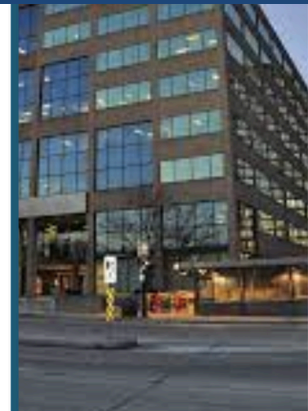


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**Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga--Erin Mills) and Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga--Streetsville) were guest speakers at the PEO Mississauga Chapter Licensing Ceremony on June 25.

## MINISTER AND MPP SPEAK AT PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY

MISSISSAUGA - The PEO Mississauga Chapter held its Spring Licence Presentation Ceremony on June 25. Speakers included the Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville), **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills), PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., and PEO President-elect **Fred Saghezchi**, P.Eng.

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Minister Tangri's responsibilities are within the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. MPP Sabawy is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

PEO Mississauga Chapter regularly meets with their MPPs to discuss PEO initiatives including its FARPACTA-compliant licensing process and the mandatory continuing professional development (PEAK) program.

The event's keynote speaker was **James Mardegan**, P.Eng., Hydro One Director of Transmission and Stations Engineering.

PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., told the *GLP Weekly Times* that other attendees included PEO VP and East Central Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., PEO West Central Councillors **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., and **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng., and PEO Mississauga Chapter Chair **Suzana Arbana**, P.Eng.

Ms. Chau reported the event had "50 new licence recipients and over 150 attendees."

This ceremony provided an opportunity for newly licensed professional engineers to receive their certification and connect with other new licensees and guest speakers. It was held at the Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga Centre.



Hydro One Director of Transmission and Stations Engineering **James Mardegan**, P.Eng., attended and was a speaker at the PEO Mississauga Chapter Licence Ceremony on June 25.



Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville) (second row, first from centre right) and **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills) (second row, centre) with members of PEO Council and new licence recipients at the PEO Mississauga Chapter Licence Ceremony on June 25.



# PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER HOSTS NEW MINISTER & MPP FOR SUMMER CELEBRATION



Associate Minister of Mines **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (centre left) and **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton) (centre right) participated in an event with PEO Oakville Chapter on June 22. Also in the photo are (from left to right) PEO Oakville Chapter's Education Committee Representative **Mai Abdou**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Yousef Jamous**, P.Eng., Event Coordinator **Ibaa Al-Jabri**, P.Eng., Volunteer **Julie Dixon**, P.Eng., Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., PEO past Government Liason Committee Chair **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., Oakville Regional and Town Councillor **Tom Adams**, past Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., GLC Chair and Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and Education Committee Chair and GLP Rep **Bruce Lee**, P.Eng.

**MILTON** - The PEO Oakville Chapter held its annual summer barbecue on June 22 in Milton.

The event featured the Associate Minister of Mines **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) and newly elected Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton). Minister Crawford delivered greetings, recognizing PEO's work and commending the Oakville Chapter for hosting the event.

Chapter GLP Chair **Yousef Jamous**, P.Eng., told the *GLP Weekly Times* that "[PEO] Oakville Chapter is going to meet with the MPPs in Oakville and Milton at their constituency offices during the summer to provide [...] regular updates about PEO and the Chapter."

PEO Chapters are encouraged to meet with their MPPs in order to align with the government's expectations of a regulatory body acting in the public interest.

Over 130 engineers, along with their families and friends, participated in the festivities including Oakville Regional & Town Councillor **Tom Adams** and PEO GLC Chair and Chapter Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.



New Associate Minister of Mines **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (right) presents a certificate to PEO Oakville Chapter. Also in the photo is PEO Oakville Chapter Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. (left).

## PEO CEO/REGISTRAR SERVES AS GUEST SPEAKER AT COMPANY 'IDEAS EVENT'

In celebration of International Women in Engineering Day, PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., attended the Siemens Canada IDEAS event as the keynote speaker at their Oakville office on June 25.

Ms. Quaglietta posted to LinkedIn that she was “inspired by their unwavering commitment to sustainability, education, social responsibility and EDI” (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion).

She acknowledged the “marvellous leadership of **Faisal Kazi**”, President and CEO at Siemens Canada, which has fostered a professional environment that empowers female engineers to succeed.



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

The speech by Ms. Quaglietta also thanked Siemens Canada's Energy Services Operations Manager **Natalia Malafeeva**, Communications Manager **Laura Heidbuechel**, and Quality and Engineering Operations Specialist **Sasha Voinson** for providing her with the opportunity to discuss the work of PEO.



PEO's CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., (centre left) was the keynote speaker at the Siemens Canada IDEAS Event aimed at celebrating International Women in Engineering Day on June 25.



# PEO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS FIRST MEETING WITH NDP MPP

PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Representative **Erem Altunbulakli**, P.Eng., had a thirty-minute online meeting on June 27 with his MPP, **Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto–St. Paul's). They met to discuss PEO's role as the regulator of professional engineering in the public interest.

Mr. Altunbulakli thanked MPP Andrews for her interest in PEO and its initiatives, such as its FARPACTA-compliant licensing process and the mandatory continuing professional development (PEAK) program.

He asked that MPP Andrews share their topics of discussion with her colleagues including Opposition Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport), and Attorney General Critic **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre).

Mr. Altunbulakli also discussed the Chapter's goal to schedule a Licensing Certificate Presentation Ceremony with MPP Andrews, MPP Stiles, and MPP Wong-Tam as well as a Take Your MPP to Work Day.

Also participating in the discussion were MPP Andrew's Constituency Assistant **Jasmine MacGregor** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



**Jill Andrew**, MPP (Toronto–St. Paul's) (bottom left) and her Constituency Assistant **Jasmine MacGregor** (top right) met virtually with PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Representative **Erem Altunbulakli**, P. Eng., (bottom right) to discuss PEO licensing initiatives on June 27. Also participating in the meeting was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (top left).

# GOVERNMENT APPOINTS FORMER TOWN ENGINEERING DIRECTOR AS PEO COUNCILLOR

The Ontario government has selected **Rachel Prudhomme**, P.Eng., to serve as a Lieutenant Governor Appointee for a three-year term on PEO Council. She is one of eight LGA appointees and is the only woman.

Prior to working as the Director of Engineering for the Town of Newmarket from 2013 to 2024, she was the Manager of Special Projects for the City of Markham. She was also the President of MAG Engineering and Constructors International Ltd.

Ms. Prudhomme holds both a Bachelor of Engineering and a Master of Science in Applied Physics (Engineering Geophysics) from Laurentian University. She also has a Graduate diploma in Public Administration and Local Municipal Government from Western University.



New Lieutenant Governor Appointee **Rachel Prudhomme**, P.Eng.

She is fluent in English, French, Italian, functionally speaks Spanish and currently studies Mandarin.

## 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 is July 19.

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