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PEO COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH CANDIDATE & FORMER PREMIER

PEO Councillor Roger Jones, P.Eng., (right) participated in an event with fellow engineer Ping Wu, P.Eng., President of Professional Engineers Government of Ontario on May 13 in Toronto to help raise the profile of engineering. Mr. Jones and Mr. Wu had an opportunity to speak with Leeds-Grenville PC candidate Steve Clark and Ontario's 22nd Premier Mike Harris. For more on this story, see page six.

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Breaking News

ENGINEERS IN THE RIDING

TWO OTTAWA AREA ENGINEERS SEEK RE-ELECTION FOR PC PARTY

In the upcoming June 12 provincial election, two engineers will be seeking re-election.

Jack MacLaren, P.Eng. PC candidate will be seeking re-election in his riding of Carleton-Mississippi Mills and **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng. will be running in his riding of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.



Jim McDonell, P.Eng.

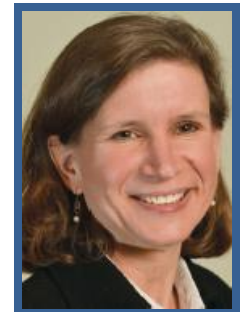


Jack MacLaren P.Eng.

TWO ENGINEERS SEEK SEATS FOR NDP

Ottawa Carleton District School Board Chair **Jennifer McKenzie**, P.Eng., (photo right) is running for the NDP in Ottawa Centre. An electrical engineer, Ms. McKenzie is running against Liberal **Yasir Naqvi**, who has held the riding since 2007. When the election was called, Mr. Naqvi was the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Electrical engineer Adam DeVita, P.Eng. is running in the riding of Richmond Hill where he ran in the last provincial election as well.



Jennifer McKenzie, P.Eng.



Adam DeVita, P.Eng.

OTTAWA ENGINEER RUNS FOR GREENS IN NEPEA-CARLETON

Gordon Kubanek, P.Eng. is running for the second time for the Green Party in Nepean–Carleton. He is running against PC Candidate Lisa McLeod, who was the PC Energy Critic in the last legislature.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS RELEASE ELECTION DOCUMENT WITH ALL PARTY POSITIONS

Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO **Barry Steinberg** created and released an election document comparing the positions of the three political parties on issues of interest to the consulting engineering community.

Issue	Ontario Liberal Party	Ontario Progressive Conservative Party	Ontario New Democratic Party
Transit & Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$29 billion in dedicated transit funds over the next 10 years; \$15 billion for the GTHA & \$14 billion for Ontario Electrification of the GO Transit System in the GTHA All day GO 15-minute rapid rail service in the GTHA, doubling ridership by 2031 Dedicate 7.5 cents/litre of gas tax and HST on fuel tax, totaling \$1.3 billion/yr. to build new transit, roads, highways & bridges 2 cents/litre of the gas tax (\$320 million/yr.) will continue to be allocated to municipalities High Occupancy Tolls lanes to be created Green Bonds to be implemented Debt financing to be used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledging to set aside a portion of the \$12 billion the province spends on capital and infrastructure annually to be earmarked for new subways with the auditor general having oversight Proposing an Ontario Transportation Trust that would include funds from selling surplus lands to pay up to \$2 billion a year for new projects <i>once the provincial budget is balanced in 2016-17</i> Investments would go toward a "balanced set of priorities": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subways - Toronto East-West Express Subway Highway expansion - fixing bottlenecks throughout the GTA Expand GO Transit - more: rush hour service; express trains; more all-day, two-way service; and, superior customer service Pledging to put the province in charge of all rail-based transit and major highways in the GTA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed to <i>The Big Move</i> Wants to unite Ontario behind the idea of building a transit and transportation network that serves all regions Would have municipalities to freeze transit fares at current levels for the next four years The corporate sector benefits from investments in transit therefore, New Democrats support a modest increase in the general Corporate Income Tax rate The government's shares in General Motors should be sold, for a benefit of up to \$1.4 billion at current market prices The Financial Accountability Office must review long-term project financing options so the public can have independent oversight of spending plans
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposing a new plan to invest more than \$130 billion in public infrastructure over next 10 years including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$29 billion in dedicated transportation funding \$2.5 billion in 2014-15 for highway rehabilitation and expansion projects \$100 million permanent fund for municipal roads and bridges \$700 million for critical hospital repairs \$11 billion for elementary and secondary education infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committing to develop the Ring of Fire in northern Ontario - facilitated by repeal of the <i>Far North Act</i> 	

A snapshot of the Political Party Platform Comparison Matrix developed by Consulting Engineers of Ontario for Engineers in Ontario looking to analyze where the parties stand on key issues that impact the profession.

For more information on the document, see www.ceo.on.ca.

Mr. Steinberg is also the Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

MISSISSAUGA, GRAND RIVER AND OTTAWA CHAPTERS TO HOLD ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATES

Three PEO chapters are planning all-candidates debates in the coming weeks to give their local communities an opportunity to engage with nominated candidates on engineering issues.

PEO's Ottawa, Grand River and Mississauga Chapters will host debates on May 27, May 30 and June 4 respectively.

The Ottawa debate is being hosted jointly with Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Kanata Career Group and Vitesse Re-Skilling Canada and will be held at 359 Terry Fox Drive - Suite 210, in Kanata. Those who are not in the Ottawa area but want to tune in, can also view it.

Networking and light refreshments will start at noon and the debate will start at 12:30 p.m.

Register at <https://ottawatechdebate2014.eventbrite.ca>

Candidates confirmed to participate in the Ottawa event are:

- **Rosalyn Stevens**, Liberal - Carleton Mississippi Mills
- **Jack MacLaren**, P. Eng., PC - Carleton Mississippi Mills
- **John Hansen**, NDP - Carleton Mississippi Mills
- **Gordon Kubanek**, P.Eng., Green Party - Nepean Carleton

The Grand River debate is being held in partnership with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists, and will be held at the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre, 100 Campbell, Unit #9, Kitchener, Ontario, starting at 6pm.

Out of the nine major candidates in the region, seven have confirmed their participation including:

- **Wayne Wright**, Liberal - Kitchener Conestoga
- **Michael Harris** PC - Kitchener Conestoga
- **Daiene Vernile** Liberal - Kitchener Centre
- **Margaret Johnston** NDP - Kitchener Centre
- **Jamie Burton** Liberal - Waterloo
- **Tracey Weiler** PC - Waterloo
- **Catharine Fife** NDP - Waterloo.

The Mississauga debate will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Noel Ryan Auditorium in the Mississauga Library, 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W. More details on this event will be included in next week's GLP Weekly.

PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER ATTENDS FOUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN EVENTS

In the opening weeks of the provincial election PEO Ottawa Chapter participated in four events to connect with candidates from four parties running. The delegations were led by PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Vice-Chair **Guy Boone**, P. Eng, who met candidates running the Liberal, PC, New Democratic and Green Parties.

PEO builds relationships with all parties to ensure that elected officials understand its role in protecting public safety. Ottawa chapter has a strong track record for connecting with MPPs and candidates in the community.

The engineers participated in the campaign office opening for Carleton-Mississippi Mills Liberal candidate **Rosalyn Stevens**. Her special guest was Ottawa Vanier Liberal candidate **Madeleine Meilleur**, who was serving as Ontario's Attorney General when the election was called. Participants included past Chapter Chair **Sucha Mann**, P. Eng, **Graham Findlay**, P. Eng, **Phil Sweetman**, P. Eng and **Fouad (Frank) Khalil**, P. Eng.



Ottawa-Vanier Liberal candidate Madeleine Meilleur (third from left) with Ottawa Chapter's Fouad (Frank) Khalil, P. Eng, GLP Vice-Chair Guy Boone, P. Eng, Carleton Mississippi Mills Liberal candidate Rosalyn Stevens, Ottawa City Councillor Marianne Wilkinson, Graham Findlay, P. Eng, past Chapter Chair Sucha Mann, P.Eng and Phil Sweetman, P.Eng.

Mr. Boone also attended the campaign kickoff of Ottawa-Nepean PC candidate **Lisa MacLeod** on May 10 in Barrhaven.



Engineers joined PC candidate Lisa McLeod at her campaign launch on May 10

Mr. Boone and Mr. Khalil also stopped by the headquarters and met with fellow engineers and candidates **Jennifer McKenzie**, P. Eng (NDP-Ottawa Centre) and **Gordon Kubanek**, P.Eng. (Green-Nepean-Carleton).



Nepean-Carleton Green candidate Gordon Kubanek, P. Eng (third from right) with PEO Ottawa Chapter's Fouad (Frank) Khalil, P.Eng, GLP Vice Chair Guy Boone, P. Eng, Green Party member Tess Frost, unidentified guest and Mrs. Kubanek



Ottawa-Centre NDP candidate Jennifer McKenzie, P. Eng (second from left) with Fouad (Frank) Khalil, P. Eng, PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Vice-Chair, Guy Boone, P. Eng and Paul Dewar MP (Ottawa Centre).

Events Attended

PEO COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH CANDIDATE & FORMER PREMIER

PEO Councillor **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., and President of the Professional Engineers, Government of Ontario **Ping Wu**, P.Eng., participated in an event with PC candidate for Leeds-Grenville **Steve Clark** on June 13 at the Albany Club in Toronto.



PEO Councillor Roger Jones, P.Eng., with Steve Clark at the Albany Club on June 13. Mr. Clark has a long history in politics, having been elected as the youngest Mayor in Ontario in his early twenties. He indicated at the event that the June 12 election will be his third in four years.

Mr. Clark is a long-time supporter of PEO and has spoken at previous Academies and Congresses with Engineers about how to get involved get issues on the radar of elected officials.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Wu discussed current events with Mr. Clark and had a chance to meet former Premier **Mike Harris** who was also in attendance.

Maintaining relationships with key members of Ontario's political parties is an important part of PEO's strategy to keep the regulation of engineering top of mind among elected officials.

PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge** also attended the event.

Work in Progress

LONDON CHAPTER TO ENSURE PEO PRESENCE AT ALL-CANDIDATES MEETINGS

PEO London Chapter is spearheading an initiative to increase PEO's profile at local all-candidates meetings and to engage with candidates on the campaign trail.

The group has identified a chapter contact person in each riding to represent PEO and attend community debates over the course of the coming weeks.



London Chapter
GLP Chair Tomiwa
Olukiyesi, P.Eng.,

London Chapter GLP Chair **Tomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng., has taken responsibility for the ridings of London Fanshawe and St. Thomas; chapter member **Bill Vitch**, P.Eng., will attend the debates in Stratford; Treasurer **Ian Cheng**, P.Eng., and Current Chapter Chair **Imitiaz Shaw**, P.Eng., will participate in London west and Past Chair **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., will cover London North.

PEO is encouraging chapters across the province to follow London's lead and plan to attend all-candidates debates in their ridings so ensure that engineering issues are raised and on the agenda. Attending also gives Engineers profile in the community and with candidates.

OCEPP CONFERENCE QUICKLY APPROACHES FEATURING BOARD OF TRADE CEO

The May 30th Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy Conference, 'Getting Engineering to the Policy Table,' featuring **Carol Wilding** is quickly approaching.



Ms. Wilding (photo left), President and Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Region Board of Trade will speak to participants about whether or not an election year offers unique opportunities to expedite or launch public policy initiatives. The address will also focus on some of the board's policy work in such areas as transportation and infrastructure.



The second keynote address will be delivered by **Stephan Schott** (photo left), Associate Professor, School of Public Policy & Administration, Carleton University. His topic will look at what constitutes evidence in the eyes of government and regulators. The address will include examples from policy work on the new Niagara Falls tunnel and air quality modelling and emission trading regimes in the U.S.

The event is being held at St. Andrew's Club & Conference Centre, 150 King Street West, Toronto.

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.*

May 26 –St. Paul’s Liberal candidate **Eric Hoskins** will host a reception with Mississauga South Liberal candidate **Charles Sousa** at the Toronto Marriott Downtown, 535 Bay St., Toronto at 8:30 p.m. WShen the election was called, Mr Hoskins was Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment and Mr. Soursa was Minister of Finance. Tickets are \$1,330 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact info@votehoskins.ca.

NEW! May 27- Former Ontario PC Leader **John Tory** will speak at a Canadian Club lunch on building Toronto's future at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St W, Toronto beginning at 11:45 am. Tickets are \$80 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <http://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3258>.

May 27 – Nipissing PC Candidate **Vic Fedeli** will host a luncheon at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 12 to 1:30 p.m. When the election was called, Mr. Fedeli was the PC Finance critic. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact victor@fedeli.ca.

NEW! May 30 - PC Leader **Tim Hudak** will speak at the Sheraton Centre at 123 Queen St. Club lunch starting at 11:45 a.m. For more information please visit: <http://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3264>.

NEW! June 1- PC York Centre candidate, **Avi Yufest** will host a reception with special guest former Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable **Chris Alexander** at the home of Julia and Henry Koschizky from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$300 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/605>.

NEW! June 3- Former MP and Toronto Mayoral candidate **Olivia Chow**, will speak at a Canadian Club lunch at the Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond St. W, beginning at 11:45 am. Tickets are \$80 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <http://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?id=3259>.

July 8 –Scarborough-Rouge River Liberal candidate **Bas Balkissoon** 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. When the election was called, Mr. Balkissoon was Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education. 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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