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## PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER GLP REPS PARTICIPATE IN EVENT WITH LABOUR PA/MPP

MISSISSAUGA - **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga - Malton) hosted a community dinner on March 1 at the Pearl Banquet and Convention Centre in Mississauga. The event was attended by PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Reps **Erdem Bilaloglu**, P.Eng. and **Balaji Gollapalli**, P.Eng, who had a chance to speak with MPP Anand who was one of the guest speakers at the PEO GLP annual summit in November.

MPP Anand is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. The Ministry of Labour introduced and is responsible for the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*, which applies to many regulated professions, including engineering.

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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

## PEO AND FEMALE MPPS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., and PEO Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Manager **Kay Mehrizi** hosted an all staff event on International Women's Day, March 8.

PEO's CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Manager **Kay Mehrizi** hosted a coffee chat event for all PEO staff to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8.

Ms. Quaglietta and Ms. Mehrizi shared their insights into the strategies they employ to inspire inclusion within their respective domains. Drawing from their diverse backgrounds, rich experiences, and the hurdles they've encountered, they illuminated pathways towards fostering a culture of acceptance and belonging.

As outlined in the February 2024 *CEO/Registrar's Report*, PEO participates in the 30x30 initiative which aims to increase the proportion of newly licensed female-identifying engineers to 30 per cent by the year 2030.

Ontario's female MPPs also participated in the annual International Women's Day photo-op on March 7 at Queen's Park, the last day the Legislature sat before International Women's Day on March 8. See below.





## PROFESSORS HOST MPP FOR A DISCUSSION WITH ENGINEERING STUDENTS



**Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP, (Windsor - Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (centre), University of Windsor professors **Dr. Bill Altenhof**, P.Eng. (right), and **Dr. Peter Frise**, P.Eng. (left) following a discussion held with fourth-year engineering students on March 11.

WINDSOR - **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor - Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade posted on his social media about the opportunity he had to speak with fourth year engineering students at the University of Windsor on March 11.

He was hosted by engineering professors **Dr. Bill Altenhoff**, P.Eng., and **Dr. Peter Frise**, P.Eng.

MPP Dowie said the discussion focused on “how engineers can help our communities through serving on boards, committees and in legislatures at all levels.”

MPP Dowie was first elected in 2022 and is the only sitting member of the Legislature who is a professional engineer. He is also a former Vice-Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee and a former PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair.

## MARCH IS NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH



National Engineering Month is celebrated every March across Canada. The theme this year is, “There’s a place for you in engineering,” celebrating the diversity that makes up the engineering profession that improves our world.

Engineering was the first profession to be recognized with their own day in Canada.

In 2018, the Ontario Legislature declared March 1 as Ontario Engineering Day.

For information on National Engineering Month events in Ontario, please see [here](#).

## 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/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. Our next issue will be March 22.

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