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PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER CO-HOSTS DEBATE WITH ENGINEER CANDIDATES IN KANATA

Three MPP candidates participated in a May 27 debate hosted by PEO Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and Kanata Career Group, and Vitesse Re-skilling Canada. Candidates included: Gordon Kubanek, P.Eng., (Green - Ottawa West-Nepean), Jack MacLaren, P.Eng., (PC - Carleton-Mississippi Mills) and John Hansen (NDP - Carleton-Mississippi Mills). For more on this story, see page 3.

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Breaking News

ACTING OSPE CEO DISCUSSES ENERGY POLICY ON THE AGENDA WITH STEVE PAIKIN

Paul Acchione, P. Eng., Acting CEO for the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers of Ontario (OSPE) was a guest on TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin on May 23. He participated as part of the program's daily election coverage in a segment on energy policy. His fellow panellists included Independent Energy and Environmental Advisor **Tom Adams** and **Judith Lipp**, President of the Federation of Community Power Co-operatives.



Acting OSPE CEO Paul Acchione, P.Eng., appeared on The Agenda with Steve Paikin on TVO May 23 in Toronto.

Steve Paikin, the host of the program, was this year's winner of PEO's President's Award, which was bestowed at the 2014 AGM. To view the segment go to: <http://tvo.org/video/204028/power-play-politics>.

PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER CONFIRMS TEN MPPS FOR ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE MAY 30

PEO Grand River Chapter has confirmed that ten candidates from the Liberal, PC, NDP and Green parties will participate in an all-candidates debate May 30 in Kitchener. The 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.

Candidates confirmed to participate include:

- **Ronnie Smith**, Green Party – Kitchener Centre
- **Jamie Burton**, Liberal – Waterloo
- **Catherine Fife**, NDP – Waterloo
- **Michael Harris**, PC - Kitchener Conestoga
- **Margaret Johnston**, NDP - Kitchener Centre
- **Daiene Vernile**, Liberal - Kitchener Centre
- **Tracey Weiler**, PC – Waterloo
- **Wayne Wettlaufer**, PC – Kitchener Centre
- **Wayne Wright**, Liberal - Kitchener Conestoga
- **Stacey Denckert**, Green – Kitchener-Conestoga

GLP Weekly will include a full report on this event in next week's edition.

ETOBICOKE-LAKESHORE MP RECOGNIZES ENGINEER IN NEWSLETTER

PEO Etobicoke chapter member **Faizul Mohee**, P.Eng., was recognized by **Bernard Trottier** MP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) in his monthly newsletter. The article congratulated Mr. Mohee for his receipt of the 2014 Ontario Young Professional Engineers Award, which was awarded at the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers of Ontario AGM on May 6.

Mr. Trottier is an Engineering graduate from University of Alberta. See below for the article that was published in his newsletter.

Etobicoke-Lakeshore Resident wins Ontario Young Professional Engineers Award

I'd like to extend my congratulations to **Faizul Mohee** (pictured) who was awarded the Ontario Young Professional Engineers Award for 2014 by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE). According to Faizul, this award is based on the Professional Engineering contributions and accomplishments, and volunteer work with both OSPE and Professional Engineers of Ontario. As engineering graduate myself, I am happy to see talent like this from our riding recognized.



Photo: OSPE President Paul Acchione, P.Eng., and Faizul Mohee, P.Eng.

The full newsletter can be viewed here: <http://www.bernardtrottiermp.ca/media/Template%20-%20LL%20-%20Volume%206%20Issue%203.pdf>

CORRECTION – MAY 16 EDITION OF GLP WEEKLY

In the May 16 edition of the GLP Weekly, it was reported that Liberal candidate seeking re-election for Oakville **Kevin Flynn** spoke about the importance of infrastructure in the Government's recent budget. In fact this reference was made by Liberal candidate seeking re-election for Toronto-Centre **Glen Murray**.

Events Attended

ENGINEER MPP CANDIDIDATES PARTICIPATE IN KANATA ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATE

PEO Ottawa Chapter joined the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and the Kanata Kareer Group on May 27 to host an all-candidates' debate at Vitesse Re-Skilling Canada in Kanata.

The event focused on issues such as the Repeal, job creation, engineering regulation and infrastructure and attracted the participation of three candidates. **Jack MacLaren**, P.Eng., PC candidate for Carleton Mississippi Mills, who is running as the incumbent, shared his views on how to create jobs and where the party stands on key campaign issues. NDP candidate **John Hansen** shared his experience in the IT sector and how he felt his party could help to create jobs and benefit the economy if elected. Green party candidate **Gordon Kubanek**, P.Eng., referenced lessons from Scandinavian countries and indicated that he was happy that the group was looking at issues broadly and not just as they relate to Ontario.



Provincial candidates (from left to right) Gordon Kubanek, P.Eng., (Green - Ottawa West-Nepean), Jack MacLaren, P.Eng., (PC-Carleton-Mississippi Mills) and John Hansen (NDP -Carleton-Mississippi Mills) debated the issues to engineers and knowledge workers in Kanata on May 27.

Event organization was led by PEO Ottawa Chapter Vice Chair **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., and **Ken Fraser**, P. Eng., of the Kanata Kareer Group. The event was moderated by PEO Ottawa Chapter Past-Chair **Sucha Mann**, P.Eng., who facilitated a thorough discussion with candidates.

PEO Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., also participated in the event and asked a question to the panel to help facilitate the discussion. PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge** also attended.

All-candidate meetings are also being held by Grand River and Mississauga chapter.

KENORA MP PARTICIPATES IN PEO LAKE OF THE WOODS CHAPTER AGM

PEO Lake of The Woods Chapter held its AGM on April 5 and arranged for Minister of Natural Resources **Greg Rickford** MP (Kenora) to participate and meet the chapter executive and members.

Participating in the event were PEO Lake of the Woods Chapter Chair **Richard Perchuk**, P.Eng., Vice Chair **Tom Kurtz**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Rob Neil**, P.Eng., Secretary **Scott Schelske**, P.Eng., Treasurer **Michael O'Flaherty**, P.Eng., Past Chair **Keith Loucks**, P.Eng., and chapter members **Barry Sadler**, P.Eng., **Biman Paudel**, P.Eng., **Mukesh Pokharel**, P.Eng., **Tom Lewis**, P.Eng.,



Members of PEO Lake of the Woods Chapter enjoyed the opportunity to get to know Minister of Natural Resources Greg Rickford MP (Kenora) at the chapter's AGM on April 5. In a group photo from left to right: (Back Row) GLP Chair Rob Neil, P.Eng., member Barry Sadler, P.Eng., Secretary Scott Schelske, P.Eng., members Biman Paudel, P.Eng., Mukesh Pokharel, P.Eng., and Tom Lewis P.Eng.; (Front Row) Treasurer Michael O'Flaherty, P.Eng., Chapter Chair Richard Perchuk, P.Eng., Greg Rickford MP (Kenora), Past Chair Keith Loucks, P.Eng., and Vice Chair Tom Kurtz.

Local organizers engaged MP Rickford and educated him on PEO's regulatory role and the demographics of the chapter. Minister Rickford was encouraged to relay on local engineers for information related to engineering, public safety, legal liability, when needed.

The Minister provided an overview of some of the upcoming challenges he expects in his new portfolio as Minister of Natural Resources.

Engineers in the Running

TWO OTTAWA AREA ENGINEERS SEEK RE-ELECTION FOR PC PARTY



Jim McDonell, P.Eng.



Jack MacLaren P.Eng.

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.

TWO ENGINEERS SEEK SEATS FOR NDP



Jennifer McKenzie, P.Eng.



Adam DeVita, P.Eng.,

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. Mr. DeVita is running

against Reza Moridi who was Minister of Research and Innovation when the election was called and has held the riding since 2007.

OTTAWA ENGINEER RUNS FOR GREENS IN NEPEAN-CARLETON



Gordon Kubanek, P.Eng.

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.

Mr. Kubanek also participated in PEO Ottawa Chapter's recent all-candidates debate as outlined above.

Work in Progress

PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER MOVES AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATE

PEO Mississauga Chapter is moving forward with preparations for its June 4 provincial election town hall debate. It will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Noel Ryan Auditorium in the Mississauga Library, 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd. West.

Organizers have invited all candidates in the region and nine have confirmed to participate. Candidates confirmed to participate include two Liberals, one PC, four NDP and two Green. The debate will begin with opening statements by the candidates followed by questions from the audience.

Liberal candidates confirmed to attend include **Amrit Mangat** (Mississauga - Brampton South) and **Bob Delaney** (Mississauga – Streetsville). **Nina Tangri** (Mississauga – Streetsville) is confirmed to attend for the Progressive Conservative party.

Confirmed for the New Democratic Party are **Fayaz Karim** (Mississauga East – Cooksville), **Kevin Troake** (Mississauga - Brampton South), **Michelle Bilek** (Mississauga – Erindale) and **Anju Sikka** (Mississauga – Streetsville).

Attending on behalf of the Green Party **Scott Waener** (Mississauga – Streetsville) and **Pauline Thornham** (Bramlea-Gore-Malton).

Ms. Mangat and Mr. Delaney are both seeking re-election.

For more information or to register go to: http://peo-mc.ca/home/?tribe_events=town-hall-meet-your-provincial-candidates.

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.*

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

NEW! June 2- An evening for Ottawa West Nepean Liberal candidate **Bob Chiarelli** will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Rosedale Room, 3rd Floor, 188 University Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8 pm. Minister Chiarelli was Minister of Energy when the election was called. For more information and to RSVP please contact Magda Hjartarson at mhjartarson@ontarioliberal.ca or by phone at [416-260-1608 x226](tel:416-260-1608).

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>.

NEW! June 4- A reception for PC Candidate Nita Kang (Scarborough Southwest) with special guest MPP Frank Klees (Newmarket-Aurora) at the Albany Club, 91 King St. E., from 6 to 8 pm. Tickets are \$300 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/664>.

NEW! June 5- A reception for London North-Centre Liberal candidate **Deb Matthews** will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, 3rd Floor, 60 Yorkville Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8 pm. Ms. Matthews was the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care when the election was called. For more information and to RSVP please contact Magda Hjartarson at mhjartarson@ontarioliberal.ca or by phone at [416-260-1608 x226](tel:416-260-1608).

NEW! June 5- A reception for PC candidate for Etobicoke-Lakeshore **Doug Holyday** at the Hockey Hall of Fame, Great Hall, Brookfield Park, 30 Yonge St., from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$1000 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/634>.

July 8 – Liberal candidate for Scarborough-Rouge River **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. At the time of the election 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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