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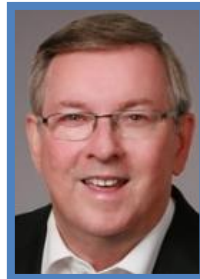
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Breaking News

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER AND MPPS TO ATTEND PEO AGM

Minister of the Environment **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) will speak at PEO's Annual General Meeting luncheon in Niagara Falls on April 26.

Also expected to attend the AGM weekend are NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) and NDP MPP **Wayne Gates** (Niagara Falls).



Environment Minister Jim Bradley MPP (St. Catharines) (left) will speak at PEO's AGM on April 26. Also attending the event are NDP MPP Wayne Gates (Niagara Falls) (centre) and NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic Cindy Forster MPP (Welland) (right).

WINDSOR-BASED COMPANY FINED AFTER WORKER INJURY

The Ontario Ministry of Labour announced last week that South Essex Fabricating Inc., a Windsor-based company, has been fined \$65,000 after a worker fell from an elevated work platform and was injured on May of 2011.



As reported in the Daily Commercial News Online on April 3, “an investigation by the Ministry of Labour determined that the worker was operating the scissor lift to move it while it was fully extended, causing it to tip over. The instructions for the machine specified that it was not to be operated while extended.”

It further stated that “the lift had not been designed by a professional engineer in accordance with good engineering practices to meet the requirements of the National Standards of Canada for self-propelled elevating work platforms.”

For the full article, visit <http://www.dcnonl.com/article/id59601/--company-fined-after-worker-falls-from-scissor-lift>.

PEO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER PAST-CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN PANEL WITH FORMER MINISTER

PEO West Toronto Chapter Past Chair **Georg Kralik**, P.Eng., participated in the inaugural For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Windsor-Essex Regional Robotics competition at the University of Windsor with former Ontario Minister of Trade and Development and current Hydro One Chair **Sandra Pupatello**.

Ms. Pupatello opened the competition and encouraged teams to pursue careers in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Mr. Kralik was a judge at the regional event.

For more information on FIRST Robotics, visit <http://www.firstroboticscanada.org/main/about/>.



MPP Meetings

PEO WINDSOR CHAPTER AND OSPE MEET WITH NDP LABOUR CRITIC



PEO Windsor Chapter GLP Representative Dennis Pupulin, P.Eng., (right) and OSPE PAN Representative Madalina Onica, P.Eng., (centre) met with NDP Labour Critic Taras Natyshak MPP (Essex) (left) on April 4 in Essex.

PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Representative **Dennis Pupulin**, P.Eng., and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Political Action Network (PAN) Representative **Madalina Onica**, P.Eng., met with NDP Labour Critic **Taras Natyshak** MPP (Essex) on April 4.

The 30-minute meeting took place at Mr. Natyshak's constituency office. This was an OSPE PAN meeting to discuss engineering labour market issues, research, innovation and energy. PEO was invited to attend.

PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER GLP CHAIR TO MEET WITH PC ENVIRONMENT CRITIC ON APRIL 11

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., will meet with PC Environment Critic **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) (photo right) on April 11 at Mr. Harris' constituency office.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** helped arrange the 30-minute meeting while speaking with Mr. Harris' Legislative Assistant, **Rebecca Grundy**, at a recent event.



Events Attended

PEO DISCUSSES ISSUES WITH MPPs AT PC LEADERS' DINNER



PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., (second from left) and Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., (centre) participated in a PC Leaders' Dinner with PC Transportation Critic Jeff Yurek MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) (right) in Toronto on April 3. Also in the photo are (from left) Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., and PC Economic Development, Trade and Employment Critic Jane McKenna MPP (Burlington).

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., and Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., participated in **Tim Hudak's** PC Leaders' Dinner on April 3 in Toronto.

Also participating in the event were Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO and PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Director **Jonathan Hack**, P.Eng., Consulting Engineers of Ontario Manager of Stakeholder Relations **David Zurawel** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The PEO delegation had a chance to meet and speak with such MPPs as **Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), **Todd Smith** MPP (Prince Edward-Hastings), **Jeff Yurek** MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), **Jane McKenna** MPP (Burlington), **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville), **Ernie Hardeman** MPP (Oxford), **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton), **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing), **Jim McDonnell** MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), **Bill Walker** MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound) and **Jim Wilson** MPP (Simcoe-Grey).

This was an important event as it allowed PEO to build relationships with a number of PC MPPs. They discussed a number of issues including the Repeal of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO PRESIDENT SPEAKS WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE ON WORKPLACE SAFETY



PEO President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng.,(right) spoke to Minister of Finance Charles Sousa MPP (Mississauga South) (left) about workplace safety at a Canadian Club event on April 3.

PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., participated in a Canadian Club of Toronto event with Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) on April 3.

Ms. Bergeron had a chance to meet Mr. Sousa and asked him if he had heard that the Ministry of Labour had announced that a company was fined for a workplace injury (see page 2). She asked if it would be better if funds didn't have to be spent on the investigation. After the event, PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had a chance to elaborate on the issue with Mr. Sousa. The Minister was sympathetic to PEO's position and said, "you can't put a price on a life."

At the event, the Minister spoke on his upcoming budget and Ontario's financial future. Also participating in the event were PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Representative **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., and Mr. Sousa's Parliamentary Assistant **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan).

PEO has been working to Repeal Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* to improve workplace safety.

PEO REGISTRAR ENGAGES MPPS AT EVENT FOR PC TRANSPORTATION CRITIC



PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., (second from right) participated in an event with several PC MPPs including Education Critic Rob Leone MPP (Cambridge) (centre) on April 7. Also in the photo, (from left) Rural Affairs and Horseracing Industry Critic Randy Pettapiece MPP (Perth-Wellington), Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic Jim McDonnell MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), and Children and Youth Services Critic Bill Walker MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound).

PEO Registrar **Gerard MacDonald**, P.Eng., participated in an event with PC Transportation Critic **Jeff Yurek** and his caucus colleagues at the Mill Street Brewery on April 7 in Toronto.

Mr. MacDonald spoke to a number of PC MPPs in addition to Mr. Yurek including Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Mines Critic **Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), Public Infrastructure Renewal Critic **Frank Klees** MPP (Newmarket-Aurora), Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), Children and Youth Services Critic **Bill Walker** MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), Education Critic **Rob Leone** MPP (Cambridge), Environment Critic **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) and Rural Affairs and Horseracing Industry Critic **Randy Pettapiece** MPP (Perth-Wellington).

Mr. Yurek participated in PEO's GLP Academy and Congress in London in the past and indicated to Mr. MacDonald that he enjoyed participating in the event. He shared that he is concerned for rural transportation needs and the ability for municipalities to afford their asset management plans.

Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO and PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., has been a strong advocate for the need for asset management plans as part of a long term infrastructure plan.

Mr. Harris spoke to PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge**, who was also in attendance, about his upcoming meeting with PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng.

Work in Progress

NDP HOUSE LEADER OFFERS TO SPEAK AT PEO NORTHERN ACADEMY AND CONGRESS IN JUNE



NDP House Leader **Gilles Bisson** MPP (Timmins-James Bay) (photo left) has offered to speak at PEO's Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress tentatively set for June 14.

The event will be hosted by PEO's Porcupine/Kapusking Chapter. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

PEO CHAPTERS INVITE MPPS TO TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY

PEO Thousand Island Chapter GLP Co-Chair **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng., has invited PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville) to participate in the Chapter's upcoming PEO Take Your MPP to Work Day initiative on May 1.

Mr. Linseman has invited Mr. Clark to tour the Northern Cables Inc. facility in Brockville along with PEO Thousand Island Chapter members. Mr. Linseman follows PEO Lambton Chapter in inviting an MPP to participate in the initiative.

Earlier in the month, PEO Lambton Chapter Chair **Phil Lasek**, P.Eng., invited PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) to participate in his Chapter's PEO Take Your MPP to Work Day on April 25. Mr. Lasek has arranged for him to tour Shell Canada's Sarnia refinery facility.

The Take Your MPP to Work Day was launched last year with NDP Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) and 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) and PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic Steve Clark MPP (Leeds-Grenville) have been invited to participate in this year's PEO Take Your MPP to Work initiative.

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 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.

NEW! April 14 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will speak to the Toronto Region Board of Trade at The Fairmont Royal York, 100 Front St. West, Toronto from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for BOT members and \$99 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit www.bot.com/events.

NEW! April 14 - Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) will attend a reception at the Delhi Belgian Hall, 360 James St., Delhi at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact delhipeople@sympatico.ca.

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>.

NEW! April 16 – NDP Attorney General and Consumer Services Critic **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) will host a reception with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) at 15 Maple Ave., Toronto from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact jagmeetndp@gmail.com.

NEW! April 16 – Minister of Education **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph) will attend the Prince Edward-Hastings Provincial Liberal Association's reception at Capers Brasserie, 272 Front St., Belleville, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact pehpla@gmail.com.

NEW! April 17 – Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) will host a reception at the Carleton Place Curling Club, 120 Patterson Crest., Carleton Place at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each, registration is recommended. For more information, contact roger.martin@solutionmaster.com.

NEW! April 21 - Minister of Education **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph) will attend Simcoe North Provincial Liberal Association's reception at the Orillia Museum of Art and History, Carmichael Room, 30 Peter Street South, Orillia at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact ajus@csolve.net.

April 22 – PC Education Critic **Rob Leone** MPP (Cambridge) will host a dinner with PC Leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) 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 22 – Minister of Rural Affairs **Jeff Leal** MPP (Peterborough) will host a reception at the Labatt House, 207 Queen's Quay West, Toronto at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact lealfundraiser@gmail.com.

NEW! April 23 – NDP Scarborough Rouge River candidate **Neethan Shan** will host a reception with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) and NDP Transportation Critic **Gilles Bisson** MPP (Timmins-James Bay) at Higgins Residence, 15 Maple Ave., Toronto at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact friendsofneethansha@gmail.com.

NEW! April 23 – Metrolinx Chair **Robert Prichard** will speak to the Empire Club of Canada at Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., Toronto from 12 to 1:45 p.m. Tickets are \$80 each, registration is required. For more information, visit www.empireclub.org/events.

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.

NEW! April 24 – Liberal MPP **Soo Wong** MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, will host a reception at the Very Fair Restaurant, 17 Milliken Blvd., Toronto from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$158 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact wongfund2014@gmail.com.

NEW! April 24 - Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will host an Italian Night Dinner at the Marconi Centre, 1026 Baseline Rd., Ottawa at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact info@bobchiarelli.com.

April 25 – Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will speak to the Economic Club of Canada at the Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for Economic Club members and \$89 for non-members. For more information, visit www.economicclub.ca/events.

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.

April 28 – PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Jim McDonell** MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) will host a reception at the Labatt House, 207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 200, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact Marilyn McMahon at 613-930-5042 or mma@tri-sis.ca.

NEW! April 29 – Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) will host a 'Made in Ontario' reception with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at Trump International Hotel and Tower Grand Salon, 325 Bay St., Toronto at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$600 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact info@bobchiarelli.com.

NEW! April 29 – NDP GTA Issues and Environment Critic **Jonah Schein** MPP (Davenport) will host a reception with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) at 15 Maple Ave., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each or \$600 for two, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact friendsofjonahschien@gmail.com.

NEW! April 29 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will speak at the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission's Spring into Action reception in support of the Margaret Campbell Fund. The event will take place at the YWCA Elm Centre Lobby & Atrium, 87 Elm St., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each or \$600 for two, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Pamela.gutteridge@sympatico.ca.

NEW! April 29 – PC Health and Long-Term Care Critic **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) will host a reception at the Old Mill Inn & Spa Victoria Room, 21 Old Mill Rd., Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$175 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/576>.

NEW! April 30 – PC MPP **Randy Hillier** (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington) will attend a St. Paul's PC Riding Association Trivia Night at The Fox and Fiddle, 1535 Yonge St., Toronto from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/570>.

NEW! April 30 – Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **Deb Matthews** MPP (London North Centre) will attend the Newmarket-Aurora Provincial Liberal Association's reception at Highland Gate Golf Club, 21 Golf Links Dr., Aurora at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact office@newmarketauroraliberals.ca.

May 2 – PC Chief Whip **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) will host a reception at the Rankin Culture and Community Centre, 20 Rankin Rd., Pembroke from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/559>.

May 8 – PC Consumer Services Critic **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk) and PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) will host a reception at the Port Dover Community Centre, 805 St. George St., Port Dover at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each, RSVP is required. For more information, contact bobiann@kwic.com.

May 12 – PC Small Business, Red Tape and Green Energy Act Critic **Lisa Thompson** MPP (Huron-Bruce) will host a 'Spring into Action' reception. More information to come.

NEW! May 12 – PC Economic Development, Trade and Employment Critic **Jane McKenna** MPP (Burlington) will host a reception at the Burlington Golf and Country Club, 422 North Shore Blvd. East, Burlington from 6 to 10 p.m. More information to come.

NEW! July 8 – Liberal MPP **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, will host his 9th annual Golf Classic at the Royal Ontario Golf Club, 6378 Trafalgar Rd., Milton from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each or \$800 for a foursome, it includes lunch and buffet dinner. For more information, contact friendsofbas@rogers.com.

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