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#### PEO REGISTRAR MEETS WITH NDP INFRASTRUCTURE CRITIC

PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., (right) met with NDP Infrastructure Critic Percy Hatfield MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (left) on March 6 at Queen's Park to discuss PEO issues and ways to build relationships with the NDP caucus. For more on this story, see page 4.

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## Breaking News

### ONTARIO MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AGREES TO SPEAK AT PEO AGM



Ontario Minister of Environment **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) (photo left) has agreed to speak at PEO's Annual Order of Honour Awards Gala and Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls on April 25 and 26. Mr. Bradley is the longest serving MPP in Ontario having been elected continuously since 1977.

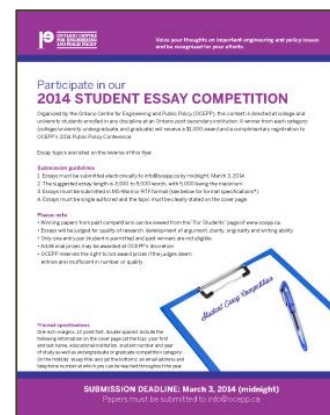
Mr. Bradley continues the tradition of Ministers speaking at PEO's AGM over the last several years.

### EXCELLENT RESPONSE IN OCEPP STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

Twenty students from the universities of Ottawa, Toronto, Waterloo and Western submitted essays for the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP)'s Student Essay Competition.

The winner in each of the college/university undergraduate and graduate categories will receive a \$1,000 award and a complimentary registration to OCEPP's 2014 Engineering and Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on May 30.

Competition results will be announced in early April.



## ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS SEARCH FOR NEXT CEO

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Canada is looking for a new CEO. Co-Founder **George Roter** (photo right) has announced that he will be transitioning out of his role by late summer 2014.



Mr. Roter co-founded EWB Canada with **Parker Mitchell** in 2000. Their focus is on finding solutions to extreme poverty, specifically in rural Africa. The group has chapters at universities across Canada, and regional chapters aimed at professionals in several major cities.

According to Mr. Roter's EWB blog, he said new leadership will come at an opportune time as the organization just completed a new 5-year direction and strategy.

For a description of the position, visit [www.ewb.ca/careers](http://www.ewb.ca/careers).

## CHARITY LOOKS AT BARRIERS TO LOCAL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

Samara, a non-partisan charitable organization working to improve political participation in Canada, has published a new report on riding association websites. The report analyses the public's access to federal political party riding associations, referred to as 'the chapters of political parties.'



The report indicates a lack of information being updated and provided to the public, which could have an impact on engagement in political parties. Canadians, including engineers, could use this opportunity to interact with your local association and actively participate in their community's political landscape.

For the full analysis, visit: <http://www.samaracanada.com/fun-stuff/riding-association-websites-infographic/>

# MPP Meetings

## PEO REGISTRAR MEETS WITH NDP INFRASTRUCTURE CRITIC



PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald P.Eng., (right) met with NDP Infrastructure Critic Percy Hatfield MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (left) on March 6 for 45 minutes to discuss PEO Issues including the Repeal of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng. met with NDP Infrastructure Critic **Percy Hatfield** MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) and Mr. Hatfield's Legislative Assistant, **Denny Timm**, on March 6 at Queen's Park.

They met for 45 minutes to discuss PEO issues including the Repeal of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** requested that Mr. Hatfield meet with PEO to look at ways to build a better understating among the NDP caucus on PEO issues.

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Hatfield also discussed the faulty girders on the Herb Gray Parkway in Windsor, a story that has been the focus of much debate in the Legislature.

Mr. McDonald stressed that PEO's goal is to get the Repeal issue some visibility, that it is not overly onerous on industry and Ontario being the only province with an industrial exception. Mr. McDonald also said PEO is working with the Ministry of Labour to ensure up-to-date data on workplace injuries and a voluntary compliance program to allow business to comply with the legislation.

Mr. Hatfield said he regularly talks to PEO Windsor Chapter Chair **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., and offered to host a NDP Caucus session on the Repeal.

Mr. McDonald also provided Mr. Hatfield with PEO's 11 recommendations to the Elliot Lake Inquiry, a copy of the *GLP Weekly*, Engineering Dimensions Magazine and other material on PEO issues.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in the meeting.

# Events Attended

## PEO YORK CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND LOCAL MPP



PEO York Chapter GLP Chair Ed Fung, P.Eng., (right) attended an event with guest speaker Minister of Finance Charles Sousa MPP (Mississauga South) (centre left) on March 6 in Richmond Hill. Also in the photo are Helena Jazcek MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (centre right), and former Chair of the PEO Awards Committee Helen Wojcinski, P.Eng., (left).

PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Ed Fung**, P.Eng., participated in a reception for **Helena Jazcek** MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, on March 6 in Richmond Hill.

Also participating was former Chair of the PEO Awards Committee **Helen Wojcinski** P.Eng., who sat on the organizing committee of the event. The guest speaker was Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South).

Ms. Jazcek participated at the Chapter's licensing ceremony as keynote speaker on February 22 in Markham.

Mr. Fung said he has built an excellent relationship with Ms. Jazcek and was pleased to support her at the event.

## PC ENVIRONMENT CRITIC HOSTS ANNUAL ENVIROWAVE EVENT

PC Environment Critic **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) (photo right) hosted his annual EnviroWave event at the PricewaterhouseCoopers Tower in Toronto on February 26.

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., has been working hard to build a relationship with Mr. Harris and has asked him to meet with local GLP representatives in the coming weeks.



Local Chapter GLP Representatives have already met with other MPPs in the area including Minister of Government Services **John Milloy** MPP (Kitchener Centre), NDP Economic Development, Trade, Employment, Research and Innovation Critic **Catherine Fife** MPP (Kitchener-Waterloo) and PC Research, Innovation and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic **Ted Arnott** MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills).

Mr. Harris' event was an opportunity for 'individuals to make the right decisions when it comes to the environment and working with the private sector to develop market-based solutions.' This was an opportunity for professionals, environmental stakeholders and members of the PC caucus to network and discuss possible industry solutions.

PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge** participated in the event with a number of MPPs from the PC caucus.

### ENGINEER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH PC NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CRITIC



Noront Resources COO **Paul Semple**, P.Eng., attended an event hosted by PC Northern Development, Mines and Aboriginal Affairs Critic **Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka) at Screen Lounge in Toronto on March 10.

Mr. Miller regularly attends PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter events and his father; Frank Miller was Ontario's 19<sup>th</sup> Premier and a professional engineer.

Engineer Paul Semple (centre) and Geoscientists Alan Coutts (left) participated in a reception for PC Northern Development, Mines and Aboriginal Affairs Critic Norm Miller MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka) (right) in Toronto on March 10.

Also in attendance at the event was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

# Work in Progress

## PEO INVITES OPPOSITION LEADERS TO ANNUAL GALA IN NIAGARA FALLS

PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) and NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) have been invited to PEO's Annual Order of Honour Awards Gala and Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls on April 25 and 26.



Environment Minister **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) (left) will speak at PEO's AGM on April 25 and 26. PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) (centre) and NDP Leader and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) (right) are being invited to attend.

Environment Minister **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) has agreed to speak at the AGM on April 26. For more on this, see story on page 2.

The annual gala attracts the who's who of engineering and this year will honour members from across the province for their service to the engineering profession. In addition, local MPPs **Wayne Gates** (Niagara Falls) and **Cindy Forster** (Welland) are being invited.

## PEO LAMBTON CHAPTER INVITES PC CRITIC TO TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY

PEO Lambton Chapter Chair **Phil Lasek**, P.Eng., has invited PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) to participate to his Chapter's upcoming PEO's Take Your MPP to Work Day .



PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) will be the third MPP to participate in PEO's Take Your MPP to Work Day. The first two participants were NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) and **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Bailey has expressed an interest in participating. Mr. Lasek is arranging for him to tour Shell Canada's Sarnia refinery facility and Worley Parsons engineering firm.

The Take Your MPP to Work Day was launched last year with NDP Municipal Affairs and

Housing Critic **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) and **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, being the first two to participate. Ms. Forster toured Niagara College's Welland Campus and Mr. Flynn visited Siemens head office in Oakville.

## PEO EDUCATION COMMITTEE INVITES SPEAKER FROM MINISTRY TO MAY CONFERENCE

The PEO Education Committee has sent a letter to Minister of Education **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph) to request a speaker at this year's Education Conference taking place on May 23 and 24 at PEO headquarters in Toronto. The theme of the conference is 'Math is all around us, practical tools for innovation.'

The invitation came from Chair of the PEO Education Committee **Samer Inchasi**, P.Eng., and PEO Councillor **Martha Stauch**. Ms. Sandals's Chief of Staff **Howie Bender**, has expressed an interest in having someone attend and confirmation is expected in the coming days.

Ms. Sandals was a guest at the conference last year, which was a great success.



Minister of Education Liz Sandals MPP (Guelph) has been sent a letter requesting a speaker from the Ministry for PEO's Education Conference taking place on May

## 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.*

**March 17** – PC Citizenship and Immigration Critic **Todd Smith** MPP (Prince Edward-Hastings) will host a St. Patrick's Day Party at the Steam Whistle Roundhouse, 255 Bremner Blvd., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. PEO Councillor **Dave Brown**, P.Eng., will be participating in the event. Tickets are \$300 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/487>.

**March 18** – PC Labour Critic **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) will host a reception at McCarthy Tetrault LLP, TD Bank Tower, 66 Wellington St. West, 53<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact Justin Samlal at 519-671-2169 or [Justin@purestrategygroup.com](mailto:Justin@purestrategygroup.com).

**March 18** – Federal Minister of Transport **Lisa Raitt** MP (Halton) will speak to the Toronto Region Board of Trade at the Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto, Dominion Ballroom, 123 Queen St. West, Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for BOT members and \$99 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit [www.bot.com/events](http://www.bot.com/events).

**NEW! March 19** – PC Community and Social Services Critic **Rod Jackson** MPP (Barrie) will host a Fire & Ice evening reception with PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) at Loftraum @ Urban Amish, 66



Gerrard St. East from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [barriepcparty@gmail.com](mailto:barriepcparty@gmail.com).

**March 20** – The Ontario Liberal Party will host the 2014 Heritage Dinner with Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) and members of her Cabinet and Caucus at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto at 6 p.m. PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers President **Paul Acchione**, P.Eng., will be attending. Tickets are \$1,500 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608 ext. 240 or [sali@ontarioliberal.ca](mailto:sali@ontarioliberal.ca).

**March 25** – PC House Leader **Jim Wilson** MPP (Simcoe-Grey) will host a reception at the Beer Academy, 75 Victoria St., Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each or \$500 for two, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [jim.wilson@pc.ola.org](mailto:jim.wilson@pc.ola.org).

**March 25** – Liberal MPP **Mike Colle** (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, will host a reception at Doppio Zero Restaurant, 530 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Minister of Rural Affairs **Jeff Leal** MPP (Peterborough). Tickets are \$350 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, email [eglinton\\_lawrence@yahoo.ca](mailto:eglinton_lawrence@yahoo.ca).

**March 26** – PC Brant candidate **Phil Gillies** will host a reception at The Rosewater, 19 Toronto St., Toronto from 6 to 10 p.m. with PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing). Tickets are \$300 each, registration is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/514>.

**March 26** – Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will participate in a reception for Halton Liberal candidate **Indira Naidoo-Harris** in Milton from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. More information to come.

**NEW! March 26** – NDP Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic **Peggy Sattler** MPP (London West) will host a reception with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre), at Hawthorne Food & Drink, 60 Richmond St. East, Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [friendsofpeggysattler@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofpeggysattler@gmail.com).

**March 27** – PC Mississauga-East Cooksville candidate **Zoran Churchin** will host a reception with PC Energy and Francophone Affairs Critic **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton) at Hotel Novotel, 3670 Hurontario St., Mississauga from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Donations are welcomed. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/531>.

**March 27** – Minister of Labour **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) will host a reception with former Minister of Finance **Dwight Duncan** at Ripley's Aquarium, 288 Bremner Blvd., Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$400 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact Jackie Choquette at 416-302-0440 or [Jacqueline\\_choquette@rogers.com](mailto:Jacqueline_choquette@rogers.com).

**March 27** – PC Health and Long-Term Care Critic **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) will host a reception at the Soho House, 192 Adelaide St. West, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [sk@kaurcommunications.ca](mailto:sk@kaurcommunications.ca).

**March 28** - **John Fraser** MPP (Ottawa South), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Natural Resources, will speak at the Ottawa-Orléans Provincial Liberal Association's Breakfast Series at St. Martha's Brasserie d'Orléans, 503-3095 St. Joseph Blvd., Ottawa at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [ottawaorleans.pla@gmail.com](mailto:ottawaorleans.pla@gmail.com).

**April 1** – Former US Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** and former Foreign Affairs Minister **Lloyd Axworthy** will speak at the Canadian Centre's first annual Global Progress Dinner at the Palais Royale, 1601 Lake Shore Blvd., Toronto from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Co-Chairs for the event are former Ministers of Foreign Affairs **Barbara McDougall** and **Bill Graham**. Tickets are \$250 each, registration is required. For more information, contact Howard Brown at 416-484-1180 or [howard@brown-cohen.com](mailto:howard@brown-cohen.com).

**April 2** – PC Eglinton-Lawrence Candidate **Robin Martin** will host a reception with guest PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) at the home of former MPP and Cabinet Minister **Bill Saunderson** and **Meredith Saunderson**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$130 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/523>.

**April 3** – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) will host a Toronto Leader's Dinner at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1,500 each, registration is required. PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., and PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., will be attending. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/520>.

**April 3** – President and CEO of Waterfront Toronto **John Campbell**, P.Eng., will speak to the Empire Club of Canada at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., Toronto at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$80 each, registration is required. For more information, visit [www.empireclub.org/events](http://www.empireclub.org/events).

**NEW! April 8** – Liberal MPP **Dipika Damerla** (Mississauga East-Cooksville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, will host a reception with Minister of Labour **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) at the Beer Academy, 75 Victoria St., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [mecpla1@gmail.com](mailto:mecpla1@gmail.com).

**NEW! April 9** – Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) will host a reception with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at the Beer Academy, 75 Victoria St., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$750 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [coteau.events@gmail.com](mailto:coteau.events@gmail.com).

**April 9** – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) will host a reception at the historic National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Panorama room, 53 Elgin St., Ottawa from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each, registration is required. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/509>.

**April 14** – Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development **Bernard Valcourt** MP (Madawaska-Restigouche) will speak to the Empire Club of Canada at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., Toronto at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$80 each, registration is required. For more information, visit [www.empireclub.org/events](http://www.empireclub.org/events).

**NEW! April 15** – PC Kitchener-Waterloo candidate **Tracey Weiler** will host a reception with PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) at the Westmount Golf and Country Club, 50 Inverness Dr., Kitchener from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/540>.

**NEW! April 15** – PC Attorney General Critic **Julia Munro** MPP (York-Simcoe) will host a reception at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/546>.

**NEW! April 16** – PC Energy and Francophone Affairs Critic **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton) will host her annual East Coast Kitchen Party at the Duke of York, 39 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/548>.

**NEW! April 22** – PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) and PC Education Critic **Rob Leone** MPP (Cambridge) will host a dinner reception at Langdon Hall Country House, 1 Langdon Dr., Cambridge at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1,500 each, registration is required. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/551>.

**NEW! April 24** – Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will host a reception with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club, 2500 Old Carriage Rd., Mississauga from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$275 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, 905-486-1740 or [charlessousafundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:charlessousafundraiser@gmail.com).

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