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ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN BYELECTION EVENT WITH PREMIER AND MPPS

PEO York Chapter members Peter Cushman, P.Eng., and Simon Hum, P.Eng., (left and right) participated in the byelection victory party for new Scarborough-Guildwood MPP Mitzie Hunter on August 1. Also in the photo are Minister of Consumer Services Tracy MacCharles MPP (Pickering-Scarborough East) (second from right) and CP24 reporter Nneka Elliott (second from left).

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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 August 16, 2013.

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Breaking News

PEO AGAIN URGES GOVERNMENT TO FULFILL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING WORKPLACE SAFETY

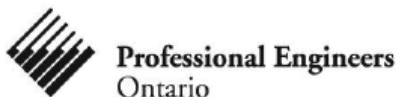


PEO distributed a media release on August 7 highlighting its plan to continue monitoring workplace accidents as they are reported.

PEO has expressed concerns over two recent manufacturing accidents in the province, one in Brantford and the other in Brampton.

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., again called on the provincial government to repeal section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* and fulfill their commitments to improving workplace safety in Ontario.

The release in full is below.



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Media Release

Engineering Regulator Concerned Over Recent Manufacturing Accidents, Urges Government to Fulfill Commitment to Improving Workplace Safety

Toronto – (August 7, 2013) – Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) continues to monitor workplace accidents as they are reported and is concerned over two recent tragedies in the province: the death of a worker, whose head was caught in a machine on May 14 at the Massilly North America Inc.

plant in Brantford; and, the injury of a worker whose legs were trapped under machinery on July 12 at the Canadian Tire Warehouse in Brampton.

On October 25, 2010, the Ontario government passed legislation to remove section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, and close a safety gap in industrial workplaces. The repeal of this so-called “industrial exception” was to take effect September 1, 2013, following three years of transition planning and consultations with stakeholders. On June 12, however, the proclamation date was abandoned by the government and a new implementation date is not known at this time.

As a result, certain acts of engineering on machinery in industrial facilities continue to be allowed to be carried out by non-engineers. Only professional engineers have the experience and training to design and oversee the most complex manufacturing processes—efficiently and safely. And, through PEO’s discipline process, professional engineers are held accountable for their actions and conduct to ensure the public interest is served and protected.

PEO remains concerned about the implications of the provincial government’s decision and continues to engage in ongoing dialogue with the Ministry of Labour on workplace accidents. Ontario is the only province in Canada with a full industrial exception and its elimination would have brought the province in line with national standards.

“As the regulator of professional engineering practice to serve and protect the public interest, PEO has a responsibility to identify legislative gaps that may put the public at risk,” said PEO President Annette Bergeron, MBA, P.Eng. “The machinery exception of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* is one such gap.”

“Implementation of the repeal, which the government committed to in law almost three years ago, should assist in reducing the more than 100 worker fatalities that occur in Ontario manufacturing each year,” said Ms. Bergeron.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY HOLDS ROUNDTABLE REVIEWS ON LONG-TERM ENERGY PLAN



The Ontario Power Authority and the Ministry of Energy are consulting the public and energy stakeholders across the province on the Ministry’s Long-Term Energy Plan. Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa-Nepean) announced the plan for the roundtables in April.

The review team have been holding consultations looking at the status, outlook and options for electricity service, and feature technical presentations by the Ontario Power Authority.

To date, roundtable reviews have been held in the following cities: St. Catharines (July 22), London (July 23), Windsor (July 25), Toronto (July 30-31), and Thunder Bay (August 7).

Three more public consultations will be held on:

1. **August 13 - Sudbury**
Quality Inn & Conference Centre Downtown
390 Elgin Street South, Sudbury
2. **August 15 - Barrie**
Monte Carlo Inn - Barrie Suites
81 Hart Drive, Barrie
3. **August 21 - Ottawa**
Westin Ottawa
11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

Consultations will conclude on September 9. There are multiple ways to put forth ideas and opinions. Other ways to participate include taking the Ministry's short survey:

<http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/ltep/ltep-survey/> or by providing a formal submission through the Environmental Registry: <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTE5OTg3&statusId=MTc5NTIx&language=en>.

MPPS HOST RENEWABLE ENERGY FORUM AT ALBANY CLUB WITH ENGINEER

PC Deputy Energy Critic **Lisa Thompson** MPP (Huron-Bruce) hosted a renewable energy symposium at the Albany Club in Toronto on July 30 with five of her colleagues.

Participants included Opposition House Leader **Jim Wilson** MPP (Simcoe-Grey), Energy Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing), Correctional Services Critic **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton), Community and Social Services Critic **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk), Seniors and Retirement Security Critic **Julia Munro** MPP (York-Simcoe) and Deputy Education Critic **Rob Milligan** MPP (Northumberland-Quinte West). Professional engineer **Bill Palmer**, P.Eng., was also a speaker.



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(Huron-Bruce)

According to an article in the *Toronto Star's* Queen's Park Briefing, more than 100 energy insiders gathered to hear from experts on wind, solar and hydro, in addition to those with expertise from the Independent Electricity System Operator and the Ontario Power Authority.

Events Attended

ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN BYELECTION EVENT WITH PREMIER AND MPPS

Two engineers participated in the byelection night event on August 1 for new Scarborough-Guildwood MPP **Mitzie Hunter**. They were York Chapter's **Peter Cushman**, P.Eng., and **Simon Hum**, P.Eng.

Also in attendance were Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West), Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre), Minister of Consumer Services **Tracy MacCharles** MPP (Pickering-Scarborough East), Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) as well as MPPs **Lorenzo Berardinetti** (Scarborough Southwest), **Soo Wong** (Scarborough-Agincourt), **Bas Balkissoon** (Scarborough-Rouge River) and **Joe Dickson** (Ajax-Pickering).

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was also in attendance and had a chance to speak with Minister Duguid about the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Mr. Brown also spoke with Mr. Berardinetti about participating in PEO's Take Your MPP To Work Day, which he agreed to do in September.



Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Brad Duguid MPP (Scarborough Centre) (right) talks with PEO York Chapter's Peter Cushman, P.Eng., (left) on August 1 in Scarborough.

Five new MPPs were elected in provincial byelections on August 1. The Liberals held seats in Ottawa South and Scarborough-Guildwood, the NDP won seats in Windsor-Tecumseh and London West and the PCs won a seat in Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

- Ottawa South:
John Fraser



- Scarborough-Guildwood:
Mitzie Hunter



- Etobicoke-Lakeshore:
Doug Holiday



- London West:
Peggy Sattler



- Windsor-Tecumseh:
Percy Hatfield



PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER ENGINEER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH PREMIER

PEO Grand River Chapter's **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., participated in an event with Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) on July 16 in Bond Head.



Mr. Basi is a former Vice Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Ontario Trillium Foundation from 2007 to 2010 and Voluntary Board member from 2004 to 2010.

Mr. Basi also made a presentation to engineering students at Conestoga College on PEO's Government Liaison Program on August 6.

Premier Kathleen Wynne MPP (Don Valley West) with PEO Grand River Chapter's Harmail Basi, P.Eng., on July 16 in Bond Head.

Work in Progress

OAKVILLE MPP TO PARTICIPATE IN PEO'S TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



Kevin Flynn MPP
(Oakville)

Oakville MPP **Kevin Flynn**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, will be the second MPP to participate in PEO's Take Your MPP To Work Day initiative. Mr. Flynn will meet with PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Ankesh Siddhantakar**, P.Eng., for a tour of Siemens on August 22.

PEO's Take Your MPP To Work Day is a Government Liaison Program (GLP) initiative intended to bring together MPPs and professional engineers working across Ontario. MPPs can learn more about the engineering that takes place in their ridings and link that to the work that engineers do in the public interest across the province.

The first MPP to participate was NDP **Cindy Forster** (Welland) with PEO Niagara Chapter.

PEO QUEEN'S PARK MPP RECEPTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 9

PEO has confirmed that the 7th Annual Queen's Park MPP Reception will be held on October 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Queen's Park Legislative Dining Room in Toronto.



It will be attended by MPPs, PEO Councillors, Chapter Government Liaison Program (GLP) Chairs, and representatives from the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), the Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO), Engineers Canada and the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO).

GLP ACADEMIES PLANNED FOR NORTHERN, EASTERN AND WESTERN ONTARIO

PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) is working on coordinating GLP Academies and Congresses for the northern, eastern and western regions of the province for the coming months.

The Eastern Region Academy and Congress will be held on October 26 and will be hosted by PEO's Thousand Islands Chapter. The organizing lead will be GLP co-chairs **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng., and **Graham Houze**, P.Eng.

The Western Academy and Congress will be held on January 25 in London. Chapter Treasurer **Ian Cheng**, P.Eng., is leading efforts to coordinate the event.

The Northern Academy and Congress will be held on November 2 in either Sault Ste. Marie or Thunder Bay.

More details to come in a future edition of the *GLP Weekly*.

PEO REQUESTS MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS



Minister Eric
Hoskins MPP



Minister Brad
Duguid MPP

PEO has requested meetings with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) and Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough East).

A delegation will discuss the recent Cabinet decision to not proceed with the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. Both the offices of Minister Hoskins and Duguid have advised that dates are pending.

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.*

August 11 – Conservative MP **Mark Adler** (York Centre) will host his annual community BBQ at Earl Bales Park Picnic Site 3, 4169 Bathurst St. in Toronto from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no fee to attend but participants are encouraged to register. For more information or to register please visit <http://markadlerbbq.eventbrite.ca/>.

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

August 16 – Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will host an Ottawa Golf Tournament, the second 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 Eagle Creek Golf Club, 109 Royal Troon, Dunrobin from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$2,600 for a foursome. For more information, contact Ivy-Lea Lunau 613-422-2645 or ilunau@ontarioliberal.ca.

August 17 – PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic and Deputy House Leader **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds Grenville) will host his annual Afternoon in the Islands. The event will feature a roast beef and lobster dinner at the Glen House Resort, 409-1000 Islands Parkway in Gananoque, Ontario from 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$150. To order tickets visit: <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/305>.

August 22 – Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will host a community BBQ at Bayshore Park, 175 Woodridge Crescent, Ottawa from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There is no cost for admission. For more information, contact chiarelli.mpp@gmail.com.

August 23 – Liberal MPP **Dipika Damerla** (Mississauga East-Cooksville) will host a Masquerade Ball at The National Banquet Hall, 7355 Torbram Road, Mississauga starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 each or two for \$110 if ordered before August 15. For more information, contact 647-338-7525 or mecpla1@gmail.com.

August 25 – PC Attorney General Critic **Sylvia Jones** MPP (Dufferin-Caledon) will host "A Summer's Eve In The Hills" at The Royal Ambassador Event Center - Caledon East, 15430 Innis Lake Road, Caledon from 4 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$125. For more information, contact info@dufferincaledonpc.ca or visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/165>.

August 27 – Minister of Consumer Services **Tracy MacCharles** MPP (Pickering-Scarborough East) and Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough-Centre) will be special guests at the “Summer's End Garden Party” at 333 Rouge Hills Drive, Scarborough beginning at 7 p.m.. Tickets are \$100. For more information, contact pseprovfundraising@gmail.com.

August 28 – PC Northern Development and Mines Critic **Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound–Muskoka) will host his annual golf day at Seguin Valley Golf Club from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$225 for 18 holes of golf plus dinner, Dinner only tickets are \$50. For more information, contact Don MacKay at 705-646-1060.

August 29 – Progressive Conservative Candidate for Eglinton-Lawrence **Robin Martin** will host a Pub Night at Safari Bar and Grill from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets are free. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/393>

NEW - September 21 – Liberal MPP Lorenzo Berardinetti (Scarborough Southwest), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General will host his Annual Community BBQ at West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre on September 21. There will be lots of food and fun activities. For more information, email: lberardinetti.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

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