

## PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO (PEO)

### Government Liaison Program (GLP) - Sudbury Chapter

## Meeting with MPP France Gélinas

August 26, 2025 (13:55 to 14:25)

### Participants:

- MPP France Gélinas (Nickel Belt)
- Alice Bom (Sudbury Chapter Chair)
- Asif Panhwar (GLP Committee Chair)

The meeting began with a brief meet-and-greet, followed by an introduction of Asif Panhwar and Alice Bom. The PEO delegation then briefed the MPP on the following:

- **A brief introduction to PEO**, including its history, members, and chapters. PEO operates under the legislative mandate of the PEO Act and is a self-regulating body. With over 100 years of operation, PEO has more than 100,000 members and 36 chapters.
- **Details of year-round chapter activities**, including:
  - Annual General Meeting
  - Student Social Night (held every September for the last several years)
  - License Award Ceremony (generally held twice a year: once during the AGM and again when a sufficient number of licenses have been awarded in the chapter area)
  - Scholarships for high school students pursuing engineering programs in college or university, awarded based on merit
  - Bridge Building Competition for students
  - Annual Golf Tournament (held in June or July)
  - Networking events (multiple events held throughout the year, inviting members and their partners, and sometimes their children, to socialize and network). This week, Aug 25, a cruise ride at Ramsey lake was organized where a good number of members with their spouse/guests participated.

- Technical events (sessions organized by the chapter with experts from various fields, which also help members earn Professional Development Hours (PDH) as part of a new PEO program)
- **'Take Your MPP to Work Day'**: Multiple MPPs, including MPP Gélinas, participated in this program before the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now looking at options to reinstate this program. MPP Gélinas showed great interest and recalled her last visit to a mine through the program.

## **Interaction and Discussion with the MPP**

- MPP Gélinas showed interest in the process of how engineers licensed in one province can practice in other provinces, and whether there were any challenges that could be addressed by her or the legislature. Asif explained the license transfer process along with his own experience in getting licence in AB, BC and ON.
- The Professional Development (PD) program was also discussed, with a focus on its value for members' professional learning.
- The delegation offered to provide feedback on any legislation related to professional engineers. Delegates explained that such feedback could be discussed with the chapter and, if needed, PEO's main office experts could be engaged.
- If there is some difficulty for engineers in getting jobs, and if there is a shortage of engineers for new mines.

MPP Gélinas was unofficially invited to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2025. A formal invitation will be sent by the Chapter Chair upon confirmation of the date and venue.

A PEO diary gift was also presented to MPP.

The meeting was led by Asif Panhwar with support from Alice Bom.

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