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Nina Tangri, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville), Associate Minister of Small Business (centre), met with PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (left), and GLP Rep **Ariej Ibrahim**, P.Eng. (right) on February 7.

SMALL BUSINESS MINISTER DISCUSSES LICENSING WITH PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER

MISSISSAUGA - **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga - Streetsville), Associate Minister of Small Business met with PEO GLP Mississauga Chapter representatives on February 7 at the Minister's constituency office. Representing the chapter were GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and GLP Rep **Ariej Ibrahim**, P.Eng., who represents Minister Tangri's riding.

The discussion centred on PEO's role in licensing the profession across the province, distinguishing PEO's positions and role with other engineering organizations in Ontario, as well as the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and mandatory continuing professional development/PEAK.

Minister Tangri was first elected in 2018.

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PEO KINGSWAY CHAPTER HOSTS PA TO SOLICITOR GENERAL FOR AGM



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She recognized PEO for their contributions to licensing new engineers, and building and improving infrastructure to 'Grow Ontario.' She also congratulated "PEO's leadership in becoming the first regulatory body to remove the Canadian experience requirement to obtain a professional licence." She acknowledged that with "nearly 60 per cent of PEO's licence applications being from internationally trained engineers, taking that barrier down was the right thing to do."

She said that PEO's move to remove the barrier for internationally trained engineers was "a game-changer for newcomers and for businesses struggling with labour shortage."

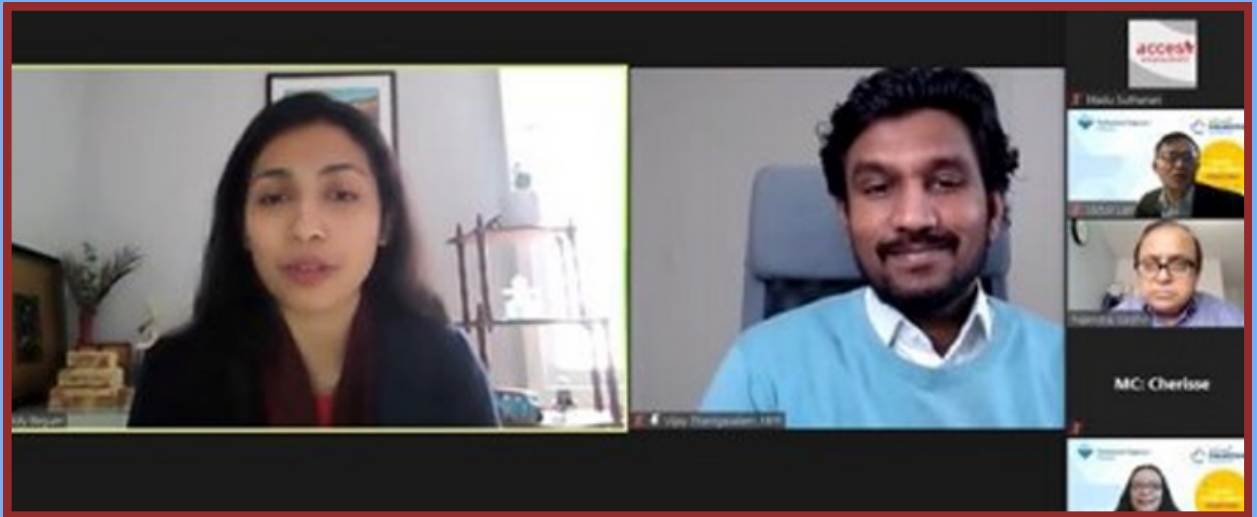
She has previously participated in PEO events, and has provided remarks for previous Kingsway Chapter AGMs.

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ASSOC. TRANSPORTATION MINISTER TO SPEAK AT UPCOMING PEO REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM



PEO Scarborough Chapter hosted a National Engineering Month event with **Doly Begum**, MPP (Scarborough Southwest), NDP Critic for Citizenship, Foreign Credentials, and Immigration Services (left) and **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough-Rouge Park), then Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation (right) on March 27, 2021.

MISSISSAUGA - Associate Minister of Transportation **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough - Rouge Park) has been confirmed to be a guest speaker for the upcoming PEO West Central Chapters Symposium *Engineering Today for Tomorrow* on February 24 at the Trinity Hall Canadian Coptic Centre in Mississauga.

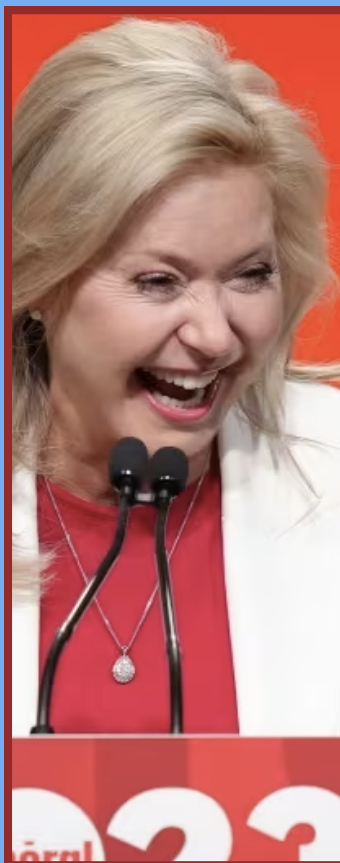
Minister Thanigasalam regularly participates in PEO Scarborough Chapter activities, including their annual Mathletics Competition.

Minister Thanigasalam was first elected in 2018, and was first appointed to the title of Associate Minister of Transportation in 2023. He is the first Tamil-Canadian to be appointed a Minister in the Ontario government.

For more information on the symposium please visit www.peosymposium.ca



ONTARIO LEGISLATURE TO RECONVENE NEXT WEEK



The Ontario Legislature is poised to resume its sessions next Tuesday, February 20, following a hiatus since December. As the province gears up for newly proposed legislation, all parties have been actively engaged in various initiatives to bolster their agendas and engage with constituents.

All four party leaders have been busy preparing for the new legislative session. Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) participated in a meeting with the Mississauga Board of Trade on February 8, where PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had the chance to speak with him. Opposition Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport), Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie**, and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) have all been active as well.

As the legislative session recommences, PEO GLP Reps are encouraged to actively participate in events hosted by their local MPPs. Accessing information about these engagements can be done easily by visiting MPP's websites.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PEO ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR BARRIE



The 2024 PEO Annual Meeting will take place in Barrie, part of the constituency of Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) (above)

As reported in previous *PEO GLP Weekly Times* issues, the 2024 PEO Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on April 20 in Barrie, the hometown of the Attorney General, **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte). Minister Downey was a remote speaker at previous PEO Annual Meetings over the last several years.

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. There is no issue next week due to the statutory holiday. Our next issue is March 1.

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