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KATHLEEN WYNNE ELECTED AS ONTARIO'S FIRST FEMALE PREMIER WITH MAJORITY GOVERNMENT

Ontario has its first elected female Premier. Kathleen Wynne was elected with a majority government on June 12, taking 58 of Ontario's 107 seats for the Liberals. Photo credit: The Toronto Star. For more on this story, see page 2.

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Breaking News

ONTARIO'S NEW MAJORITY GOVERNMENT TO CONVENE ON JULY 2

Ontarians have given Premier **Kathleen Wynne** the reigns for four more years following a historic June 12 election where the Liberals took 58 of Ontario's 107 seats, forming a majority government.

Many pollsters predicted that the election would be a close one. Right up to voting day it was unclear which party would form the next government but the incumbent Liberals surprised everyone when they swept the province with a majority.

The PC seat count declined to 28 and the NDP seat count stayed the same at 21 seats (Elections Ontario unofficial results. Official results will be published later). PC leader **Tim Hudak** stepped down following the results, indicating that he will maintain his duties until another leader is chosen. **Andrea Horwath** will undergo a leadership review in the coming months to determine if she will serve as leader through another election.

In her victory speech, Premier Wynne indicated that she will, 'fight every day for all Ontarians to ensure that they have the opportunity and security that they so richly deserve.'

Mr. Hudak told supporters on election night, 'I am proud of what our team has accomplished and I am optimistic about our party's future but I will not be leading the Ontario PC party into the next election campaign.'

Ms. Horwath rallied her supporters following the election results with a call to action that looked towards the future, "I know that you did an amazing amount of work and I know that perhaps people weren't hoping for this particular result tonight, but New Democrats are fighters and we are going to keep fighting."

Premier Wynne participated in the PEO Queen's Park reception last October, the first time an Ontario Premier had ever done so. PEO looks forward to continuing to work with all parties on regulatory issues in Ontario.

It is expected that the budget will be tabled quickly. The Legislature will reconvene on July 2.

TWO OTTAWA AREA ENGINEERS RE-ELECTED TO LEGISLATURE



Jim McDonell, P.Eng.



Jack MacLaren P.Eng.

Two engineers were re-elected to the Ontario Legislature on June 12.

Jack MacLaren, P.Eng., was re-elected as the MPP for Carleton-Mississippi Mills and **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., was re-elected in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

There were previously three engineers elected in the Legislature, but **Phil McNeely**, P.Eng., did not seek re-election.

Four other engineers ran for seats in this election but were unsuccessful including:

- **Steve Black**, P.Eng., - PC, Timmins-James Bay
- **Adam DeVita**, P.Eng. – NDP, Richmond Hill
- **Gordon Kubanek**, P.Eng. - Green Party, Nepean–Carleton
- **Jennifer McKenzie**, P.Eng., - NDP, Ottawa Centre

CONSULTING ENGINEERS ELECT NEW BOARD

Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) elected its new board on June 5 in Toronto at its Annual General Meeting.



CEO Chief Executive Officer Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., with Premier Elect Kathleen Wynne at the Sheraton in Toronto. Mr. Steinberg has met and worked with Ms. Wynne on various occasions during her time as Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and as Premier.

Elected officers (with companies listed) include:

- **Dave Bannister**, Chair (Burnside)
- **Rob Kivi**, Past Chair (MMM Group)
- **Fouad Mustafa**, Chair Elect, (IBI Group)
- **Bruce Potter**, Treasurer (B. M. Ross and Associates),
- **Nadine Miller**, Secretary (SNC-Lavalin)

Directors on the 2014/15 board (with companies listed) are:

- **Tyrone Gan** (HDR Inc.)
- **John Krug** (Stantec)
- **Mike Tulloch** (Tulloch Engineering)
- **Peter Mallory** (CH2M Hill Canada)
- **Bill Allison** (Dillon)
- **Christine Hill** (XCG Consultants)
- **John McGill** (Hatch Mott MacDonald)

While participating in the AGM, CEO Chief Executive Officer **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., ran into Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, who was at the hotel for another function. Mr. Steinberg wished her luck on the campaign trail.

Events Attended

PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER HOSTS SUCCESSFUL ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATE

PEO Mississauga Chapter held an all candidates debate on June 4 at the Central Mississauga Library. Over 60 engineers and community members attended the event to hear the views and platforms of six MPP candidates from the region.

Participating MPP candidates included:

- **Michelle Bilek** (NDP) – Mississauga-Erindale
- **Bob Delaney** (Liberal) -Mississauga Streetsville
- **Vivek Gupta** (Green) – (Mississauga-Erindale)
- **Amrit Mangat** (Liberal)- Mississauga-Brampton South
- **Nina Tangri** (PC) – Mississauga-Streetsville
- **Pauline Thornham** (Green) – Bramalea-Gore-Malton

Also participating in the event were former PEO Councillor **Colin Moore**, P.Eng., Former PEO Councillor and Engineers Canada Director **Phil Maka**, P.Eng., PEO Mississauga Chapter Chair **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng., past Chair **Art Kirnichansky**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Khaled El-Rahi**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., PEO Registrar **Gerard MacDonald**, P.Eng., OSPE Acting CEO **Paul Acchione**, P.Eng., and Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



MPP candidates pose for a group photo with PEO special guests at the June 4 Mississauga all candidates debate. From left to right (front) Michelle Bilek (NDP) – Mississauga-Erindale, Bob Delaney (Liberal) - Mississauga Streetsville, Amrit Mangat (Liberal)- Mississauga-Brampton South, Nina Tangri (PC) – Mississauga-Streetsville, Pauline Thornham (Green) – Bramalea-Gore-Malton, Vivek Gupta (Green) – (Mississauga-Erindale) (Backrow) Former PEO Councillor Colin Moore, P.Eng., Former PEO Councillor and Engineers Canada Director Phil Maka, P.Eng., PEO Mississauga Chapter Chair Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng., Past – chair Art Kirnichansky, P. Eng., GLP Chair Khaled El-Rahi, P.Eng., OSPE Acting CEO Paul Acchione, P.Eng., PEO Registrar Gerard MacDonald, P.Eng., President-Elect Thomas Chong, P.Eng., and Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.

PEO WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL CHAPTER HOSTS DISCUSSION WITH MPP CANDIDATES

PEO Willowdale-Thornhill chapter hosted a discussion with three local MPP candidates on June 8 at the Oxygen Restaurant & Lounge in Toronto.

The event was spearheaded by Chapter Chair **Vimbai Munyukwi**, P.Eng., and GLP Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. It was well attended with over 40 participants.



Participants gather for a group photo with MPP candidates including Liberal David Zimmer and PC Michael Ceci at the June 8 meet and greet in Toronto at Oxygen Restaurant & Lounge.

Candidates that participated include **David Zimmer** now MPP (Willowdale), PC candidate for Willowdale **Michael Ceci** and NDP candidate **Alexander Brown**. Mr. Ceci worked with PEO Past-President Annette Bergeron at Queen's.

PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., also participated in the event. The candidates made introductory comments, which were followed by a question and answer question from the group.

PEO COUNCIL VOTES TO MAKE JOINT GLP/PAN MEETINGS PERMANENT

PEO had its June council meeting at PEO headquarters on June 9. The meeting was chaired by PEO Councillor **Rebecca Huang** and was attended by all PEO Councillors. **Tanya Chute-Molina**, Policy and Program Adviser with the Office of the Fairness Commissioner also attended.

A number of interesting motions were passed including one to hold joint GLP/PAN meetings with MPPs as a permanent part of PEO procedures.

Another motion approved the development of a new professional design coordination proposal for the Ontario Building Code. Engineers, Architects and Building Officials (EABO) is a joint Liaison group comprised of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO), Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), and Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA). OBOA is the lead on this initiative.

EABO concluded that, “the public interest in safe, code compliant and more energy efficient building designs will be better served if the responsibility for coordination of all elements of a building design is more clearly set out, and is a mandatory part of professional design services.”

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has indicated that a comprehensive proposal from the OAA and PEO Council will be needed to go forward with the required changes to the Building Code. Council voted in favour of moving forward on this initiative.

Additional items of interest included:

- Council overtook a preliminary review of the 2015 budget and other activities.
- PEO President Dave Adams, P.Eng., reported that he met with 400 engineers from India living in Canada where they talked about new emerging technologies.
- Registrar reported that the Continuing Professional Development Taskforce received over 70 applications.
- It was also announced at the Council meeting that former PEO president **Dianne Freeman**, P.Eng., is now on the executive of Engineers Canada. Congratulations Ms. Freeman.

For a full look at the council agenda see: http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/ci_id/27970/la_id/1.htm.

Work in Progress

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE DISCUSSES BUILDING CODE DEVELOPMENTS

PEO's Government Liaison Committee had a regulatory issues subcommittee call on June 10.

A key topic of discussion was the references to the Ontario Building Code in the 2014 budget speech and if they would impact the Professional Engineers Act.

PEO Deputy Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., initiated discussions with the Ministry of the Attorney General to confirm if the building code developments were aligned with PEO recommendations.

Further discussions were held with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and it was determined that PEO is alignment with developments on the building code file.

If you have any comments, additions, or questions, please do not hesitate to call or email:

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