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PEO PRESIDENT AND FOUR ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN THOUSAND ISLANDS PC EVENT

PC Municipal Affairs Critic Steve Clark MPP (Leeds-Grenville) (third from right) with PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., (centre) at his annual “Afternoon in the Islands” event on August 17. Also from left to right are John Ireland, P.Eng., PEO Thousand Island Chapter, GLP Co-chair Graham Houze, P.Eng., Todd Smith MPP (Prince Edward-Hastings), Chapter chair GLP Co-chair Ray Linseman, P.Eng., and Jim McDonell, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry). 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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3. Ministry of Labour staff meet with PEO to share data on safety gap
4. Call for nominations for the GLP Chapter and MPP awards

Top Stories

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT MEETS WITH PEO PRESIDENT

Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment (MEDTE) **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) met with PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., and PEO Lead on the Repeal **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., on August 19 at his office at Queen's Park.

When asked about what drove the government's decision to delay the proclamation of the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, Minister Hoskins explained that any economic impact from the repeal was not and would not be a factor and instead it was the position by the Ministry of Labour that there was no increased risk to worker safety.

PEO provided the Minister with their estimated costs to repeal section 12(3)(a) based on analysis of direct meetings over the past two years with close to 1,000 companies. PEO explained that these meetings



Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment Eric Hoskins MPP (St. Paul's) (second from left) with (from left) the Minister's Chief of Staff Mark Hazelden, PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., and PEO Lead on the Repeal Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., on August 20.

helped dispel some myths about the repeal, such as employee engineers are not required to have additional professional liability insurance, and companies do not need to retain an engineer on-site at all times during operations.

PEO continues to try and work with government to demonstrate that workplace safety would be improved by the change. PEO invited the Ministry to audit manufacturers to determine which rely on the industrial exception today in order to gain accurate information on the impact.

Also attending the meeting were the Minister's Chief of Staff **Mark Hazelden**, Policy Advisor **Rachel Levy** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

ELLIOT LAKE COMMISSIONER RECOGNIZES PEO'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PEO has been recognized by Elliot Lake Commissioner **Paul Belanger** for its contribution to the inquiry on the collapse of Algo Mall.

Further to last week's *GLP Weekly* item on PEO's 28 page submission, Commissioner Belanger said:

"I thank PEO for these very detailed and very carefully considered and critically useful recommendations. Certainly I was very impressed reading them, as were Counsel, and we very much look forward to PEO's further participation in the roundtables later on. So thank you very much for being here."



Justice Paul Belanger
Photo credit: Yvon Theriault/Radio-Canada

PEO presented its report at the Elliot Lake Inquiry on August 13.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE GLP CHAPTER AND MPP AWARDS

PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) is requesting nominations from Chapters and PEO Council for Chapters and MPP's that have promoted engineering through their active participation and involvement this past year. As well, nominations are open to others that have helped raise the profile of Professional Engineering in the public interest.

For the MPP awards, one MPP will be chosen per political party. Previous Chapter award winners are Algoma, York, Windsor, Ottawa, Mississauga and Oakville chapter.

The awards will be in two categories at this year's Queen's Park Day Reception on October 9th: Chapters and MPPs.

The criteria for the Chapter awards will be based on leadership in the following areas:

- Building relationships with MPPs
- Raising the profile of Professional Engineering in the public interest
- Encouraging the involvement of Professional Engineers in their chapter activities
- Taking an active interest in Government Liaison Program activities

The criteria for the MPP awards will be based on:

- Interest in helping raise the profile of professional engineering in the public interest
- Support and participation of local and provincial professional engineering activities
- Encouraging the involvement of Professional Engineers in public life
- Supportive of PEO's legislative initiatives

Nominations can be sent to PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at jchau@peo.on.ca. Please send in your nominations by **September 20**.

Government/MPP Meetings

MINISTRY OF LABOUR STAFF MEET WITH PEO TO SHARE DATA ON SAFETY GAP

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., and Lead on the Repeal **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., met on July 29 in Toronto with Ministry of Labour representatives.

Participating in the meeting for the Ministry were **Dr. Leon Genesove**, Chief Physician of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch, **Melissa Banfield**, Senior Policy Advisor to the Labour Minister **Yasir Naqvi** MPP and representatives of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch including **Wayne De L'Orme**, Acting Director, and **Eve McDonald**, Manager of Regulatory Development with the Health and Safety Policy Branch.

They discussed safety gaps with the existing Pre-Start Health & Safety Review (PSR) legislation including modification of equipment after start-up, poor lockout procedures and lack of industry compliance. They also discussed the exclusion of ergonomic design elements and the mining sector from this legislation.

Dr. Genesove offered to be PEO's key contact on behalf of the Ministry and committed to respond to PEO's data request by the end of August.



PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., and PEO Lead on the Repeal Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., met with the Ministry of Labour on July 29 in Toronto.

PEO also requested that the investigative arm of the Ministry of Labour work with the investigative arm of PEO to share information on the recent worker death at the Massilly North America Inc. plant in Brantford to see if the section 12(3)(a) licence exception was being used in this instance. This industrial accident occurred on May 14 after a worker's head was caught in a machine at a factory making caps for bottles and cans.

Events Attended

PEO PRESIDENT AND FOUR ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN THOUSAND ISLANDS PC EVENT

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., had an opportunity to meet with three MPPs at the annual "Afternoon in the Islands" reception with PC Deputy Opposition House Leader and Municipal Affairs Critic **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville).

Ms. Bergeron also had a chance to speak about the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* with Mr. Clark as well as MPPs **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng. (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) and **Todd Smith** (Prince Edward-Hastings).

In May, Mr. Smith raised the issue in the legislature which subsequently led to the government's decision to not proceed with the repeal.

Also participating in the event were MP Gordon Brown (Leeds-Grenville), and Senator **Bob Runciman**. Mr. Runciman is a former MPP for Leeds-Grenville and was the founder of this event 27 years ago.

The PEO attendees included **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng., **Graham Houze**, P.Eng., **John Ireland**, P.Eng., as well as PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** and Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge**.



PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., (centre), with MPPs Jim McDonell, P.Eng. (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) (left), and Todd Smith (Leeds-Grenville) (right) on August 17 in Gananoque. Also in the photo is PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP Co-Chairs Ray Linseman, P.Eng., and Graham Houze, P.Eng., (second and third from left) John Ireland, P.Eng., (third from right) and Senator Bob Runciman (second from right).

ENGINEER JOINS PREMIER AT OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE CNE

PEO Lead on the Repeal and Past Director of the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) Association **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., (right) joined Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West), (left) for the opening ceremonies of the 135th CNE on August 16.

The CNE draws an audience of over 1.3 million people reflecting the diversity of Toronto and the region. During Ms. Sterling's four-year tenure on the Board, she chaired the Youth Advisory Committee to engage youth leadership and encouraged both PEO and OSPE member appointees to showcase the engineering profession with a display at the fair.



Work in Progress

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).

DATES CONFIRMED FOR NORTHERN, EASTERN AND WESTERN ONTARIO GLP ACADEMIES

PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) has confirmed dates for GLP Academies and Congresses for the northern, eastern and western regions of the province for the coming months.



Ray Linseman, P.Eng.



Graham Houze, P.Eng.

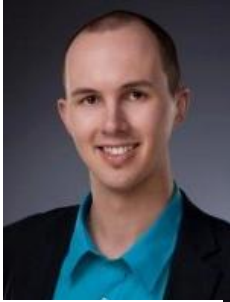


Ian Cheng, P.Eng.

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 in coordinating the event.



Zack White, EIT

The Northern Academy and Congress will be held on November 2 in Thunder Bay. PEO Lakehead Chapter GLP Chair **Zack White**, EIT, is taking the lead in planning.

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

PEO REQUESTS MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRAINING, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

PEO has requested a meeting with 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*. Minister Duguid's office has advised that a date is pending.

CORRECTION: ETOBICOKE ENGINEER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MISSISSAUGA COUNCILLORS



Last week it was incorrectly reported that **Faizul Mohee**, P.Eng., participated in a local event in Mississauga on August 11 with local politicians.

It should be noted that in the photo are Mississauga City Councillors **Jim Tovey** (left) and **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., (right) with Mr. Mohee.

Mississauga City Councillors Jim Tovey (left) and Ron Starr, P.Eng., (right) with PEO's Faizul Mohee, P.Eng., at a local event in Mississauga on August 11.

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 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.

NEW! August 24 - Progressive Conservative candidate for Willowdale **Michael Ceci** will host a community BBQ with special guest PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) at the Bayview Village Park, 2945 Bayview Ave., Toronto from 12 to 3 p.m. There is no cost for admission. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/401>.

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>.

NEW! August 25 - Progressive Conservative Candidate for Kingston and the Islands **Mark Bain** will host a "Food Raiser" and family BBQ at the Army Navy Airforce Club, 317 Gore Rd., Kingston. The event is from 12 to 4 p.m. Games and a bouncy castle will be available for kids. There is no cost for admission, cash bar. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/397>.

NEW! August 25 -Progressive Conservative Candidate for Ajax-Pickering **Todd McCarthy** and MP **Chris Alexander** (Ajax-Pickering) will host a BBQ at the Greenwood Conservation Area, 2290 Greenwood Rd., Ajax. The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no cost for admission but registration is required. For more information or to register, contact president@apconservative.ca.

NEW! August 27 - Ontario Liberal Party Candidate for Algoma-Manitoulin **Craig Hughson** will host a golf tournament at the Silver Lakes Golf & Conference Centre, 21114 Yonge St., East Gwillimbury at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$225. For more information, contact brubinoff@ontarioliberal.ca.

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, 1749 Avenue Rd., Toronto, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There is no cost for admission. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/393>.

September 5 – Minister of Health and Long Term Care **Deb Matthews**, MPP (London North Centre) and Hon. Paddy Torsney, P.C., will host a Liberal Women’s Caucus Tournament, the last 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 King’s Riding Club, 14700 Bathurst St., King City from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$2,400 for a foursome. For more information, contact Suaad Ali 416-260-1608 x 240 or Sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

September 9 – PC MPP **Rob Leone** (Cambridge) will host an evening reception at Bar Italia, 582 College Street, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 per person or \$1000 for 5. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/387>.

September 11 – Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) will host a reception with Minister of Northern Development and Mines **Michael Gravelle**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Superior North) at the Gardiner Museum 111 Queen's Park, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$650. For more information, contact (647) 206-1231 or email friendsofdavidzimmer@gmail.com.

NEW! September 11 - Progressive Conservative Candidate for Eglinton-Lawrence **Robin Martin** will host a backyard BBQ with special guest **Doug Holyday** MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) at a private residence, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/403>.

September 12 – Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa Vanier) will host “Cocktails in the Capital” with special guest Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **Deb Matthews** MPP (London North Centre). The event will be hosted at a private residence, 251 Park Road, Parcliff Park, Ottawa from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200. For more information, contact Ivy-Lea Luneau 613-422-2645 or ilunau@ontarioliberal.ca.

September 13 – Senator **Roméo Dallaire** will be guest speaker at the Empire Club of Canada. Mr. Dallaire has authored two books *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda* and *They Fight Like Soldiers; They Die Like Children – the Global Quest to Eradicate the Use of Child Soldiers*. He will be speaking at Royal York Hotel, Concert Hall, 100 Front Street, W., Toronto about conflict prevention. Lunch will begin at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$80. For more information, visit <http://www.empireclub.org/events/>.

NEW! September 16 - Progressive Conservative Candidate for Scarborough **Nita Kang** will host a small business roundtable with special guest Small Business and Red Tape Critic MPP **Todd Smith** (Prince Edward-Hastings) leading the discussion. The event will take place at the Royal LePage Estate Realty boardroom, 1052 Kingston Rd., Toronto, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. There is no cost for admission but RSVP is recommended. For more information, please contact info@votekang.com or 416-613-5842.

NEW! September 17 – PC MPP **Rod Jackson** (Barrie) and Deputy Critic responsible for Accountability (Pan Am Games) will host special guest Critic for Toronto Affairs, Francophone Affairs and Finance **Peter Shurman** MPP (Thornhill) for an evening reception featuring exotic cars and cigars. The event will be hosted at 33 Auto Park Circle, Woodbridge starting at 7 p.m. Canadian comedian, **Johnny Gardhouse**, will be Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$300. For more information, contact Jane Kovarikova at barriepcparty@gmail.com or 705-881-1519.

September 18 - Progressive Conservative Candidate for Stoney Creek **David Brown**, candidate for Hamilton Centre **John Vail**, and candidate for Hamilton Mountain **Bryan Vanderkruk** will host a reception at Carmen's Lakeview, 180 Van Wagner's Beach Road, Hamilton from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/315>.

September 20-22 – Ontario PC Party will host its Annual Policy Conference at London Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London. The weekend long event will take place from the evening of September 20 to 22. Delegate fees are \$375 adults and \$129 for students. \$75 dinner tickets are available for the Saturday night. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/311>.

September 21 – Liberal MPP **Lorenzo Berardinetti** (Scarborough Southwest), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General will host his Annual Community BBQ at 313 Pharmacy Ave., Scarborough West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre starting at 2 p.m. There will be lots of food and fun activities. Tickets are \$75 for the Saturday night dinner and \$1,000 for observers. For more information, contact lberardinetti.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! September 22 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will host the Annual Don Valley West PLA Garden Party at a private residence at 122 Buckingham Ave., North York from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$350 or \$600 for two. For more information or to reserve a ticket, please contact Pamela Gutteridge at pamela.gutteridge@sympatico.ca or 416-421-0595.

September 25 - Hon. **Clyde Wells**, Former Premier of Newfoundland will be guest speaker at the Empire Club of Canada. Mr. Wells is a former judge and former politician who now practices as Counsel at a private legal practice. He will be speaking at Royal York Hotel, Concert Hall, 100 Front Street West Toronto about Institutions of Government in a Federal Democracy. Lunch will begin at 12. Tickets are \$80. For more information, visit <http://www.empireclub.org/events/>.

If you have any comments, additions, or questions, please do not hesitate to call or email:

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