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PEO AND ENGINEERING STUDENTS MEET PC CRITIC AT ONTARIO ENERGY NETWORK EVENT

PC Energy Critic Lisa MacLeod MPP (Nepean-Carleton) (back row, centre) with PEO representatives and engineering students at the Ontario Energy Network lunch on December 9. Also in the photo are (from left, front row) are PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., GLP Coordinator Zahraa Al-Ali, P.Eng., Ryerson engineering student Raghad Kamel, PEO EIT Coordinator Emily Sabo, P.Eng., (back row) Ryerson engineering student Kevin Trinh, and University of Toronto engineering students Phoebe Chang, Linpan Li, and Brent Wirzba. For more on this story, see pages 3 and 4.

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Top Stories This Week

1. Long-Term Energy Plan introduced by Ontario Government
2. PEO Councillor participates in meeting with Minister of Economic Development
3. PEO York Chapter participates in MPP holiday reception
4. PEO and engineering students meet PC Critic at Ontario Energy Network event
5. East Toronto Chapter engineer participates in event with Minister of Transportation

Breaking News

LONG-TERM ENERGY PLAN INTRODUCED BY ONTARIO GOVERNMENT



Energy Minister **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) (photo left) introduced the Long-Term Energy plan in the legislature on December 2. The following day Mr. Chiarelli spoke on the plan at an Ontario Energy Association (OEA) meeting at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto. He was interviewed at length by former MPP and OEA Director **David McFadden**.

More than 500 energy industry representatives and government officials attended the session including OSPE Chair of the Energy Task Force **Fernando Carou**, P.Eng., OSPE Policy Analyst **Kristian Kennedy**, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. To read the plan, visit: www.ontario.ca/emPOWERme.

Events Attended

PEO COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATES IN MEETING WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointed Councillor **Bill Kossta** participated in a breakfast meeting with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's). It was the fifth in a series of sessions sponsored by the Ontario Liberal Party on December 5.

PEO LGA Councillor Bill Kossta (left) with (from left) Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment Eric Hoskins MPP (St. Paul's), Assistant Sam Wright and OSPE CEO Mark Dietrich at a Red Trillium breakfast meeting in Toronto on December 5.



Mr. Hoskins had an opportunity to discuss Ontario's economic challenges with the 30 representatives in attendance. Also participating in the session were OSPE CEO **Mark Dietrich** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

PEO YORK CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN MPP HOLIDAY RECEPTION

PEO Vice President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., PEO York Chapter Executive **Kam Leong**, P.Eng., and Chapter GLP Chair **Ed Fung**, P.Eng., participated in a holiday reception for PC Public Infrastructure Renewal Critic **Frank Klees** MPP (Newmarket-Aurora) on December 8 in Aurora. Special guest was Conservative MP **Lois Brown** (Newmarket-Aurora).



PC Critic Frank Klees MPP (Newmarket-Aurora) (second from right) with (from left) York Chapter GLP Chair Ed Fung, P.Eng., York Chapter past Chair, Kam Leong, P.Eng., and PEO Vice President Thomas Chong, P.Eng., at Mr. Klees' holiday reception in Aurora on December 8.

PEO AND ENGINEERING STUDENTS MEET PC CRITIC AT ONTARIO ENERGY NETWORK EVENT

PC Energy and Francophone Affairs Critic **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton) participated in an Ontario Energy Network event on December 9 in Toronto. Also participating were engineering students from



President of NRStor Inc. Annette Verschuran (centre) with (from left) EIT Coordinator Emily Sabo, P.Eng., U of T engineering students Phoebe Chang, Brent Wirzba and Linpan Li, Ryerson student Kevin Trinh, PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., Ryerson student Raghad Kamel and PEO Student and GLP Coordinator Zahraa Al-Ali, P.Eng.

Ryerson and the University of Toronto. PEO hosts students as part of the monthly speaker series. The guest speaker was President of NRStor Inc. **Annette Verschuran**.

Also participating were PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., EIT Coordinator **Emily Sabo**, P.Eng., PEO Student and GLP Coordinator **Zahraa Al-Ali**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

EAST TORONTO CHAPTER ENGINEER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION



Hugo Maureira, P.Eng.

PEO East Toronto Chapter Chair **Hugo Maureira**, P.Eng., participated in the Cabbagetown Community Arts Centre Breakfast with Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre) on December 4 in Toronto. Mr. Maureira took the opportunity to invite Mr. Murray to the Chapter's next Licence Certificate Presentation Ceremony, to be held in February.

Minister Murray joined the East Toronto Chapter in a previous ceremony held in September 2012 when he was Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON PAST GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH FEDERAL MINISTERS

PEO Hamilton-Burlington past GLP Chair **Susana Toma**, P.Eng., participated in an event with two federal Ministers and Prime Minister Harper's wife **Laureen** on November 26 in Ottawa.

In attendance were Minister of Labour and Minister of Status of Women Dr. **Kellie Leitch** MP (Simcoe-Grey), Minister of State (Western Economic Diversification) **Michelle Rempel** MP (Calgary Centre-North) and Acting Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission **David Langtry**.

Past PEO Hamilton-Burlington GLP Chair Susana Toma, P.Eng., (right) speaks with Laureen Harper (left) at an event in Ottawa on November 26.



Ms. Toma reported that the Second Annual Voice of Hope Humanitarian Award Presentation included an address from Mrs. Harper where she sent greetings to all Canadian professional engineers.

Work in Progress

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE TO MEET ON DECEMBER 17



The PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) will be meeting on December 17 for its quarterly face-to-face meeting at PEO Headquarters in Toronto. The GLC is made up of representatives from PEO Council, Chapters, Advisory Committee for Volunteers, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, the Consulting Engineers of Ontario, the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy, Engineers Canada Bridging Government & Engineers representative, as well as a student rep and engineering intern.

The meeting will be chaired by **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., CEO of Consulting

Engineers of Ontario (photo left). Mr. Steinberg has chaired the GLC since its inauguration in May 2010 and was re-elected for another two year term.

The committee provides oversight for PEO's Government Liaison Program.

PEO WEBINAR ON HOW TO GET POLICY INTO LEGISLATION TO NOW BE HELD ON JANUARY 14

PEO will hold a webinar on January 14 at 4 p.m. on, 'How to Get Policy into Legislation.' The session will be delivered by PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Mr. Brown spoke at the GLP Academies in Thunder Bay, Thousand Islands and Toronto on the subject.

He was asked at the Eastern Region Academy and Congress on October 19 to deliver it to a wider audience via a webinar. The presentation was developed as part of the ongoing training and development that PEO provides volunteers across the province. More details on the date and agenda will be included in the coming weeks.



PEO WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN LONDON ON MARCH 1

PEO London Chapter has confirmed that they will host the Western Region GLP Academy and Congress on March 1 in London.

The Academy will bring PEO GLP Chairs and volunteers together for government relations training and to plan GLP initiatives in the region for the coming months. MPPs will also be invited to speak to participants. The plan is to invite local MPPs to the event to discuss how PEO can better work with them.

Local MPPs include Deputy Premier **Deb Matthews** MPP (London North Centre), **Peggy Sattler** MPP (London West) and **Teresa Armstrong** MPP (London-Fanshawe).

PEO holds an Academy in every region each year to provide ongoing training and engagement for chapter GLP volunteers.

More details on the upcoming PEO Western Region GLP Academy and Congress will follow in the coming weeks.



Local MPPs including (from left to right) Deputy Premier Deb Matthews MPP (London North Centre), Peggy Sattler MPP (London West) and Teresa Armstrong MPP (London-Fanshawe) will be invited to the PEO Western Regional Academy and Congress in London.

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! December 14 – PC Vaughan Candidate **Peter Meffe** will host a Toy Drive with Minister of Veteran Affairs **Julian Fantino** MP (Vaughan) and **Michael Tibollo**, President of the National Congress of Italian Canadians. The event will take place at the Vaughan Food bank, 451 Highway 7, Woodbridge from 12 to 5 p.m. Toy donations will be encouraged, and there is no cost to this event. For more information, contact 289-622-5756 or info@petermeffe.ca.

NEW! December 15 – Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) will speak at the 2013 Red Trillium Club Breakfast Series taking place at The National Club, 303 Bay St., Toronto at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$250 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Amir Mahamud at 416-260-1608 ext. 232 or amir@ontarioliberal.ca.

December 15 - Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture & Food **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will attend a special fundraiser for the Toronto-Danforth Federal Liberal Association at Omonia Restaurant, 426 Danforth Ave., Toronto from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each, registration is recommended. For more information, contact catherinedavey@rogers.com.

December 15 - Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture & Food **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) and **Rob Oliphant**, former MP, will attend the Don Valley West Liberal Association's Snowflake Social at the York Banquet and Event Centre, 1100 Millwood Rd., Toronto from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. The association is gratefully accepting donations of gently used or new skates for the community. For more information, contact snowflakesocial2013@gmail.com.

December 15 – Kingston and the Islands PC Candidate **Mark Bain** will host PC Francophone Affairs and Energy Critic **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton) at the annual Big Blue PC Christmas Party at the historic Fort Frontenac Officer's Mess, 317 Ontario St., Kingston from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/456>.

NEW! December 16 – Liberal MPP **Mitzie Hunter** (Scarborough-Guildwood), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services, and Liberal MP **John McKay** (Scarborough-Guildwood), will attend the Scarborough-Guildwood Federal and Provincial Liberal Associations' Holiday Party. The event will take place at Bluffer's Restaurant, 7 Brimley Rd. South, Toronto at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact 416-283-1226 or electjohnmckay@gmail.com.

December 17 – Former Quebec Premier **Jean Charest**, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault, will address the Economic Club at One King West Hotel, 1 King St. West, Toronto from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$89 each, registration is required. For more information, visit www.economicclub.ca/events.

December 20 – Liberal MPP **Mike Colle** (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure), will host a Holiday Dinner Party at the Meridian Banquet Centre, 2301 Keele St., Toronto at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each, RSVP is required. For more information, contact eglinton_lawrence@yahoo.ca.

NEW! January 1 – Lieutenant Governor of Ontario **David Onley** will celebrate the 2014 New Year's Levee at the Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park, 111 Wellesley St. West, Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. This event has no cost. For more information, contact 416-325-7780 or lt.gov@ontario.ca.

January 8 – **Bruce Campbell**, President and CEO, Independent Electricity Systems Operator, will speak at the Ontario Energy Network's first Industry Networking Luncheon at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$79 each, registration is required. For more information, visit www.ontarioenergynetwork.org.

NEW! January 9 – **Andy Byford**, CEO of the Toronto Transit Commission, will speak at the Toronto Board of Trade on the future of the TTC. The event will take place at 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 each for BOT members and \$99 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit bot.com/events.

January 10 – TVO will celebrate Sir John A. Macdonald's 199th birthday at the Great Hall, 7 Hart House Cir, Toronto at 6:30 p.m. The event features a three-course dinner, period costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$90 each and \$40 for students, RSVP is required. For more information or to RSVP, visit JAMTO.eventbrite.ca.

NEW! January 12 – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) will host a New Year's Levee at Binbrook Memorial Hall, 2600 Highway 56, Binbrook from 1 to 2:30 p.m. followed by a second event at Fielding Estate Winery, 4020 Locust Lane, Beamsville from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact tim.hudakco@pc.ola.org.

NEW! January 12 – PC Research and Innovation and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic **Ted Arnott** MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills) will host a New Year's Celebration at the Victoria Park Centre, 150 Albert St. West, Fergus from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/471>.

January 15 – NDP Finance and Citizenship and Immigration Critic **Michael Prue** MPP (Beaches-East York) will host an evening reception at the Labatt Pub, 207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 299 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact friendsofmichaelprue@gmail.com or 416-264-8004.

NEW! January 19 - PC Research and Innovation and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic **Ted Arnott** MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills) will host a Family Skate at Acton Arena and Community Centre, 415 Queen St., Acton from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/472>.

NEW! January 20 – Liberal Federal York Centre Candidate **Michael Levitt** will host a cocktail reception with special guest Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at the home of David and Stacey Cynamon, 486 Russell Hill Rd., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact rsvp@michaellevitt.ca.

January 28 – The Municipal P3 Learning Symposium will take place at the Toronto Region Board of Trade, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto. Speakers include Ontario’s first Minister of Infrastructure **David Caplan**, Vice-Chairman of Global Public Affairs, Cynthia Robertson, Partner, Parkridge Consulting and Stanley Strug, Partner, Parkridge Consulting. The session has been developed to provide information and practical advice to both public and private sector organizations interested in participation in PPP/AFP type projects. Tickets are \$675 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Todd Latham at 416-444-5842 ext. 111 or todd@actualmedia.ca.

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