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PEO, OSPE AND CEO PARTICIPATE IN HERITAGE DINNER WITH PREMIER AND MPPs

PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., (front centre left) and Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., (far left) participated in the 2014 Heritage Dinner with Minister of Finance Charles Sousa MPP (Mississauga South) (front centre). Guest speaker at the event was Premier Kathleen Wynne MPP (Don Valley West). Also in the photo, (from left) PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair and Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., Consulting Engineers of Ontario Chair Rob Kivi, P.Eng., Gian Carlo, P. Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers President Paul Accione, P.Eng., Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier Laura Albanese MPP (York South-Weston), Ontario Association of Architects President Bill Birdsell, PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Representative Harmail Basi, P.Eng., and PEO Lead on the Repeal Marisa Sterling, P.Eng.

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Breaking News

NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL APPOINTED



Madeleine Meilleur MPP (Ottawa Vanier) (left) was appointed Attorney General by Premier Kathleen Wynne MPP (Don Valley West) (second from left) on March 25. Also in the photo (from left) former Attorney General John Gerretsen MPP (Kingston and the Islands) takes the role of Cabinet Chair, Kevin Flynn MPP (Oakville) is now Minister of Labour, and Yasir Naqvi MPP (Ottawa Centre) is now Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. (Photo Credit: cbc.ca)

Long-time Ottawa-Vanier MPP and Minister **Madeleine Meilleur**, was appointed Attorney General by Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West). The Premier announced the changes on March 25 following the resignation of Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Linda Jeffery** MPP (Brampton-Springdale), who leaves Cabinet to seek the post of Mayor of Brampton.

Ms. Meilleur recently met with PEO Ottawa Chapter and has also attended PEO Queen's Park Days in the past. She was first elected in 2003 and served in the portfolios of community and social services, community safety and correctional services, and others. She retains responsibility for francophone affairs and is the first francophone Attorney General in the province's history.

In other Cabinet changes, the Premier appointed Oakville MPP **Kevin Flynn** as Minister of Labour and **Bill Mauro** MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan) to be Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) assumes the role of Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, former Attorney General **John Gerretsen** MPP (Kingston and the Islands) becomes Cabinet Chair and **Bob Delaney** MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, assumes role as Chief Government Whip.

Mr. Flynn and Mr. Mauro have been very supportive of PEO efforts. Most recently, Mr. Flynn became the first Liberal MPP to participate in PEO's take your MPP to Work Day and Mr. Mauro participated in the Northern GLP Academy and Congress last November.

PEO COUNCIL ENDORSES TASK FORCE ON CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., chaired her last Council meeting on March 21 before PEO's AGM on April 26.

PEO Council, at its meeting on March 21, endorsed the establishment of a Task Force on Continuing Professional Development, Competency and Quality Assurance.

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., reported on her participation in the Residential Civil Construction Association of Ontario pre-budget consultation in March with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre). She advised that she asked why reference to engineers was left out in Bill 141 *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act*.

She advised Council that she had received a letter from the Minister that said in part "...recognizing the critical role of engineers in long-term infrastructure planning, we intend to propose amendments to the bill during the committee review process that would expressly refer to the importance of engineers."

Ms. Bergeron also advised of PEO's meeting with Aboriginal Affairs Minister **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) on March 17. PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., reported, among a number of other items, on his meetings with both NDP Infrastructure Critic **Percy Hatfield** MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) and Deputy Attorney General **Patrick Monahan**.

PEO also celebrated **Allison Elliot's** retirement after 10 years, most recently as Secretariat Coordinator.

MPP Meetings

PEO KINGSWAY CHAPTER AND OSPE MEET WITH PC GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY CRITIC



PEO Kingsway Chapter GLP Representative Steve Favell, P.Eng., (right) and OSPE PAN Representative Gil Galang, P.Eng., (left) met with PC Government Accountability Critic Doug Holyday MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) (centre) on March 21.

PEO Kingsway Chapter GLP Representative **Steve Favell**, P.Eng., and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Political Action Network (PAN) Representative **Gil Galang**, P.Eng., met with PC Government Accountability Critic **Doug Holyday** MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) for 30 minutes on March 21.

The meeting took place at Mr. Holyday's constituency office. Also attending the meeting was OSPE Government Relations Coordinator **Kristina Brugger**. This was an OSPE PAN meeting to discuss transportation and the Ring of Fire. PEO was invited to attend.

Events Attended

PEO, OSPE AND CEO PARTICIPATE IN HERITAGE DINNER WITH PREMIER AND MPPS



PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., (second from left) and PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., (left) participated in the Liberal Party's Heritage Dinner with new Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services Yasir Naqvi MPP (Ottawa Centre) (centre) on March 20. Also in the photo are PEO Equity and Diversity Committee Chair Marta Ecsedi, P.Eng., (second from right) and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers President Paul Achchione, P.Eng., (right).

PEO participated in the 2014 Liberal Party's Heritage Dinner on March 20 in Toronto.

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) spoke at length about her plan for Ontario.

In the Toronto Star Queen's Park Briefing published after the dinner, staff writer **Andrew Reeves** reported

"Wynne's political appeal on the economy mirrors what (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper did in the 2011

federal election when he repeatedly called on Canadians to give the Conservatives a strong majority so he could get to work on jobs and economic growth.”

In her speech, the Premier outlined six priorities for the upcoming provincial budget, including a focus on infrastructure and youth employment initiatives.

The PEO delegation had a chance to meet and speak with ministers, MPPs and industry leaders including then Attorney General and now Cabinet Chair **John Gerretsen** MPP (Kingston and the Islands), then Minister of Labour and now Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services **Yasir Naqvi**, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East), Minister of Research and Innovation **Reza Moridi** MPP (Richmond Hill), former Premier of New Brunswick **Frank McKenna**, former Attorney General **Chris Bentley** and Ontario Chamber of Commerce CEO and President **Allan O’Dette**.

Engineers participating included PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair and Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers **Paul Acchione**, P.Eng., Consulting Engineers of Ontario Chair **Rob Kivi**, P.Eng., PEO Equality and Diversity Committee Chair and former Councillor **Marta Ecsedi**, P.Eng., and PEO Lead on the Repeal **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

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

OTTAWA ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN BREAKFAST WITH FEDERAL MINISTER



Ottawa Engineers and Engineers Canada participated in a breakfast with Democracy Reform Minister **Pierre Poilievre** MP (Nepean-Carleton) and **Gordon O’Connor** MP (Carleton-Mississippi) on March 22.

Engineers participating included **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., **Sucha Mann**, P.Eng., **Emmanuel Inkoom**, P.Eng., Dr. **Sandra Iroakazi**, EIT, and **Hubert Mamba**, EIT.

Ottawa Engineers participated in breakfast with Gordon O’Connor MP (Carleton-Mississippi) (centre). Also in the photo are (from left) Dr. Sandra Iroakazi, EIT, Hubert Mamba, EIT, Guy Boone, P.Eng., and Sucha Mann, P.Eng., on March 22.

Work in Progress

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER AGREES TO SPEAK AT PEO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LUNCH

Environment Minister **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) has agreed to speak at the PEO Annual General Meeting lunch in Niagara Falls on April 26. He is Ontario's longest serving MPP, having won 10 elections since his first in 1977.



Environment Minister Jim Bradley MPP (St. Catharines) (left) will speak at PEO's AGM on April 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.

PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) and NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) have also been invited to the Order of Honour Awards Gala on April 25th and the AGM. In addition, local MPPs **Wayne Gates** (Niagara Falls) and **Cindy Forster** (Welland) have been invited.

The annual gala attracts the who's who of engineering and this year will again honour PEO members from across the province for their service to the engineering profession.

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 on April 25.

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

The Take Your MPP to Work Day was launched last year with NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) and new Minister of Labour **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville), being the first two to participate. Ms. Forster toured Niagara College's Welland Campus and Mr. Flynn visited Siemens head office in Oakville.



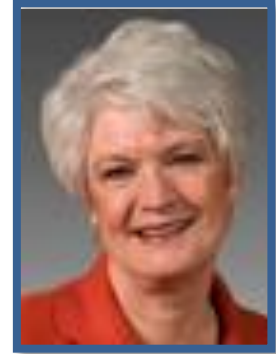
PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic Bob Bailey MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) will be the third MPP to participate in PEO's Take Your MPP to Work Day. The first two participants were NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic Cindy Forster MPP (Welland) and Kevin Flynn MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary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

PEO EDUCATION COMMITTEE INVITES MINISTER TO MAY CONFERENCE

The PEO Education Committee has invited Minister of Education **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph) to speak 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 Chairs of the PEO Education Committee **Samer Inchasi**, P.Eng., and **Martha Stauch**. Ms. Sandals's Chief of Staff **Howie Bender**, has expressed an interest in the Minister attending 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 invited to speak at PEO's Education Conference taking place on May 23 and 24.

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.*

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.

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., PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Board of Director **Jonathan Hack**, 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.

NEW! April 3 – Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will speak to the Canadian Club of Toronto at the Sheraton Toronto Centre, 123 Queen St. West at 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$80 each, registration is required. For more information, visit www.canadianclub.org/events.

NEW! April 5 – PC Kingston and the Islands candidate **Mark Bain** and PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville) will host a breakfast at AquaTerra Restaubistro by Clark, 1 Johnson St., Kingston from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/558>.

April 7 – PC Transportation Critic **Jeff Yurek** MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) will host a reception at Mill Street Brewery, 21 Tank House Lane, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/554>.

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.

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.

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.

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>.

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>.

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>.

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>.

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.

April 28 – The Ontario Energy Network will host an 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.

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