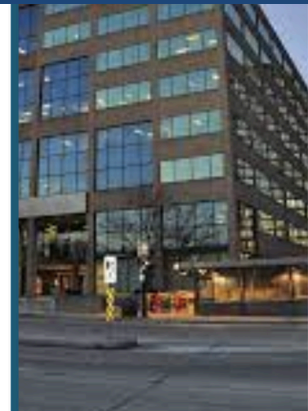




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Deputy Premier and Health Minister **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon) had a chance to speak with PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Sardar Asif Khan**, P.Eng., at an event in Windsor on July 8.

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR MEETS DEPUTY PREMIER

WINDSOR - PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice Chair **Sardar Asif Khan**, P.Eng., participated in an event in Windsor on July 8 with Deputy Premier and Health Minister **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon) in Windsor. It was hosted by **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor—Tecumseh), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

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Mr. Khan told PEO *GLP Weekly Times* that he “had a one-on-one with Minister Jones, discussing PEO, FARPACTA legislation, and its implementation.”

He said they discussed “the future of the engineering profession in Ontario specifically, and how important it is for PEO and the government to work collaboratively to ensure public safety and protect public interest while embracing innovations in engineering and staying competitive globally. Mr. Khan added that Minister Jones “agreed to a future meeting at Queen's Park.”

Minister Jones met with PEO Brampton Chapter prior to the last election on January 21, 2022 to discuss PEO licensing issues. The Brampton Chapter has responsibility for Minister Jones’ riding as well as five others.

Minister Jones was first elected in 2007 and previously served as Solicitor General and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

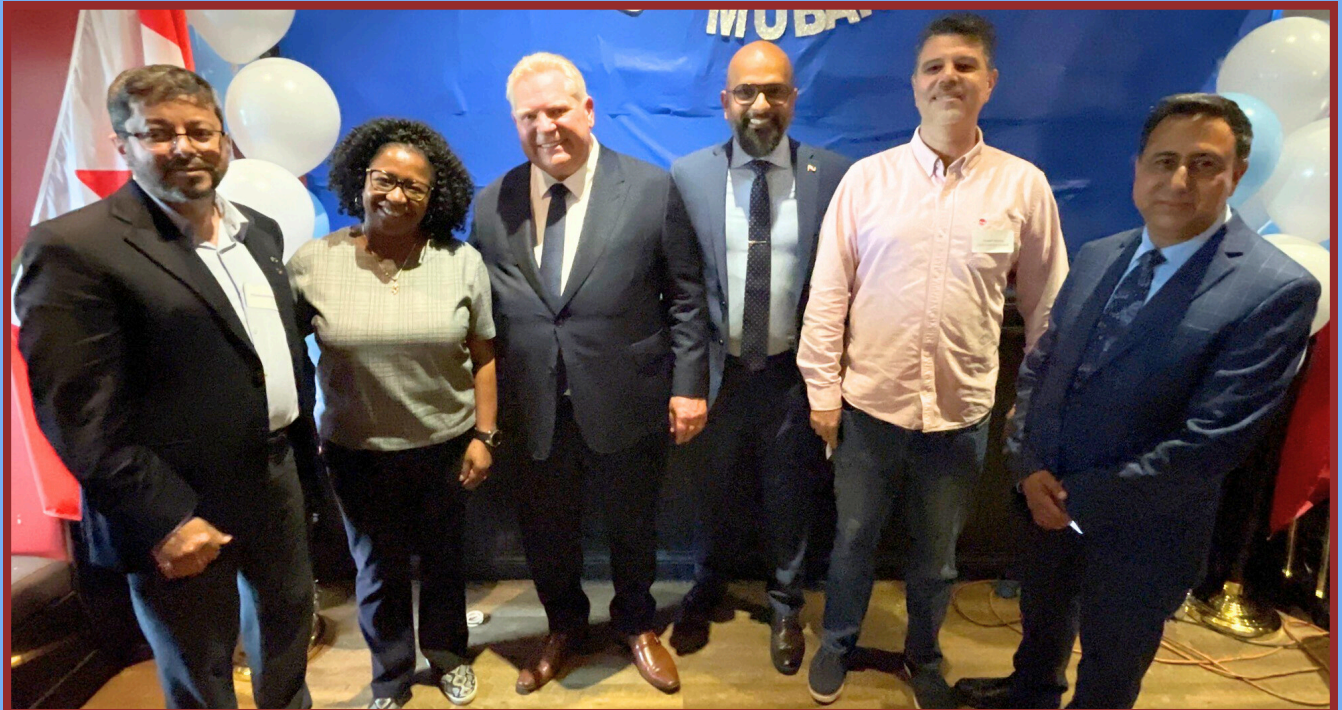
MPP Dowie is the only professional engineer in the legislature and served on the GLC for many years, including holding the post of Vice Chair, prior to his election in 2022.

The event was titled ‘*An Afternoon with MPPs Andrew Dowie and Sylvia Jones*’ and had 20 people in attendance.



PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Sardar Asif Khan**, P.Eng., spoke with both **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor—Tecumseh) and Deputy Premier **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon) at a July 8 event in Windsor.

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER SPEAKS WITH PREMIER AND MPPS AT LOCAL EVENT



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke-North) (centre left) participated in a community event in Oakville on June 26 with PEO Oakville Chapter's Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. (left), and GLP Chair **Yousef James**, P.Eng (second from right). Also in the photo are (from left to right) **Patrice Barnes**, MPP (Ajax), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development as well as **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton) and **Deepak Anand** (Mississauga—Malton), who are both Parliamentary Assistants to the Minister of Finance.

OAKVILLE - Two PEO Oakville Chapter representatives had a chance to speak with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke--North) at an event celebrating the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha in Oakville on June 26. The representatives were Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., and GLP Chair **Yousef Jamous**, P.Eng.

The event was hosted by **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance.

Other MPPs attending were **Patrice Barnes** (Ajax), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, as well as **Deepak Anand** (Mississauga—Malton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, and **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga—Erin Mills), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Mr. AbuOmar told PEO *GLP Weekly Times* that he spoke with the Premier “about the importance of engineers to the public and the role they play in serving the province.”

PEO Chapters are encouraged to meet with their MPPs and attend MPP events in order to better align with the Government’s expectations of a regulatory body acting in the public interest.

MPP PRESENTS VOLUNTEER AWARDS TO PEO PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER REPS



At a local ceremony, **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha) (centre) presented Ontario Volunteer Service Awards to Peterborough Chapter's **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng. (left), and **Dan Demers**, P.Eng. (right), on July 5 in Peterborough.

PETERBOROUGH - PEO Peterborough Chapter representatives **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., and **Dan Demers**, P.Eng., received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards at a local ceremony on July 5 in Peterborough.

The certificates were given by **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha), Parliamentary Assistant to the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

Mr. Wearing is the GLP representative for MPP Smith's riding, as well as the Past PEO Peterborough Chapter Chair and GLP Chair.

According to the Government of Ontario's website, the Ontario Volunteer Service Award "recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization."

This year, there were a total of 6,650 recipients from 1,450 organizations who were honoured at one of 25 local award ceremonies that occurred over the past few months.

For more information about this award or to submit a nomination for 2025, visit the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards [webpage](#).

ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS SUMMER ISSUE FEATURES STORY ON PEO PRESIDENT

The Summer 2024 issue of *Engineering Dimensions* is now available [online](#).

The new issue features an informative six-page story by contributing writer **Natalya Anderson** on PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng.

President Wowchuk said that he will be “utilizing [his] experience in politics and commitment to democracy to drive progress on defining the engineering regulator’s long-term vision.”

The issue also includes a recap of PEO’s Annual General Meeting that occurred this past April in Barrie, where Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte), was the guest speaker.



PEO’s President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) and Past President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng at the Annual General Meeting in Barrie on April 20.



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 26.

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