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Reza Moridi MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy (left) with (from left to right) engineers Marta Ecsedi, P.Eng., and Janis Peleshok, P.Eng., and former MP Rob Oliphant at the Economic Club of Toronto on January 10 where Ontario Liberal leadership candidate Kathleen Wynne MPP outlined her economic plan for Ontario. More on this story on page 4.

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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2. PEO Western Region GLP Academy and Congress builds momentum towards February 2
3. PEO to launch “Bring your MPP to work day” in February
4. PEO Council to review work of the Government Liaison Committee on February 7
5. NDP Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic to host Toronto reception on January 29

Breaking News

PEO ISSUES PRESS RELEASE ON ELLIOT LAKE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

PEO issued a press release regarding the Algo Centre Mall collapse investigations last week. It was distributed to the media on January 9. Below is the release in full.



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Media Release

Engineering Regulator welcomes ruling from Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry

Toronto – (January 9, 2013) – Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the licensing and regulating body for professional engineering in the province, welcomed Tuesday’s ruling from the Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry that determined that PEO’s obligations for handling information it collects under the *Professional Engineers Act* do not apply to the Commission’s handling of the same information under the *Public Inquiries Act*.

Under section 38(1)(c) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO must obtain consent from an affected party prior to releasing information obtained in the course of administering the act that is not otherwise public. In requesting an order under section 10(4) of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, PEO highlighted this obligation and requested that the Commission similarly give notice and an opportunity to consent or make submissions to those named in PEO’s documents, prior to any pre-hearing release of the documents.

In his ruling denying PEO’s request, Commissioner Paul R. Bélanger found that section 38 of the *Professional Engineers Act* has no application to the Commission’s release of information. The

Commissioner also noted that PEO “has produced all relevant documents in its possession to the Commission as it was required to do pursuant to the Commission’s summons.”

“PEO will continue to fully support and cooperate with Commissioner Bélanger and the important work of the Commission,” said Michael Price, P.Eng., MBA, FEC, acting chief executive officer and registrar of PEO.

As the regulator of professional engineering in Ontario, PEO requested and was granted standing in Part I of the Inquiry, which deals with events prior to the collapse of part of the Algo Centre Mall. PEO has also opened its own investigations into what part, if any, the conduct of its licence and certificate holders might have played in the tragedy.

Events Attended

PEO PARTICIPATES IN NEW YEAR’S LEVEES



Michael Coteau MPP (Don Valley East) (centre) with (from left to right) PEO Regional Councillor Thomas Chong, P.Eng., and PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair Rajiv Srivastava, P.Eng., at Mr. Coteau’s levee on January 13.

PEO Regional Councillor **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair **Rajiv Srivastava**, P.Eng., participated in a New Year’s levee for **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) on January 13. Mr. Coteau is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and has participated in a number of PEO events in the past. The Scarborough event was attended by over 300 people.

Mr. Srivastava also participated in a number of other events last week including Willowdale MP **Chungsen Leung**’s Annual Levee on January 6 and Thornhill MP and federal Environment Minister **Peter Kent**’s levee on January 13.



Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent MP (Thornhill) (right) with PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair Rajiv Srivastava, P.Eng., on January 13.

ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Ontario will elect a new Premier on January 26. The Liberal Leadership convention will be held on the 25th and 26th with over 2,000 delegates who will select the leader.

Front-runners after last weekend's leadership election meetings include former MPP **Sandra Pupatello** with 504 delegates and **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) with 463. It is expected that Ontario will have its first female Premier.

Engineers participated in a number of the meetings for the Liberal leadership candidates. Those included an all-candidate debate on January 9 at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto. Participants included engineers **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., of Grand River Chapter, former PEO Councillor **Marta Ecsedi**, P.Eng., PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., and PEO Enforcement Officer **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. PEO Councillor **Bill Kossta** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended.



Ontario Liberal leadership candidate Kathleen Wynne MPP (centre) with PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter Chair Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., (left) and PEO Enforcement Officer Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., (right) on January 9 in Toronto.

Ms. Ecsedi and former member of the Canadian Committee for Women in Engineering **Janis Peleshok**, P.Eng., participated in an Economic Club of Toronto event on January 10 where Ms. Wynne outlined her economic plan for Ontario (see front page photo). Also attending the event were Richmond Hill MPP **Reza Moridi**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and former MP **Rob Oliphant**, whose grandfather was PEO President in the 1930s.

The leadership candidates continued their speaking engagements at the Toronto Board of Trade with presentations by **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) on January 15, Ms. Wynne on January 16 and Ms.

Pupatello on January 17. Other candidates in the race include former MPP **Gerard Kennedy**, **Harinder Takhar** MPP (Mississauga-Erindale) and **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South).

Work in Progress

WINDSOR TO HOST 3rd ANNUAL PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 2



Rick Nicholls MPP
(Chatham-Kent-Essex)



Taras Natyshak
MPP (Essex)

Two MPPs and a former Minister have confirmed their participation in the PEO Western Region GLP Academy and Congress scheduled for February 2 in Windsor. Confirmed are NDP Labour, Community Safety and Correctional Services and Infrastructure Critic **Taras Natyshak** MPP (Essex) and PC Deputy Labour Critic MPP **Rick Nicholls** (Chatham-Kent-Essex). Former Labour Minister **Bill Wrye** will speak during lunch.

The event will be held at the Hilton Windsor from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Teresa Piruzza MPP (Windsor West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues and Citizenship and Immigration has also been invited. Chapters already confirming their participation include Hamilton, Grand River, London, Niagara and Georgian Bay.

The event is being spearheaded by PEO Windsor Chapter Vice-Chair and GLP Chair **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., and will include GLP training, guest speakers, and chapter GLP planning. The PEO GLP program will cover the travel expenses for the first GLP representative to attend from each of the chapters in the Western Region.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Mr. Dowie at andrew.dowie@gmail.com or 519-819-4433. Accommodations will be available on-site and registration details will be provided.

THREE MPPS INVITED TO PEO COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 7

Three MPPs are being invited to appear before PEO Council on February 7 for a special discussion on the Government Liaison Committee. Those invited include Liberal MPP **David Zimmer** (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Aboriginal Affairs, PC Finance Critic **Peter Shurman** MPP (Thornhill), and NDP Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic **John Vanthof** MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane). The MPPs will be part of an all-party discussion on the work of the GLP and how it is progressing.

The session will be chaired by PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng. PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., will also add to the discussion with a review of past and future initiatives of the Committee.

PEO TO LAUNCH “TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY”

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Urszula Adach**, P.Eng., has offered to help arrange the first “Take Your MPP to Work Day” event. Eleven MPPs have been identified for this initiative, including the Parliamentary Assistants and Opposition Critics of key ministries related to engineering. Those ministries include the Attorney General, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation, and Infrastructure.



PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair Urszula Adach, P.Eng., (right) participated in a New Year's levee with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General Lorenzo Berardinetti MPP (Scarborough Southwest) (centre) on January 6 at the West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre. Also in the photo is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services Soo Wong MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt). Ms. Adach is inviting Mr. Berardinetti to participate in “Take Your MPP to Work Day”.

CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS OCEPP POLICY SEMINAR ON MARCH 7



The President of the Canadian Academy of Engineering will be the featured speaker at the next Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP) Policy Engagement Series seminar. **Richard Marceau**, P.Eng., is also Provost at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. His presentation will focus on Canada’s opportunity to become a global sustainable energy superpower.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, March 7, from noon to 2 p.m. at the PEO offices at 40 Sheppard West in Toronto.

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.*

January 19 – PC MPP **Randy Hillier** (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington), Labour Critic will host a New Year's Levee at Strathcona Paper Centre, 16 McPherson Drive, Napanee from 1 to 3 p.m.

January 19 – Liberal MPP **Dipika Damerla** (Mississauga East-Cooksville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure will host her 2nd Annual New Year's Levee at the Art Gallery of Mississauga, 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to ddamerla.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org or call 905-238-1751.

January 19 – Liberal MPP **Linda Jeffrey** (Brampton-Springdale), Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for Seniors will host her 10th Annual New Year's Levee at the Rose Theatre Community Room, 1 Theatre Lane, Brampton from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be a slide show of photos taken at community events and live entertainment with coffee and tea.

January 20 – PC MPP **Randy Hillier** (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington), Labour Critic will host a New Year's Levee at Perth Civitan Hall, 6787 County Rd 43, Perth from 1 to 3 p.m.

January 20 – Conservative **Rob Nicholson**, MP (Niagara Falls), Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada will host his Annual New Year's Levee at Delphi Banquet Hall (#1), 4414 Portage Road, Niagara Falls from 2 to 4 p.m.

January 20 – PC MPP **Ted Arnott** (Wellington-Halton Hills), Intergovernmental Affairs Critic will host a Family Skate at Acton Arena, 415 Queen Street, Acton from 2 to 4 p.m.

January 22 - FINANCE MINISTER TO OUTLINE PLAN FOR ELIMINATING THE DEFICIT



Ontario's Deputy Premier and Finance Minister **Dwight Duncan** MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) will be guest speaker at the Canadian Club at the Toronto Marriott Downtown, Grand Ballroom at 11:30 a.m. on January 22. Mr. Duncan will present "Facing Ontario's Inconvenient Fiscal Truth and Eliminating the Deficit" where he will present an update on Ontario's economy and finances.

This is a great event for engineers both as an educational session and opportunity to meet Ontario's Minister of Finance. Tickets are \$65 (\$75 for non-members) and can be purchased on the Canadian Club website: www.CanadianClub.org.

January 26 – NDP MP **Matthew Kellway** (Beaches-East York) and MP **Craig Scott** (Toronto Danforth) will host an East End Sustainability Network at the East End Health Centre, 1619 Queen Street East, Toronto

from 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact: 416-467-0860 or matthew.kellway.c1a@parl.gc.ca.

January 26 – PC MPP **Garfield Dunlop** (Simcoe North), Apprenticeship Reform Critic will host the 13th Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, 215 Mississauga E, Orillia from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please contact Garfield.dunlop@pc.ola.org for more details.

January 26 – The Pickering Scarborough East PC Association will host a fundraising event with special guest **Jason Kenney** MP (Calgary Southeast), Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. The event will be held at the home of Brad and Jocelyn Bamford, 17 John Graham Crt, Toronto from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$150. For more information please contact christopherpdeans@gmail.com.

January 28 – The Climate Change Lawyers Network (CCLN) and WeirFoulds LLP will host an evening with **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing), PC Energy Critic, **Peter Tabuns** MPP (Toronto-Danforth) NDP Energy and Education Critic and Liberal MPP **Michael Coteau** (Don Valley East), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Culture and Sport) to discuss energy and climate change in Ontario. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the offices of WeirFoulds LLP, 66 Wellington Street West, Suite #4100, TD Bank Tower, Toronto. Tickets are free for students and all other guests are suggested a minimum donation of \$10 (please bring cash or cheque made out to Climate Change Lawyers Network to the event). RSVP to info@climatechangelawyers.ca by January 24.

January 29 – Liberal MPP **Ted McMeekin** (Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale), Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs will be featured in a winter fundraiser hosted by Grape Growers of Ontario at Ancaster Old Mill, 548 Old Dundas Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$300. RSVP to adfwmcmeekin@gmail.com or contact 905-512-2404.

January 29 – NDP MPP **John Vanthof** (Timiskaming-Cochrane), Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic will host a special reception with members of the NDP caucus from 6 to 8 p.m. at The University Club, 380 University Avenue in Toronto. Tickets are \$325. For more information, contact 647-206-1231 or friendsofjohnvanthof@gmail.com.

January 31 – Liberal MPP **Dwight Duncan** (Windsor-Tecumseh), Minister of Finance and **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean), Minister of Transportation will be featured at the Winter Reception hosted by Graham Bird, Mark Fazio & The Ottawa West-Nepean Provincial Liberal Association. The reception will be held at GBA Development & Project Management, #204-1339 Wellington Street, Ottawa at 5:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$650. For more information, contact: info@bobchiarelli.com or 613-700-2707.

February 2 – The PC Kenora-Rainy River riding will host its 1st Annual Fishing Derby Fundraiser at Smiths Camps (Old Pilot Pub), Lake of the Woods, 426-A Storm Bay Br 03 Rd, Kenora from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Official rules and prize listing at: www.randynickle.com.

February 2 – PEO will host its 3rd annual Western Region GLP Academy and Congress hosted by the Windsor-Essex chapter at the Hilton Windsor, 277 Riverside Drive West, Windsor from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please RSVP to Andrew.dowie@gmail.com or 519-819-4433.

February 14 – NDP MPP **Teresa Armstrong** (London-Fanshawe), Training, Colleges and Universities and Seniors' Issues Critic and MP **Irene Mathysen** (London-Fanshawe) will host the London-Fanshawe Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Imperio Banquet Hall, 109 Falcon St, London at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$85 or \$160 for a couple. Contact Margot Laird for more information at: 519-471-7892.

February 15 – Liberal MPP **Reza Moridi** (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy will host a Red Dinner Fundraiser to celebrate Valentine's Day at the LeParc Banquet Hall, 8432 Leslie Street, Toronto at 6 p.m. Special guests include Liberal MPP **Kathleen Wynne** (Don Valley West), Ontario Liberal leadership candidate. Tickets are \$150. Contact reelectreza@gmail.com for more information.

February 16 – NDP MP **Irene Mathysen** (London-Fanshawe) will host the Year of the Snake, Chinese New Year Celebration at the London Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London from 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$108. Visit www.Dragongala.com for more information.

February 25 – PC MPP **Julia Munro** (York-Simcoe), Seniors and Retirement Security Critic will host a Toronto Fundraiser at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250.

February 27 – NDP MPP **Paul Miller** (Hamilton East--Stoney Creek), Tourism and Culture Critic will host a fundraiser at The University Club, 380 University Avenue, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$350. Contact Todd at 289-237-1644 for more information.

April 9 – PC Leader **Tim Hudak's** Toronto Leader's Dinner will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto at 6 p.m. Individual tickets range from \$1,200 to \$3,000 and table tickets range from \$12,000 to \$30,000. For more information please contact Jim Ginou at jim@ginou.com or Steve Hudson at shudson@elementfinancial.ca

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