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Vincent Ke, MPP (Don Valley North) (second right), and PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., (centre left), were both special guests at the PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter Licensing Ceremony on January 26. Also in the photo are (left to right) Chapter Vice-Chair **Farzaneh Omrani**, P.Eng., PEO Regional Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., former PEO Councillor and Chapter Director **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng., and Chapter Chair **Mitch Lipton**, P.Eng.

DON VALLEY NORTH MPP AND PEO PRESIDENT SPEAK AT CHAPTER LICENSING CEREMONY

THORNHILL - PEO Willowdale/Thornhill chapter hosted **Vincent Ke**, MPP (Don Valley North) and PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., for its licensing ceremony on January 26 at the Thornhill Club. Chapter Chair **Mitch Lipton**, P.Eng., told the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that 26 new Professional Engineers received their licence before 88 friends, family and fellow P.Engs.

Mr. Lipton and Mr. Fraser had a chance to speak with MPP Ke and discuss several topics important to PEO including changes to the Engineering in Training Program (EIT). MPP Ke, who currently sits as an independent in the legislature, was first elected in 2018 and holds an undergraduate engineering degree.

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PEO UPDATES ON ACOUSTICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN *ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS*



Photo taken from the most recent issue of Engineering Dimensions.

As featured in the most recent issue of *Engineering Dimensions*, **Adam Sidsworth** wrote a piece regarding PEO's ongoing commitment to update its practice guidelines.

PEO's updated guideline "Professional Engineers Providing Acoustical Engineering Services in the Land Use Planning Process" offers advisory support for engineers and professionals involved in environmental noise and vibration related to land use approval, design, and implementation. The updated guideline covers qualifications for acoustical engineers, noise and vibration studies, land use compatibility, mitigation strategies, and compliance with provincial and municipal regulations.

PEO, as part of its 2023–2025 Strategic Plan, is committed to updating standards and guidelines older than five years, ensuring alignment with current legislation and definitions. The revised guideline will be available on PEO's website, and updates can be received through their [free subscription service](#).

PEO CEO/REGISTRAR HIGHLIGHTS KEY INITIATIVES IN *ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS*



PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng.

PEO's CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., provided a featured report in the most recent issue of *Engineering Dimensions* which focused on moving ahead in 2024, refining important initiatives, and continuing PEO's digital transformation.

She also reported the completion of 23 deliverables under the 2023 Operational Plan, emphasizing a focus on data-driven analysis to better serve the public interest in 2024. She also highlighted key initiatives for 2024, including the Event Engagement Model aimed at enhancing dialogue with licence holders and stakeholders.

Regarding Practice Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK), she noted changes such as exempting retired licence holders from participation, stating, "Council unanimously agreed with this recommendation, recognizing that those on fee remission pose a comparatively low risk to public safety because they agree not to practice professional engineering." PEO is implementing changes to enhance the mandatory continuing professional development program based on feedback received throughout 2023.

She emphasized PEO's commitment to digital transformation, aiming to enhance cybersecurity, streamline processes, and ensure data reliability. "PEO's journey of digital transformation leverages technology as a key enabler and aims to enhance licence holder and staff experience, protect licence holder and staff data, streamline processes, and ensure ease of use," she said. With these changes, PEO strives to continue serving the public effectively and ensuring optimal service as a regulator.

WORLD ENGINEERING DAY SET FOR MARCH 4



March will be a busy month!

The World Federation for Engineering Organizations (WFEO) has announced that World Engineering Day has been set for March 4. March is also National Engineering Month across Canada. As well, in 2018 the Ontario Legislature declared March 1 as Ontario Engineering Day.

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 February 9.

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