



## Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly

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### NINETY PARTICIPATE IN ONTARIO ENGINEERING AND POLICY CONFERENCE

Ninety engineers, public policy advisors, other professionals, business leaders, and university faculty and students participated in the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP) conference on May 30 in Toronto. The conference was informative and engaging and covered issues from the Green Energy Act and the Elliott Lake inquiry to Ring of Fire plans and how engineers can better engage in public policy. In the photo above from left to right are: Brian Surgenor, P.Eng., professor and vice dean in the faculty of engineering and applied science at Queen's University, Bill De Angelis, P.Eng., Vice President and General Manager at Associated Engineering, Shannon Pole, EIT, Consultant, International Zinc Association, speaker Carleton Professor Stephan Scott, Desmond Gomes, P.Eng., PEO Brampton Chapter Treasurer, Anastasia Pasche, EIT and Bernie Ennis, P.Eng., Director of the Centre for Engineering and Public Policy. For more on this story, see page 3.

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## Breaking News

### NEW EVIDENCE EMERGES IN THE ELLIOT LAKE MALL COLLAPSE

A new piece of evidence has been uncovered in the Elliot Lake Inquiry. The development was reported by Michael Friscolanti in Macleans Magazine on May 29, 2014.

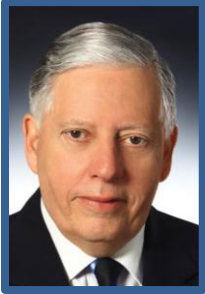


Ontario Provincial Police exhibit showing the collapsed parking lot at the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake, Ont.

A report from the Ontario Ministry of Housing from 1988 written by an expert advisory panel on the “Deterioration, repair and maintenance of parking garages,” which had never been seen before by the inquiry, suddenly surfaced, creating new questions.

For the full article that outlines the report go to: <http://www.macleans.ca/news/new-evidence-emerges-in-the-elliott-lake-mall-collapse/>.

## PEO PRESIDENT FEATURED IN ARTICLE ABOUT MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATE



PEO Mississauga Chapter held its Candidates Debate on June 4 at the Mississauga Central Library. The media covered the event in the days prior, with an article that quoted PEO President **David Adams**, P.Eng., on why these types of initiatives are important, “Those who form the next provincial government will face an important issue that affects public and workplace safety,” said J. David Adams, PEO president.

“Certain professional engineering work in Ontario continues to be performed by unlicensed and unaccountable individuals,” Adams said. “It’s important that we hear from candidates and their parties on how this situation can be improved and how PEO can effectively carry out its mandate of protecting the public by ensuring only properly qualified individuals practice engineering.”

The full article can be read here: <http://www.insideottawavalley.com/news-story/4555376-engineers-host-provincial-debate/>.

A full recap of the event will be included in the next GLP Weekly.

## 90 PARTICIPATE IN OCEPP ENGINEERING AND POLICY CONFERENCE

Ninety engineers, public policy advisors, other professionals, business leaders, and university faculty and students came together on May 30 for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP) conference in Toronto.

**Carol Wilding**, president and CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade delivered the keynote address to participants to start off the day. She spoke about how the board has been successful at getting public policy issues on the agenda such as transit and regional governance on the agenda.



Jim Chisholm, P.Eng., Vice President of Professional Engineers Government of Ontario (PEGO), Ping Wu, P.Eng., PEGO President, OCEPP keynote speaker Carol Wilding, President and CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade and Hill Times Columnist David Crane at the May 30 OCEPP conference following Ms. Wilding’s speech.

**Stephan Scott**, an associate professor at Carleton University also delivered a keynote address in the morning on the role engineers can play in the future direction of policy-making. He reviewed a couple of case studies including one on how the decisions were made to harness power from Niagara Falls in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The other conference sessions dealt with Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan, the inquiry into the 2012 partial roof collapse of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake, and infrastructure and related issues regarding development of the Ring of Fire in northern Ontario.

The presentation on the Elliot Lake inquiry was given by PEO councillor **Chris Roney**, P.Eng., who is also a member of PEO's Ad-Hoc Elliot Lake Advisory committee and a director of the board of Engineers Canada. Chris and OCEPP director Bernie Ennis, P.Eng., facilitated the open forum and participant discussion that followed the presentation.

The Master of Ceremonies was **Brian Surgenor**, P.Eng., professor and vice-dean in the faculty of engineering and applied science at Queen's University and chair of the OCEPP Advisory Board. **Bernie Ennis** delivered opening and closing remarks.

Participants included: PEO registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., PEO deputy registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P. Eng., PEO councillor **Ishwar Bhatia** P.Eng., OCEPP Advisory Board vice-chair and former PEO councillor **David Euler**, P.Eng., **David Lapp**, P.Eng., Manager, Professional Practice at Engineers Canada and **Bob McDonald**, deputy registrar, Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Saskatchewan.

Conference sponsors were Engineers Canada, Ontario Power Generation and Consulting Engineers of Ontario. Each year the OCEPP conference gives participants an opportunity to explore public policy issues through an engineering lens. Most PowerPoint presentations can be viewed from the OCEPP website.

## Events Attended

### NDP INCUMBANT CANDIDATE PARTICIPATES IN KITCHENER ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATE

PEO Grand River Chapter held an all-candidates debate on May 30 that attracted an impressive eight candidates from three ridings. They met with Engineers and community members and had a thorough discussion of issues of importance to over 80 members of the public, of which over half were Engineers.



Participants at the May 30 Grand River Chapter all-candidates debate from left to right: Servin Reyhani, OACETT, Wayne Wettlaufer (PC - Kitchener Centre), Marion Thompson Howell (Moderator), Tracey Weiler (PC - Waterloo), Daiene Vernile (Liberal - Kitchener Centre), Jamie Burton (Liberal - Waterloo), Wayne Wright (Liberal - Kitchener-Conestoga), Catherine Fife (NDP - Waterloo), Stacey Denckert (Green - Waterloo), Gabe Tse, P.Eng., PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair and event organizer and Margaret Johnston (NDP - Waterloo).

Participating candidates included Kitchener Waterloo NDP incumbent **Catherine Fife** in addition to:

- **Jamie Burton**, Liberal – Waterloo
- **Stacey Denckert**, Green - Waterloo
- **Margaret Johnston**, NDP - Kitchener Centre
- **Daiene Vernile**, Liberal - Kitchener Centre
- **Tracey Weiler**, PC – Waterloo
- **Wayne Wettlaufer**, PC – Kitchener Centre
- **Wayne Wright**, Liberal - Kitchener Conestoga

**Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., GLP Chair, PEO Grand River Chapter reported that there was an interesting discussion on the repeal and that most candidates thought it was an issue that needed more consultation. He said that, “Catherine Fife was passionate about promoting workers safety in Ontario industries and was supportive of the repeal the industrial exception.”

Ms. Fife and her colleague Taras Natyshak both wrote the government in June 2013 in support of the repeal of the industrial exception.

The event was held in partnership with the Ontario Association of Certified Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) and the Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre.

## ENGINEERS MEET PC LEADER AT CANADIAN CLUB EVENT

PC Leader **Tim Hudak** addressed business leaders at the Canadian Club on May 30, as part of his party's bid to be elected as the next government of Ontario.

Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., and President of the Professional Engineers Government of Ontario **Ping Wu**, P.Eng., participated in the event with PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., and President of the Professional Engineers Government of Ontario Ping Wu, P.Eng., speak with Tim Hudak following his speech at the Canadian Club on May 30.

Mr. Wu participated in the pre-reception where he was able to speak with Mr. Hudak about his role as an Engineer in the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Ontarians go to the polls on June 12 to elect a new government. If the PC party is elected with the most number of seats, Mr. Hudak will be Ontario's next premier.

## ENGINEERING STUDENTS FROM TOP UNIVERSITIES ENCOURAGED TO BUILD PUBLIC IMAGE

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** gave a one hour presentation to over 50 engineering students on June 1 at McMaster University in Hamilton. The participants all serve as representatives on the boards of engineering student societies in Ontario universities. They are part of the Engineering Student Societies Council of Ontario (ESSCO).



Participants in the June 1 ESSCO AGM in Hamilton pose for a picture following Mr. Brown's presentation.

Mr. Brown's presentation was focused on the role that engineering leaders can play in helping their fellow students maintain a positive reputation within their respective universities. Key tactics discussed included relationship building with faculty leaders, writing and publishing ideas in student newspapers and getting involved in public policy issues and political campaigns. Outgoing ESSCO president Mike Kovacs invited and introduced Mr. Brown.

At the AGM the new ESSCO executive was elected which includes four new representatives:

- President – Liam Morrow (McMaster)
- VP Finance & Administration – Greg Burns (Conestoga)
- VP Communications- Ola Suchon (Waterloo)
- VP Services – RJ Sivanesan (Windsor)

## Engineers in the Running

### ENGINEER RUNNING FOR PC PARTY IN TIMMINS-JAMES BAY



**Steve Black**, P.Eng., member of PEO Porcupine/Kapuskasing chapter and mining engineer is running as the PC candidate for Timmins-James Bay. Mr. Black is also a City Councillor in the City of Timmins. He is running against NDP incumbent Gilles Bisson who was the party's house leader when the election was called.

### 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.

## 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.

# 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.*

**NEW! June 8-** A cocktail reception will be held in support of **Lisa Macleod** PC candidate Nepean-Carleton at Rideau Carleton Raceway, 4837 Albion Rd, Ottawa from 5 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$500 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/686>.

**NEW! June 9-** A fundraising reception, hosted by **Mohamad Fakh** (Paramount Fine Foods) will be held in support of **Charles Sousa** Liberal candidate for Mississauga South at the National Club, Tudor East and West, 303 Bay Street, Toronto from 6 to 8 pm. Mr. Sousa was the Finance Minister when the election was called. Tickets are \$5000 each. For more information and to RSVP please contact Magda Hjartarson at [mhjartarson@ontarioliberal.ca](mailto:mhjartarson@ontarioliberal.ca) or by phone at [416-260-1608 x226](tel:416-260-1608).



**NEW! June 9 - Michael MacMillan** (CEO of Blue Ant Media) will host a fundraising reception for **Michael Chan** Liberal Candidate for Markham-Unionville at 34 Warren Road, Toronto from 7 to 9 pm. Mr. Chan was the Minister of Tourism when the election was called. Tickets are \$1,500 each. For more information and to RSVP please contact Magda Hjartarson at [mhjartarson@ontarioliberal.ca](mailto:mhjartarson@ontarioliberal.ca) or by phone at [416-260-1608 x226](tel:416-260-1608).

**NEW! June 9-** A cocktail fundraiser will be held in support of **Glen Murray** Liberal candidate for Toronto Centre at the House Restaurant, 580 Church St, Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Mr. Murray was the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation when the election was called. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information and to RSVP please contact Anne Simone at [annefsimone@gmail.com](mailto:annefsimone@gmail.com) or by phone at 647-213-1761.

**NEW! June 17-** Former MP and Toronto Mayoral candidate, **Olivia Chow** will speak at an Economic Club lunch at the Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond St. W, from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$89 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information please visit <http://www.economicclub.ca/events/display/creating-jobs-through-smart-economic-development>.

**July 8** – Liberal candidate for Scarborough-Rouge River **Bas Balkissoon** will host his 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:friendsofbas@rogers.com).

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