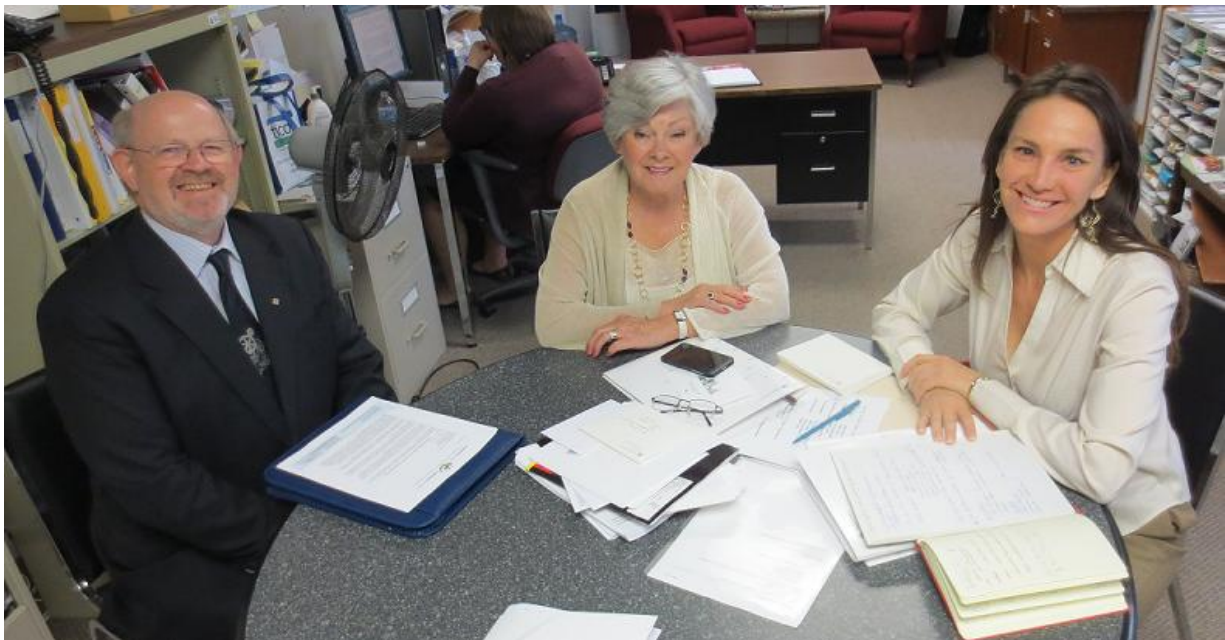




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PEO MEETS WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



Donna Cansfield MPP (Etobicoke Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation met with PEO President 2004-05 and PEO Etobicoke Chapter GLP Chair George Comrie, P.Eng., and PEO Enforcement Officer and Lead on the Repeal Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., at Ms. Cansfield's constituency office on June 26th. They discussed the government's decision to not proclaim a date for the repeal of section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. For more on this story, see page 5.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

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*Deadline for all submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Next issue will be published on July 5, 2013.

Top Stories This Week

1. PEO President responds to MPP regarding repeal
2. PEO meets with Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation
3. PEO Grand River Chapter meets PC MPP
4. West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair participates in receptions with Ministers and MPPs
5. PEO requests meeting with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment

Breaking News

ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPPORTS PEO EFFORTS TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY

Engineers Canada CEO **Kim Allen**, P.Eng., received a letter from Attorney General **John Gerretsen** MPP (Kingston and the Islands) dated June 19th regarding the government's decision to not proclaim the repeal of section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* as planned for September 1, 2013. In the letter, the Attorney General states that they continue to support PEO's efforts to educate industry on the importance of professional engineering and encourage industry to continue to develop best practices in workplace health and safety.

PEO and Engineers Canada continue to encourage the Ontario government to proceed with the repeal.

As well, Mr. Allen was quoted in *Design Product News* in the following article:

Engineers raise concerns as Ontario government backs away from health and safety commitment

Written by [Mike Edwards](#) Wednesday, 19 June 2013 15:28



OTTAWA – **Engineers Canada** and **Professional Engineers Ontario** are concerned over a decision by the Ontario government to reverse a three-year legislative health & safety commitment.

It would have brought Ontario in line with other provinces and territories in terms of health and safety in the workplace.

"This is a disappointing decision, for PEO, Engineers Canada and for the 11 other regulators of the engineering profession across the country," said Kim Allen, chief executive officer of Engineers Canada. "It is difficult to understand why it is acceptable for Ontario to have a lower standard than other provinces and territories when it comes to protecting its workers."

The repeal of section 12(3)(a) would prevent individuals who are not professional engineers from undertaking work that falls within the practice of professional engineering in relation to machinery or

equipment for use in the facilities of the person's employer, in the production of products by the person's employer

"I urge the Government of Ontario to reconsider their position and proclaims this section of the Open for Business Act, 2010 as soon as possible," said Allen.

The repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the Professional Engineers Act in Ontario, as passed in the Open for Business Act, 2010 would bring Ontario in line with other Canadian jurisdictions.

Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers and is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's more than 260,000 members of the engineering profession.

Via: <http://www.dpnccanada.com/Site-Content/More-News/Engineers-raise-concerns-as-Ontario-government-backs-away-from-health-and-safety-commitment.html>.

PEO PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO MPP REGARDING REPEAL



PEO President
Annette
Bergeron, P.Eng.



PC MPP Bill Walker
(Bruce-Grey-Owen
Sound)

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., has responded to a June 24th *Meaford Independent* article which featured comments from PC Deputy Health Critic (Rural and Northern) **Bill Walker** MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound) on the government's decision to not proclaim section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Ms. Bergeron said that she fundamentally disagrees with the idea that the repeal will result in additional costs, delays and job losses. If anything, it will increase innovation and grow Ontario's economy. As well, she said it will bring Ontario up to national standards and dramatically improve health and safety in manufacturing plants.

ONTARIO MINISTER RESIGNS FROM CABINET AND GIVES UP SEAT IN LEGISLATURE



Minister Laurel Broten will step down as the member for Etobicoke-Lakeshore after nearly 10 years effective July 2.

Photo via: Frank Gunn/Canadian Press.

Intergovernmental Affairs and Women's Issues Minister **Laurel Broten** MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) announced on June 23rd that she will be stepping down as a member of the legislature as of July 2nd.

PEO worked closely with Minister Broten during her time as Minister of the Environment.

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) now has six months to call a by-election in Broten's riding, and must call similar votes in Windsor-Tecumseh and London West by Aug. 15.

According to a June 23rd *Toronto Star* article, it is likely that Premier Wynne will call all the pending votes at once later this summer.

OCEPP KEYNOTE SPEAKER NAMED CHANCELLOR OF LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY



TVO's *The Agenda* Host **Steve Paikin** has been named Chancellor of Laurentian University in Sudbury.

In his new volunteer capacity, he will give every graduate their degree on behalf of the university.

Mr. Paikin, who was keynote speaker at the May 31st Policy Conference of the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP), is a long-time supporter of PEO.

Government/MPP Meetings

PEO MEETS WITH PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

PEO met with Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation **Donna Cansfield** MPP (Etobicoke Centre) on June 26th in Toronto to discuss the repeal of section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. Ms. Cansfield questioned why employers would put their employees at risk by not having licensed engineers oversee the professional engineering work on equipment and machinery used in the production of products.

Ms. Cansfield offered to write the Ministry of Labour to get the facts behind injured workers over the past five years. Ms. Cansfield is a former Minister of Energy and Natural Resources and has been a strong supporter of Ontario's regulatory framework to protect the public.

Participating in the meeting were PEO Enforcement Officer and Lead on the Repeal **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., PEO Etobicoke Chapter GLP Chair **George Comrie**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Mr. Comrie was PEO President in 2004-2005.



Donna Cansfield MPP (centre) met with PEO Enforcement Office and Lead on the Repeal Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., (right) and PEO Etobicoke Chapter GLP Chair George Comrie, P.Eng., (left) on June 26th in Toronto.

PEO TO MEET WITH MINISTER OF LABOUR ON JULY 10TH TO DISCUSS REPEAL

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., PEO Acting CEO and Registrar **Michael Price**, P.Eng., and PEO Enforcement Officer and Lead on the Repeal **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., will meet with Labour Minister **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) on July 10th to discuss the Government's decision on the repeal.

Prior to being a Minister, Mr. Naqvi was Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. In the past, he has been a supporter of PEO initiatives and events.



Labour Minister **Yasir Naqvi** MPP
(Ottawa Centre)

Events Attended

PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER MEETS PC MPP IN CAMBRIDGE



PC Training, Colleges and Universities Critic Rob Leone MPP with PEO Grand River Chapter's Oscar Nespoli, P.Eng., on June 20th in Cambridge.

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP member **Oscar Nespoli**, P.Eng., participated in a reception for PC Training, Colleges and Universities Critic **Rob Leone** MPP (Cambridge) on June 20th. They had a chance to speak and Mr. Nespoli explained how PEO works to protect the public.

Also in attendance were former MP **John Nunziata**, PC York South–Weston candidate **Andrew French**, PC Kitchener-Waterloo candidate **Tracey Weiler**, and ACTIVA COO **Peter Armbruster**, P.Eng.

PEO COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATES IN TWO EVENTS WITH MINISTERS

PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., participated in two events with Ministers this past week.

On June 19th, Mr. Sadr attended the Maytree's Diversity in Governance Celebration with Education Minister **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph) in Toronto. The event was to celebrate diversity in the GTA.

Markham Mayor **Frank Scarpitti** was one of the award recipients for the City's diversity.

Later that week on June 23rd, Mr. Sadr attended the Summer BBQ for Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) also in Toronto.

Mr. Sadr had a chance to speak with Minister Coteau about the repeal and is planning to set up a meeting to further discuss the issue.



PEO Councillor Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., with (from left) PEO Mississauga Chapter member and Experience Requirements Committee member Rabiz Fada, P.Eng., Minister of Education Liz Sandals MPP and Paul Rose.



Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Michael Coteau MPP with PEO Councillor Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., on June 23rd in Toronto.

PEO COUNCILLOR MEETS MINISTER AT TORONTO RECEPTION

PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointed (LGA) Councillor **Bill Kossta** spoke with both Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre) and Minister of Consumer Services **Tracy MacCharles** MPP (Pickering-Scarborough East) at a reception on June 25th in Toronto's Distillery District. Mr. Kossta and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had discussions with both on the repeal.

Earlier that day, Mr. Kossta attended the Toronto Region Board of Trade Annual Luncheon where Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) was the guest speaker.



Minister of Consumer Services Tracy MacCharles MPP (right) with PEO LGA Councillor Bill Kossta at a reception on June 25th in Toronto.

WEST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN RECEPTIONS WITH MINISTERS AND MPPS

PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Parvin Marzban**, P.Eng., participated in two events this week with Ministers and MPPs.

On June 19th, Ms. Marzban attended the annual dinner held by the Consumer Council of Canada at the National Club in Toronto. The event's guest speaker was Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre), who spoke about "Building a Brighter Future for Ontario's Transportation Systems."



Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Glen Murray MPP (left) with PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair Parvin Marzban, P.Eng., on June 19th in Toronto.

Ms. Marzban spoke with Minister Murray on the mandate of PEO's Government Liaison Program.

Minister Murray told Ms. Marzban that he has a good working relationship with PEO and the GLP. He indicated that he is quite familiar with its mandate and would be happy to attend a PEO West Toronto Chapter event.

On June 25th, Ms. Marzban also participated in a reception for Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier **Laura Albanese** MPP (York South-Weston) with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Linda Jeffrey** MPP (Brampton-Springdale) in Toronto.



Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Linda Jeffrey MPP (Brampton-Springdale) (second from right) at a reception for Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier Laura Albanese MPP (York South-Weston) (centre) on June 25th in Toronto. Also in the photo are (from left) Ms. Albanese's brother Michael Albanese, P.Eng., PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair Parvin Marzban, P.Eng., and Manager of Operations and Corporate Services for the Consulting Engineers of Ontario Saskia Martini-Wong.

Manager of Operations and Corporate Services for Consulting Engineers of Ontario **Saskia Martini-Wong** also attended the event. Ms. Marzban and Ms. Martini-Wong had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Albanese and her brother Michael Albanese, P.Eng., as well as the chance to meet with Minister Jeffrey.

Also in attendance was Brown & Cohen Public Affairs Consultant **Sinead Anderson**.

Work in Progress

PEO REQUESTS MEETING WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT



PEO has requested a meeting with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's). A delegation will discuss the recent Cabinet decision to not proceed with the repeal of section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Upcoming Events

**MP and MPP receptions/donations are entitled to up to 75% tax credit on the first \$400. For more information see Elections Ontario or Elections Canada websites.*

NEW! June 29 – Liberal MPP **Phil McNeely** (Ottawa Orleans) will host his 3rd Annual Strawberry Social at Cumberland Senior's Park, 315 Centrum Blvd., Ottawa from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are free. For more information, contact pmcneely.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! July 1 – Don Valley West will host a Canada Day Picnic at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute 135 Overlea Boulevard, Toronto from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Don Valley West residents are invited. Event will include music, henna painting, kid's games, entertainment, draw prizes and free food. Dress is business casual. Tickets are free. For more information, contact kwynne.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! July 1 – PC MP **Joe Oliver** (Eglinton-Lawrence) will host a Canada Day Picnic at Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School, 1107 Avenue Road, Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. Event will feature activities for kids, performances, music, and food. Tickets are free. For more information, contact joe.oliver@parl.gc.ca.

July 4 – Finance Minister **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will be the dinner keynote speaker at the Cambridge Provincial Liberal Association 14th Annual Golf Tournament at the Saginaw Golf Course; 124 Saginaw Parkway, Cambridge. Registration includes 18 Hole Green Fees, Cart, Lunch and Buffet Dinner. Tickets are \$150 before June 20th and dinner only tickets can be purchased for \$30. For more information, contact Allan Krause 226-499-0368 or cplagolf@execulink.com.

July 5 – PC MPP **Monte McNaughton** (Lambton--Kent--Middlesex) will host the 2nd Annual Summer Patio Reception with his wife **Kate McNaughton** at Pogue Mahone's Irish Pub, 777 Bay Street in Toronto from 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets are complimentary. For more information, contact Justin Justin@PureStrategyGroup.com or 519-671-2169.

July 6 – Finance Minister **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will host his annual Community BBQ at Port Credit Marina, 1 Port Street East in Mississauga from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are free. For more information, contact csousa.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

July 9 – Minister of Community Social Services **Ted McMeekin** MPP (Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale), will host his 12th Annual Golf Tournament at the Copetown Woods Golf Club, 1430 Concession 2 W., Copetown. For more information, contact Mary-Anne Quaglia at adfwmcmeekin@gmail.com or 905-512-2404.

July 10 - PC MPP **Laurie Scott** (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock), Women's Issues Critic and Natural Resources Critic, will host the Annual PC Classic Golf Tournament at the Lindsay Golf & Country Club, 282 Lindsay St. S, Lindsay at 11 a.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$150 and includes lunch, golf, power cart, social, auction and dinner. For more information, contact hklpgolf@gmail.com or 705-324-6654.

NEW! July 14 – Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) will host his Annual Summer BBQ at Mitchell Field Park, 89 Church Ave. Event starts at 12 p.m., tickets are free. For more information, contact dzimmer.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

July 16 – Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Linda Jeffrey** MPP (Brampton-Springdale), will host a GTA & Central Golf Tournament, the first of three events in the Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food **Kathleen Wynne's** MPP (Don Valley West) Summer Golf Tour. The tournament will be held at The Club at Bond Head, 4805 7th Line, Bond Head from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$3,200 for a foursome. For more information, contact Suaad Ali 416-260-1608 x 240 or Sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

July 17 – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West) will host an Ottawa Gold Classic at the Marshes Golf Club, 320 Terry Fox Drive, Ottawa from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry fee is \$1,250 for individuals and \$5,000 for a foursome and includes lunch, golf, and dinner. For more information, contact Tom Bennett at 613-727-0424 or mrinsurance@rogers.com.

July 28 – Liberal MPP **Vic Dhillon** (Brampton West) will host his Annual Community BBQ at Gage Park located at the corner of Queen and Wellington Streets in Brampton. The event starts at 2:30 p.m. rain or shine. Tickets are free. For more information, contact vdhillon.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

August 1 – Liberal MPP **Phil McNeely** (Ottawa-Orleans) will host his Annual Community Corn Roast and BBQ at Petrie Island Trim Road, Ottawa. Tickets are free. For more information, contact pmcneely.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! August 14 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will host her 8th Annual Patio Party at the Thompson Hotel Rooftop Lounge, 550 Wellington Street West, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 per person or 5 tickets for \$2500 plus corporate recognition. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608 ext. 240 or sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

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