



Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly September 20, 2013



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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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Breaking News

PEO MEETS WITH MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

PEO Repeal Lead and Enforcement Officer **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** met with the Ministry of Labour (MoL) on September 13.

The meeting was to clarify what workplace safety data formed the basis of the Ministry's decision to not move forward on the repeal of section 12(3)(a) from the *Professional Engineers Act* at this time. In attendance were the Minister's Chief of Staff **Sean O'Connor**, Senior Policy Advisor **Mark Tyler** and Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch **Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff**. Mr. Tyler is also a former Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

The Ministry was able to provide a partial response to the four questions that PEO tabled on July 10 and subsequently further clarified on July 29. There appears to be some discrepancy between these reported numbers and those reported by the Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC) that will need to be further explored. It was indicated that much of the statistics are not readily available on the Ministry's centralized database and therefore the Ministry are not able to know if the repeal of the industrial exception could improve workplace safety. Going forward, PEO and the Ministry have agreed to work together to explore ways to improve the tracking and sharing of workplace safety data and relevant investigations within the two organizations.

PC ENGINEER MPP AND NDP MPP CONFIRMED AS SPEAKERS FOR PEO QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION



PC Consumer Services Critic **Jim McDonnell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) and NDP Research and Innovation and Economic Development, Trade and Employment Critic **Catherine Fife** MPP (Kitchener-Waterloo) have confirmed that they will be speakers at PEO's 7th Annual Queen's Park MPP Reception. The event will be held on October 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Queen's Park Legislative Dining Room in Toronto.

Attorney General **John Gerretsen** MPP (Kingston and the Islands) will also speak as will PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) President **Paul Accione**, P.Eng.

Other MPPs confirmed to attend are:

- Liberal MPPs
 - **John Gerretsen** (Kingston and the Islands), Attorney General
 - **Madeleine Meilleur** (Ottawa Vanier) Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services
 - **Donna Cansfield** (Etobicoke-Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation
 - **Phil McNeely**, P.Eng. (Ottawa-Vanier), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment
- PC MPPs
 - **Christine Elliott** (Whitby-Oshawa), PC Deputy Leader and Health and Citizenship and Immigration Critic
 - **Rob Milligan** (Northumberland-Quinte West), Deputy Education Critic (Youth Outreach)
 - **John O'Toole** (Durham), Deputy Opposition Whip and Accountability Critic
 - **Rod Jackson** (Barrie), Deputy Accountability Critic (Pan Am Games)
 - **Bill Walker** (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Deputy Health Critic (Rural and Northern)
 - **Michael Harris** (Kitchener-Conestoga), Environment Critic
 - **Bob Bailey** (Sarnia-Lambton), Correctional Services Critic
 - **Ted Chudleigh** (Halton) Tourism & Culture Critic
 - **Vic Fedeli** (Nipissing) Finance Critic
 - **Ernie Hardeman** (Oxford) Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs Critic
 - **Michael Harris** (Kitchener-Conestoga) Environment Critic
 - **Sylvia Jones** (Dufferin-Caledon) Attorney General Critic
 - **Frank Klees** (Newmarket-Aurora) Transportation & Infrastructure Critic
 - **Norm Miller** (Parry Sound Muskoka) Northern Development & Mines Critic
 - **Todd Smith** (Prince Edward-Hastings) Small Business & Red Tape Critic
 - **Lisa Thompson** (Huron-Bruce) Deputy Energy Critic
 - **Jeff Yurek** (Elgin-Middlesex-London) Deputy Finance Critic

- NDP MPPs
 - **Teresa Armstrong** (London-Fanshawe), Training, Colleges and Universities and Seniors' Issues Critic
 - **Mike Mantha** (Algoma-Manitoulin), Northern Development and Mines Critic
 - **Paul Miller** (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek), Tourism and Culture and Government Services Critic
 - **Sarah Campbell** (Kenora-Rainy River), Aboriginal Affairs Critic
 - **Michael Prue** (Beaches-East York) Finance, Citizenship & Immigration Critic

Mr. Gerretsen will also be introducing Ms. Bergeron and the PEO delegation at Question Period earlier that day.

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

CORRECTION

In last week's issue, Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., was identified as Vice Chair of Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter. Mr. Lwin is in fact past Chair of the Chapter.

Events Attended

THREE ENGINEERS ATTEND RECEPTION WITH MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Three engineers participated in a reception for Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) on September 11 in Toronto.

Engineers participating were PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair **Rajiv Srivastava**, P.Eng., as well as two engineers from Noront Resources who are working on the Ring of Fire. They were CEO **Paul Semple**, P.Eng., and Vice President **Mark Baker**, P.Eng.



They had the chance to speak with Mr. Zimmer, who has been a long-time supporter of PEO and served for eight years as Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General from 2003-11.

Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer MPP (Willowdale) (second from left) with (from left) PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair Rajiv Srivastava, P.Eng., Noront Resources CEO Paul Semple, P.Eng., and Noront Vice President Mark Baker, P.Eng. Also in the photo is Mr. Zimmer's spouse Donna Crossan.

PEO PARTICIPATES IN NDP EVENT WITH 10 MPPS

PEO Vice President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., attended a reception with NDP Labour Critic **Taras Natyshak** MPP (Essex) in Toronto on September 10.

Also in attendance were a number of MPPs from the NDP Caucus including **Paul Miller** (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek), **Monique Taylor** (Hamilton Mountain), **Peggy Sattler** (London West), **Gilles Bisson** (Timmins-James Bay), **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore-Malton), **Percy Hatfield** (Windsor-Tecumseh), **Cindy Forster** (Welland), **Catherine Fife** (Kitchener-Waterloo) and **John Vanthof** (Timiskaming-Cochrane).

Mr. Chong took the opportunity to thank the three MPPs, namely Mr. Natyshak, Ms. Fife and Ms. Taylor for writing letters of support for PEO's Repeal of Section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* to the Attorney General.

Mr. Chong also gave special thanks to Mr. Singh for being guest speaker at the Inaugural PEO Joint East/West Central GLP Academy and Congress on June 8 this year.

Also in attendance was PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Jaymes Beatty**.

Ms. Fife and Mr. Miller have both already confirmed to be attendance at PEO's Queen's Park Day Reception on October 9.



PEO Vice President Thomas Chong, P.Eng., (second from right) with NDP MPPs Taras Natyshak MPP (Essex) (left), Paul Miller (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek) (centre) and Monique Taylor (right). Also in the photo is Mr. Miller's spouse Carol.

NEW SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS LOCAL MPP

PEO Simcoe-Muskoka chapter's new GLP Chair **Tyler Ing**, P.Eng., participated in an event for local MPP **Rod Jackson** (Barrie) on September 17 in Woodbridge.

Mr. Jackson was a guest speaker at PEO Council earlier this year.

Also in attendance were seven fellow PC MPPs including **Peter Shurman** (Thornhill), **Rob Milligan** (Northumberland-Quinte West), **Todd Smith** (Prince Edward-Hastings), **Rick Nicholls** (Chatham-Kent-Essex), **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), **Jack MacLaren**, P.Eng., (Carleton-Mississippi Mills) and **Bill Walker** (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound).



PEO Barrie Chapter GLP Chair Tyler Ing, P.Eng., (left) with Barrie MPP Rod Jackson on September 17 in Woodbridge.

Mr. Ing had a chance to meet and introduce himself to a number of MPPs including Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Milligan.

PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Jaymes Beatty** was also in attendance.

Of the MPPs in attendance, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Milligan and Mr. Walker have also confirmed for PEO's Queen's Park Day Reception on October 9 in Toronto.

PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS FINANCE MINISTER IN KITCHENER

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., participated in a breakfast reception on September 13 in Kitchener where the keynote speaker was Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South). Mr. Tse reported that he had the chance to ask Mr. Sousa questions on the province's energy initiatives as well as on the repeal of section 12.(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair Gabe Tse, P.Eng., (right) with Finance Minister Charles Sousa MPP (Mississauga South) on September 13 in Kitchener.



Work in Progress

NORTHERN AND EASTERN GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS PLANNED

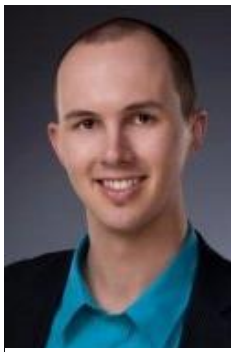
The Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress will be held on November 2 in Thunder Bay. PEO Lakehead Chapter GLP Chair **Zack White**, EIT, is taking the lead in planning.

An Eastern Region Academy and Congress will be held on October 19 and will be hosted by PEO's Thousand Islands Chapter. The organizing leads are 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.



Michael Gravelle MPP
(Thunder Bay)



Zack White, EIT



Ray Linseman, P.Eng.



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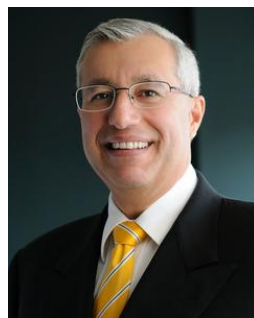


Ian Cheng, P.Eng.

As mentioned in past GLP Weekly's, local MPPs are being invited to be guest speakers. More details to come in a future edition of the *GLP Weekly*.

GLP CHAPTER AND MPP AWARD NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

A number of MPPs and Chapters have been nominated for PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Awards this year. They will be given at the Queen's Park Day Reception in Toronto on October 9.



Last year's MPP winners were **Phil McNeely**, P.Eng., MPP (Ottawa-Orleans), **Michael Prue** MPP (Beaches-East York) and **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) (left to right in the photos at left).

ONTARIO CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC POLICY TO HOST ENGAGEMENT SEMINAR OCTOBER 3

The Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP) will host the engagement seminar “Let it rain: Turning extreme weather events into water opportunities” from noon to 2 p.m. on October 3 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto.



Jennifer Drake, PhD, EIT



Lesley Herstein

Guest speakers are **Jennifer Drake**, PhD, EIT, and **Lesley Herstein**, both with the department of civil engineering at the University of Toronto. Ms. Herstein is also a new member of the board.

There is an early bird savings for those who register by 5 p.m. on September 20, and a special rate for students throughout the registration period. Students can obtain the promotional code by emailing info@ocepp.ca.

To register visit: <https://let-it-rain.eventbrite.ca/>.

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.*

September 23 - Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will be the keynote speaker at the Eighth Annual Women in Public Life Luncheon held at the Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel, 525 Bay St., Toronto. The event will start at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$75 or \$65 for Canadian Club members, premium tables of 10 are \$1500 and regular tables of 10 are \$750. For more information, please contact info@canadianclub.org.

September 24 – PC MPP **Bill Walker** (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Deputy Critic, Health (Rural and Northern), will host a reception with PC House Leader **Jim Wilson** MPP (Simcoe-Grey) at the Labatt House, 207 Queen’s Quay West, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each, registration is required. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/405>.

September 25 – PC Health and Citizenship and Immigration Critic **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) will attend the GTA Tory’s first pub-night, along with Conservative MP and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Christopher Alexander** (Ajax Pickering), Conservative MP **Brad Butt** (Mississauga-Streetsville) and Conservative MP **Bernard Trottier** (Etobicoke-Lakeshore). The event will be held at the Bedford Academy, 36 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost for admission but donations will be accepted for the North York Food Bank. RSVP is recommended. For more information or to RSVP, please contact info@gtatory.com.

September 25 – Clyde Wells will be guest speaker at the Empire Club of Canada. Mr. Wells is a former judge and politician who now practices as Counsel at a private legal practice. He will be speaking at Royal York Hotel, Concert Hall, 100 Front St., 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/>.

September 25 – Minister of Rural Affairs **Jeff Leal** MPP (Peterborough), will host a fundraiser evening at his private residence with Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$500, registration is recommended. For more information or to register, contact jeffleal.fundraiser2012@gmail.com.

October 1 – Kitchener-Waterloo PC Candidate **Tracey Weiler** will host a networking event 'Get Your Wild Game On!' at King Crab Oyster Bar & Grill, 907 Victoria St. North, Kitchener. Networking will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. (cash bar). Tickets are \$110 per person or \$200 per couple, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Chris Moser at chris.m@moserlandscapegroup.ca or Malcolm Matheson at mmatheson@steedevans.on.ca.

October 4 – PC MPP **Monte McNaughton** (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), Critic for Economic Development and Innovation will host an evening reception at Caradoc Community Centre, 565 Lions Park Dr., Mt. Brydges. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar). Tickets are \$100, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Jennifer Grover (after 5 p.m.) at 519-686-6980 or visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/399>.

October 4 – Federal Liberals from the Hamilton area will host the Fifth Annual Red Tie Gala at Carmen's Banquet Centre, 1520 Stone Church Rd. E, Hamilton. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., a five-course dinner with wine will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 each (cash bar), RSVP is required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Anne Tennier at 905-523-6575, amtennier@sympatico.ca or Al Wilson at 905-906-2818, wilsonallan22@gmail.com.

NEW! October 7 – Minister of Labour **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) and the Durham Provincial Liberals will host an exclusive dinner reception at a private residence, 211 Perry St., Port Perry from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$400 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Granville Anderson at 905-436-1234 or Derek Houlbrook at 416-910-7873.

October 7 – PC MPP **Jack MacLaren** (Carleton-Mississippi Mills), Deputy Critic for Infrastructure and Transportation, will host evening cocktails with guest speaker **Doug Ford**, Councillor, City of Toronto. The event will take place at Labatt House, Queens Quay Terminal, 207 Queens Quay West Suite 299 (2nd Floor), Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$200, RSVP is recommended. For more information or to RSVP, contact Brad McNulty at 1-877-780-5225 or info@cmmprca.ca.

October 11 – Conservative MP and President of the Treasury Board **Tony Clement** (Parry Sound-Muskoka) will be guest speaker at the Empire Club of Canada. Mr. Clement has served as the Member of Parliament 2006 on the front benches as both Minister of Health and Minister of Industry. He played a leading role in Canada's economic recovery after the most significant global economic recession since the 1930s. He will be speaking at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., Toronto at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$80, registration is required. For more information, visit www.empireclub.org/events.

NEW! October 16 - NDP Leader and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) will attend the Leader's Gala, co-hosted by NDP Critic of Infrastructure **Percy Hatfield** MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) and NDP Critic of Community Safety and Correctional Services **Peggy Sattler** MPP (London West). The event will take place at the Royal Conservatory of Music, 273 Bloor St West, Toronto from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1,250, registration is required. For more information, contact Marshall Tremblay at trembly@on.ndp.ca.

October 24 - PC MPP **Jack MacLaren** (Carleton-Mississippi Mills), Deputy Critic for Infrastructure and Transportation, will attend a Prime Rib Dinner hosted by the Ottawa Centre PC Association at 6:30 to 10 p.m. The event will take place at Sala San Marco, 215 Preston St., Ottawa. Tickets are \$100, registration is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/415>.

October 29 – PC MPP **Laurie Scott** (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock), Critic for Women's Issues and Natural Resources will host her Annual Downtown Toronto Fundraiser at The Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Scott Munnoch at 416-254-2615 or smunnoch@tsa.ca.

October 31 – NDP Leader and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) will lead a discussion regarding current issues in provincial politics at the Fairmont Château Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$89, registration is required. For more information, visit www.economicclub.ca/events.

November 6 – TVO *The Agenda Host* Steve Paikin will host a gala event, A Tribute to former Premier **Bill Davis**, in support of TVO. The event will be held at Fermenting Cellar, 28 Distillery Lane, Toronto with a 5:30 p.m. reception and 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets are \$500. The event Chair is former PC leader **John Tory**. For more information, contact **Howard Brown** at howard@brown-cohen.com or 416-844-1180. PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., Acting CEO and Registrar **Michael Price**, P.Eng., and OSPE President **Paul Achione**, P.Eng., will be in attendance.

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