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Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) (centre right) was the guest speaker at the PEO AGM on April 20 in Barrie. Also in the photo are (from left to right): PEO's President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., and Past President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng.
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ATTORNEY GENERAL CONGRATULATES PEO ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN PERSON

BARRIE - For the first time since becoming Attorney General in 2019, Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) participated in PEO's AGM in person on April 20 at the Horseshoe Valley Resort in Barrie. He congratulated PEO on a successful year and thanked the profession for the work done to build and safeguard communities.

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Former PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (left) with Attorney General **Doug Downey** (right).



PEO President-elect **Fred Saghezchi**, P.Eng. (left) speaks with (from left to right): PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., PEO Eastern Regional Councillor **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., and Engineers Canada President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., who is also a former PEO President.

The AGM was attended by over 150 in-person attendees, as well as nearly 400 virtual guests.

Minister Downey thanked PEO leadership, particularly CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., and 2023-24 President **Roydon Fraser** for their work over the past year, and expressed that he was looking forward to working with new PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng. He also acknowledged that this was the first time he was able to attend an AGM in person, as he previously participated online, and took the opportunity to invite PEO to participate in the upcoming legislative review of the *Construction Act*. Minister Downey also recognized former Attorney General **Roy McMurtry**, who he said was also a strong supporter of PEO and its role as the regulator of professional engineering in the province. Minister McMurtry passed away on March 18.

Past President Fraser spoke about his appreciation for the work of Council over the previous year. His address looked to the future of professional engineering, and the role of PEO as the provincial regulator. A portion of how President Fraser looked to guide future discussions was through a seminar later in the day, which looked to craft a vision statement that would guide PEO to 2050.

Ms. Quaglietta also delivered her report to the AGM, which included highlighting over 4,000 licences being issued, as well as the current rates of PEO members completing continuing professional development/PEAK.



FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE SWORN IN AS THE NEW PEO PRESIDENT

PEO West Central Chapter's **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., was sworn in as the new President of PEO at the 102nd AGM on April 20.

As noted on PEO's website, President Wowchuk holds a BAsC degree from the University of Windsor and a diploma in electrical technology from the former Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Toronto Metropolitan University), reflecting his affinity for both the theoretical and the practical. Along with his engineering education, he has also taken courses in psychology and effective communication.

He began his career in the defence systems division of Spar Aerospace Limited. He is currently president of Wheatfield Instrument Corporation Ltd. and a special advisor to Dynamic Solutions Institute of Applied Knowledge Inc. in Detroit, MI. He has served as PEO councillor-at-large (2018–2020), a Lieutenant Governor-in-Council appointed councillor (1997–2000) and chair of the former Communications Committee (1997–1999).

He also holds a black belt in traditional Japanese karate, is an aficionado of old cars and enjoys pulling, modifying and rebuilding their engines. He views the role of PEO Council as serving the profession and protecting the public interest. He firmly believes these two functions are not mutually exclusive.

PEO 2024-2025 COUNCIL SWORN IN AT AGM

Congratulations to PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., and PEO Council who were sworn in PEO's 102nd Annual General Meeting on April 20.

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Gregory P. Wowchuk,
P.Eng.

PRESIDENT-ELECT



Fred Saghezchi, P.Eng.

PAST PRESIDENT



Roydon Fraser, P.Eng.

VICE PRESIDENT



Guy Boone, P.Eng.

COUNCILLOR- AT-LARGE



Randy Walker, P.Eng.

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



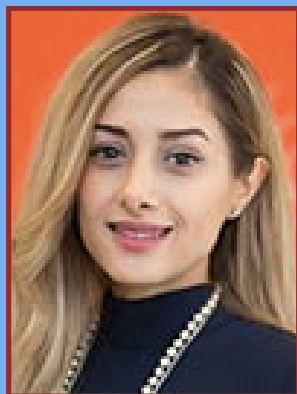
Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng.

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



Michelle Liu, P.Eng.

EASTERN CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR



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PEO North Bay Chapter hosted their 53rd Engineering Day Symposium on April 19. The guest speaker was **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (centre). Also in attendance were, from left to right: PEO 2023-24 President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Rep **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., **Anthony Rota**, MP (Nipissing—Timiskaming), Chapter Chair **Lindsay Keats**, P.Eng., OSPE Director **Raymond Mantha**, P.Eng., North Bay Mayor **Peter Chirico**, Chapter Vice-Chair **Dave Boogaart**, P.Eng., and Engineers Canada CEO **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng.

MINISTER ATTENDS PEO NORTH BAY CHAPTER'S ENGINEERING DAY SYMPOSIUM

NORTH BAY - **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade attended PEO North Bay Chapter's 53rd annual Engineering Day Symposium on April 19 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre in North Bay.

PEO North Bay Chapter Treasurer and GLP Rep **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., and PEO Chapter Chair **Lindsay Keats**, P.Eng., provided the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* with a report and photos of the event.

The theme of the event was 'Engineering in a World with Artificial Intelligence', and was held in collaboration with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

Other speakers included **Anthony Rota**, MP (Nipissing—Timiskaming), and North Bay Mayor **Peter Chirico**.

Minister Fedeli is a long time participant in PEO's North Bay Chapter initiatives. He expressed his interest in participating in upcoming PEO events, including another Take Your MPP to Work Day, following his previous participation in 2022.

Participants included PEO 2023-24 President Nick Colucci, P.Eng., Engineers Canada CEO Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., and Northern Regional Councillor Luc Roberge, P.Eng., who received his 20-year volunteer pin.

EARTH DAY: HIGHLIGHTING PEO'S SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS



PEO celebrated Earth Day on April 22. As reported on PEO's LinkedIn page, they profiled PEO's commitment to sustainability. A post said "under the *Professional Engineers Act*, Ontario's professional engineers commit to safeguarding the environment. They're prepared to apply the most current technology in an environmentally sustainable and cost-effective way to benefit society's evolving needs."

PEO follows the 10 sustainable development and environmental stewardship guidelines set by Engineers Canada, which state that engineers should:

- Maintain and continuously improve awareness and understanding of environmental stewardship, sustainability principles and issues related to their field of practice;
- Use expertise of others to adequately address environmental and sustainability issues and enhance understanding and improve practices;
- Incorporate global, regional and local societal values applicable to their work;
- Establish mutually agreed sustainability indicators and criteria for environmental stewardship at the earliest possible stage in projects, and evaluate these periodically against performance targets;
- Assess the costs and benefits of environmental protection, eco-system components, and sustainability in evaluating the economic viability of the work.

For more information, and to read all 10 guidelines, please visit the PEO website, or see [here](#).

BY-ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MILTON AND LAMBTON-KENT-MIDDLESEX ON MAY 2



Residents in the Ontario ridings of Milton and Lambton-Kent-Middlesex will be heading to the polls on May 2 to vote for their new MPPs.

For more information, please visit the [Elections Ontario website](https://www.elections.on.ca/).

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 91,500 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 May 3.

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