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Whitby MPP **Lorne Coe**, holds a PEO cup after meeting with Lake Ontario chapter representatives in Bowmanville on February 2. MPP Coe (centre) is pictured with **Penelope Williams**, P.Eng., (right) and **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng (left).

PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER DISCUSS LICENSING WITH MPP/PA TO THE PREMIER

BOWMANVILLE - **Lorne Coe**, MPP (Whitby), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, discussed licensing initiatives with PEO Lake Ontario Chapter representatives on February 2 in his constituency office in Bowmanville. Participating in the meeting were **Penelope Williams**, P.Eng., who is the GLP rep for MPP Coe’s riding, and Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

They discussed the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* and Mandatory Continuing Professional Development / PEAK. They also discussed MPP Coe’s participation in the PEO licensing ceremony that will be held in Whitby on February 9. MPP Coe was first elected in 2016.

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PEO MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS LICENSING AT WOMEN IN ENGINEERING CONFERENCE



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Rep **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng., and PEO Manager, EIT and Student Programs, **Tracey Caruana**, P.Eng., both participated in Toronto Metropolitan University's Women in Engineering Conference on February 3.

The Women in Engineering Conference, held at Toronto Metropolitan University on February 3, marked a significant event for diversity and advancement within the engineering profession. PEO Lake Ontario Chapter Rep **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, P.Eng., and **Tracey Caruana**, P.Eng., Manager, EIT and Student Programs, were participants.

Ms. Ghebreiyesus said her engagement highlighted the GLP's role in fostering dialogue between engineers and government to ensure the profession's voice is heard.

One of the sessions, "Clarifying the Path to P.Eng.," was led by Ms. Caruana. Ms. Ghebreiyesus said that the session addressed the unique challenges and opportunities for women becoming licensed in engineering.

Recent enhancements to the PEO licence application process have underscored PEO's commitment to making the journey towards a professional engineering designation both efficient and transparent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT SETS SIGHTS ON PEO'S VISION



Roydon Fraser, P.Eng., PEO President.

Photo taken from the most recent issue of Engineering Dimensions.

In the recently published winter edition of *Engineering Dimensions*, PEO President **Roydon Fraser** P.Eng., outlined the work of PEO volunteers to form the professional association's strategic vision.

"PEO has embarked on fulfilling its strategic goal to refresh PEO's vision to ensure all stakeholders see relevance and value in PEO," he said. "For the past several months, 10 advisory groups composed of PEO members who volunteered last summer have been working hard to help develop a new PEO vision statement and interpretive document."

President Fraser is a long time PEO Councillor who previously served as Chair of the Grand River Chapter and is currently a Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering at the University of Waterloo.

President Fraser was a speaker at the joint GLP/Chapter Leaders Conference held at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport on November 18, 2023.

ONTARIO PC PARTY HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NIAGARA FALLS



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) was the keynote speaker at the 2024 PC Policy Conference in Niagara Falls on February 3. *Photo taken from Premier Ford's post on X, formerly known as Twitter.*

NIAGARA FALLS - The Ontario Progressive Conservative Party held their annual Policy Conference on February 2 to February 3 at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre. The event welcomed over 1000 individuals and featured Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) as a keynote speaker.

Also participating in the conference was Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte) who is responsible for the *Professional Engineers Act*.

The conference was co-chaired by **Sam Oosterhoff**, MPP (Niagara West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Red Tape Reduction, and **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education.

Currently, there is one Professional Engineer sitting in the Ontario Legislature, **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) who previously served as the GLP Chair for the Windsor-Essex Chapter, and as the Vice-Chair of PEO Government Liaison Committee.

PEO Chapters continue to outreach to MPPs of all parties to invite them to PEO Licensing Ceremonies and other activities.



PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS VOTING CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 16



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PEO Council election voting will close on February 16 at 4 p.m. EST. Voting is currently taking place online and via telephone.

The online all-candidates meetings are available to view online.

Please see PEO website for more information.

PEO members are encouraged to stay informed and vote!

The next PEO Council meeting will take place virtually on February 23rd.



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 16.

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