPATE IN PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER LICENCE PRESENTATION



New PEO Licence holders at the PEO Mississauga Chapter Licence Presentation Ceremony on June 12

MISSISSAUGA - PEO Mississauga Chapter held their Licence Presentation Ceremony on June 12 with PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. and three MPPs as guest speakers. The MPPs were Public and Business Service Delivery Minister **Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (Mississauga - East Cooksville), **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga - Erin Mills) and **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga - Malton). The ceremony included 65 new licence recipients and more than 200 total guests.

AGRICULTURE MINISTER SPEAKS AT PEO GEORGIAN BAY CHAPTER

SOUTHAMPTON - Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron—Bruce) was the guest speaker at the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter licence certificate ceremony on April 22 where there were seven certificate recipients. Minister Thompson has participated in the PEO GLP Academy and Congress in Goderich in 2015 and various other PEO events over the years. She is a former Minister of Education and a former Minister of Government and Consumer Services



Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce) (centre-left) participated in the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter Certification Ceremony on April 22. Also in the photo are Chapter Chair **Vivender Adunuri**, P.Eng (left), **Bill Hrinivich**, P.Eng. (right) and new licence recipient **Brianna Tolkunow**, P.Eng (centre-right)

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER GLP REP MEETS SOLICITOR GENERAL AT LOCAL EVENT



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng. (fifth from left) participated in an event with Ontario Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) (sixth from left).

Ontario Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre) was the guest speaker at an event in his riding on June 23 at the Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research Centre in Toronto. The event was sponsored by the Research Centre in conjunction with Centennial College and Toronto Metropolitan University RIADI. Minister Kerzner was first elected in 2022.

JULY 2023

PEO SIMCOE - MUSKOKA GLP REP SPEAKS WITH DEPUTY GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER

BARRIE - PEO Simcoe - Muskoka Chapter GLP representative **Rob Martinko**, P.Eng., had a chance to speak to Deputy Government House Leader **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (PC - Barrie - Innisfil) building on a discussion they held on Zoom on July 27, 2022, where they spoke on PEO's regulatory role and licensing changes to comply with FARPACTA.



PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP representative **Rob Martinko**, P.Eng., and Ontario Deputy Government House Leader **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil) during her community event in Barrie on July 22.

PEO PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED ON CHANGES TO ONTARIO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS



PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P. Eng., was interviewed for a story in Design Engineering magazine on July 19 about transitioning to a competency-based assessment for a licensing framework. The story was called "Experts weigh in on PEO's removal of Canadian experience requirement" and was written by **Minu Mathew**.

AUGUST 2023

MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING HOSTS ENGINEERS AT ANNUAL EVENT IN GANANOQUE



Former PEO president **Annette Bergeron**, P. Eng (centre left) had a chance to speak with Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (left) at a local event on August 13. Also in the photo are former PEO Vice President **Chris Roney**, P.Eng (centre right) and PEO Thousand Islands GLP representative **Graham Houze**, P.Eng (right).

GANANOQUE - **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds - Grenville - Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) held his annual Afternoon in the Islands event on August 11 in Gananoque. Three PEO licence holders had a chance to speak with the Minister and thank him and the government for their work on the FARPACTA. 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.

SEPTEMBER 2023

MPP, CITY AND PEO COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL CHAPTER EVENT IN MISSISSAUGA

MISSISSAUGA - PEO Mississauga Chapter held their annual chapter picnic at Mississauga Valley Community Park with over 250 participants consisting of licensees, their families and friends on August 22. MPP **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga - Erin Mills) presented the chapter with a certificate recognizing their work in the public interest. Also participating were Mississauga City Councillor **John Kovac** and PEO Councillors **Pappur Shanker**, P. Eng. and **Ravinder Panesar**, P. Eng., Chapter Chair **Karanjeet Singh**, P. Eng. and Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. MPP Sabawy is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery.



Sheref Sabawy MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills) is back row, centre

FOUR CHAPTER REPS MEET WITH MINISTER AND DISCUSS PEO LICENSING INITIATIVES



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 **Carolyn Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) on September 8 at her constituency office in Holland Landing

HOLLAND LANDING - Over the last two weeks, four PEO chapter GLP representatives in Holland Landing and Kingston briefed two different MPPs on PEO's new licence application process. 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. PEO representatives briefed the Minister on PEO's response to the new amendments to FARPACTA and the new Mandatory Continuing Professional Development program.

THREE GLP REPS MEET EDUCATION MINISTER TO DISCUSS PEO INITIATIVES

MAPLE - PEO GLP representatives continue to meet with MPPs in record numbers to bring them up to date on new licensing initiatives. Since the introduction last year of one representative per MPP, relationships have been steadily growing with Ministers and MPPs of all parties. Although the *Professional Engineers Act* comes under the auspices of the Attorney General, other Ministries have been instrumental in moving PEO's agenda forward. Education Minister **Steven Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) had his second chance this month to speak with PEO representatives. On September 10, he met three PEO York Chapter representatives at his annual community appreciation event at the Maple Community Centre.



Education Minister **Steven Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) (centre left) had a chance to meet three PEO York Chapter GLP representatives at his Community Appreciation event in Maple on Sept 10. He is speaking here with **Brian Carruthers**, P. Eng. (left), **Peter Vert**, P.Eng. (centre right), and **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P. Eng. (right)

OCTOBER 2023

RED TAPE MINISTRY LEGISLATION LOOKS TO AMEND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT



Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) (right) and **Sam Oosterhoff**, MPP (Niagara West) (left), Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Gill, stand in Queen's Park with copies of their new Bill, *Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act* on October 19th.

Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) tabled Bill 139, *Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act* on October 19th. The Bill, if passed in its current form, would look to make several changes to the *Professional Engineers Act* that are consistent with PEO's existing mandate.

NEW MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER EVENT

PORT DOVER - PEO Brantford Chapter GLP representatives had the opportunity to speak with **Bobbi Ann Brady**, MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk) during the Chapter's annual fish fry event in Port Dover on October 22nd. PEO representatives had the opportunity to update MPP Brady on PEO's work on FARPACTA as well as mandatory continuing professional development (PEAK).



MPP **Bobbi Ann Brady** (Haldimand-Norfolk) (right) spoke with (from left to right) PEO Brantford Chapter's GLP Past Chair **David Andrews**, P.Eng., current Chair **Mariana Balaban**, P.Eng., GLP representative **Lawrence Drebert**, P.Eng., and **Oluremi Odejayi**, EIT.

PEO HOLDS QUARTERLY GLP REPRESENTATIVES CALL



Over 50 PEO Government Liaison Program volunteers from across Ontario held their quarterly call on October 24th. During the call, representatives discussed the November 18th GLP training summit, the annual feedback report, the progress on mandatory professional development, and other PEO updates. "We hope that our discussions help to further equip PEO volunteers with the resources they need to share PEO priorities with external stakeholders," said PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**.

SCARBOROUGH CENTRE MPP ATTENDS PEO CHAPTER EVENT WITH STUDENTS

PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted a Mathletics and STEMZ Competition for local students on October 21st. Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) attended the event and spoke to the audience, emphasizing the importance of STEM, and encouraged the students to pursue engineering and STEM related careers. Seniors and Accessibility Minister **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) also sent video greetings.



PEO Scarborough Chapter' Secretary **Rene Siguenza**, P. Eng. (left), Chapter Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P. Eng. (centre left), and GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P. Eng. (right), stand with **David Smith**, MPP (Scarborough Centre) (centre right).

NOVEMBER 2023

MPP CONGRATULATES PEO AT HAMILTON - BURLINGTON CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY



Newly elected MPP **Natalie Pierre** (Burlington) (left) speaks with PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng. (right).

BURLINGTON - MPP **Natalie Pierre** (Burlington), whose brother is also an engineer, spoke about the important work that engineers do in Ontario in the public interest. PEO Hamilton - Burlington Chapter Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., and Vice-Chair **Ron Finnigan**, P.Eng., congratulated the 21 newly licensed members, and awarded certificates to each.

PEO FEATURED IN CTV'S REPORT ON REMOVAL OF CANADIAN WORK REQUIREMENTS

During a CTV report on the provincial government's efforts to ban the use of Canadian work experience as a requirement in job postings or application forms, PEO was commended as one of the first professional regulatory bodies to remove a Canadian work experience requirement from its application criteria.



Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Minister **David Piccini**, MPP (Peterborough-Northumberland) announced the changes as part of the province's most recent *Working for Workers Act* on November 14th.

TORONTO'S CHIEF ENGINEER, MPP AND PROFESSORS HEADLINE PEO GLP SUMMIT



PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. (back row, centre left) was a guest speaker at the PEO GLP training summit held on November 18th. Also in the photo are Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton), Toronto's Chief Engineer **Jennifer Graham Harkness**, P.Eng. (second row from back, centre right), and regulatory legal expert **Ken Jull** (second row from back, centre).

November 18th was the PEO GLP summit where over 70 PEO GLP representatives gathered and experienced what many called one of the best day-long sessions in the program's almost 20-year history. Over 15 speakers highlighted the summit, including: **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, New City of Toronto Chief Engineer **Jennifer Graham Harkness**, P. Eng, a former deputy Minister with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, an engineering graduate, **Ken Jull**, a legal expert and author of the leading textbooks for law students studying regulatory law and corporate governance, University of Western Ontario professor **Kate Graham**, PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., and External Relations Director **David Smith**.



Public Policy and Governance professor **Kate Graham**.

DECEMBER 2023

PEO LONDON CHAPTER HOSTS LOCAL MPP



MPP **Matthew Rae** (Perth-Wellington) spoke during the joint LMCA/PEO event at the London Polish Hall on November 25.

LONDON - PEO London Chapter welcomed **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth - Wellington) to an event they organized with the London Multicultural Community Association on November 25th at the London Polish Hall. MPP Rae is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. MPP Rae has been previously updated on PEO's implementation of mandatory continuing professional development.

SMALL BUSINESS MINISTER CELEBRATES MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER LICENSING CEREMONY

MISSISSAUGA - Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga - Streetsville) attended the PEO Mississauga Chapter licensing ceremony at the Mississauga Conference Centre on November 27th where she thanked the PEO Mississauga Chapter for allowing her the opportunity to attend the licensing ceremony and highlighted the work of the Ontario government in eliminating the requirement for Canadian work experience. PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., spoke on the strides made by PEO on recent licence application changes to comply with FARPACTA, as well as ongoing advancements with PEO's mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) efforts. Another key speaker was Senior Vice President Of Engineering and Chief Nuclear Engineer for AtkinsRealis, **Stephanie Smith**.



Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville) (middle row, centre left) joined the PEO Mississauga Chapter at their licensing ceremony on November 27.

PEO ABLE TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY CPD STARTING IN 2024



In January 2024, PEO will begin the second year of mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) based on the Practice Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK) program. PEO is committed to enforcing mandatory CPD based on PEAK, beginning with the 2024 calendar year.

Enforcement will eventually include administrative suspensions for those who are non-compliant, as well as an audit program to ensure that requirements are being met.

NEW MPP SPEAKS AT PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER EVENT PROMOTING LICENSURE

PEO Scarborough Chapter held their annual mechatronics event at the Centre for Immigration and Community Services in Scarborough on November 25 with MPP **Andrea Hazell** (Scarborough-Guildwood). MPP Hazell encouraged all students in attendance to pursue careers in the engineering field, and promoted the value of professional engineering licensure. MPP Hazell is the Liberal Critic for Transportation, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and Infrastructure.



PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng. (left), and Vice-Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng. (right), with **Andrea Hazell**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) (centre) during the Chapter's mechatronics workshop on November 25.

2023 Award Winners



PEO CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AWARDED TO THREE PEO CHAPTERS AND ONE GLP REP

Four Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to three chapters and one GLP rep on November 18 at the PEO GLP Summit for their work in building relationships with MPPs.

The first category amongst chapters with a single MPP was the **Kingsway Chapter**.

The winner in the two MPP category was the **Upper Canada Chapter**.

The category with three to five MPPs went to the **Oakville Chapter**.


There was no certificate presented this year in the category with six to nine MPPs, but **York Chapter's Brian Carruthers, P.Eng.**, was awarded an honourable mention certificate for outstanding performance by a new GLP Rep.

PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** said, "We celebrate every opportunity PEO volunteers get to spend with their MPPs, but a special congratulations to these chapters for consistently partnering with their MPPs and sharing the PEO message."

Congratulations to the recipients!

OUR SUCCESSES

2023 was a successful year for PEO Chapter meetings and interactions with MPPs. There were 64 MPP interactions, meetings, and Take Your MPP To Work Days. Although down from a highly successful 2022, overall it was an excellent year!

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| Government Liaison Program Year-end Meeting Activity Report <i>As of December 31, 2023</i> | | | | |
| | MPP interactions | MPP meetings | Take Your MPP to Work Day | Total |
| LIB | 7 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| PC | 36 | 12 | 1 | 49 |
| NDP | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| OTHER | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 49 | 13 | 2 | 64 |
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| Government Liaison Program December 2022 <i>As of December 31, 2022</i> | | | | |
| | MPP interactions | MPP meetings | Take Your MPP to Work Day | Total |
| LIB | 10 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| PC | 35 | 13 | 3 | 51 |
| NDP | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| OTHER | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 52 | 18 | 3 | 73 |
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THANK YOU!



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