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ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN ANNOUCEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR JOBS & PROSPERITY ACT

Jeannette Chau, P.Eng, PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs, Lee Weisling, Manager of Policy and Government Relations, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO, Brad Duguid MPP (Scarborough Centre), Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Glen Murray MPP (Toronto Centre), Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Andy Manahan, Executive Director of the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario, Kristi Doyle, Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Architects at the July 7 announcement of Bill 141 – Infrastructure for Jobs & Prosperity Act at Queen’s Park in Toronto.

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Breaking News

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DELIVERS LAST SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Lieutenant Governor **David Onley** delivered the government's Speech from the Throne on July 3. It was his last duty prior to retiring from his position after seven years, as reported in last week's GLP Weekly.

The Throne Speech focused on the government's plan for jobs and growth while maintaining its commitment to spend on infrastructure funding, which is important to the engineering profession. It also reinforced the government's plan to eliminate the deficit by 2017-18.

For a full review of the speech go to: <http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2014/07/building-ontario-up-speech-from-the-throne.html>.

LEGISLATURE NAMES DEPUTY SPEAKERS

The Ontario Legislature passed a motion on July 7 that named the four deputy Speakers of the House. The vote was passed with unanimous consent. Three of the four deputy Speakers from the previous session remained in their positions, while a change to the second PC representative brought a new face to the group.

The returning deputy Speakers include: **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), **Ted Arnott** MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills), **Paul Miller** MPP (Hamilton East- Stoney Creek). The new Deputy Speaker is **Rick Nicholls** MPP (Chatham-Kent).



From left to right: Bas Balkissoon MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Ted Arnott MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills), Paul Miller MPP (Hamilton East- Stoney Creek), and Rick Nicholls MPP (Chatham-Kent), who are all Deputy Speakers in the Ontario Legislature.

Mr. Nicholls ran for the position of Speaker of the Legislature but lost to **Dave Levac** MPP (Brant) who held the position in the last Legislature. He was named deputy speaker following the race.

NEW PC PARTY CRITIC ROLES ANNOUNCED

New critic roles in the PC caucus have been announced by interim leader **Jim Wilson** MPP (Simcoe-Grey). Many MPPs take on new portfolios while **Sylvia Jones** MPP (Dufferin-Caledon), who is a critic of importance to PEO, stays with the Attorney General portfolio.



Sylvia Jones MPP



Randy Hillier MPP



Ernie Hardeman MPP

Other key Ministries of importance to PEO include Municipal Affairs and Housing, which will now be critiqued on behalf of the PC Party by **Ernie Hardeman** MPP (Oxford) and Labour, which **Randy Hillier** MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington) will cover.



Steve Clark MPP



John Yakabuski MPP



Lisa Thompson MPP



Michael Harris MPP



Norm Miller MPP

A number of MPPs hold positions that aren't directly related to PEO's regulatory mandate but who influence the procedure of the Legislature or whose portfolio impacts or is impacted by engineering. These MPPs include:

- **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville) House Leader
- **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) Whip
- **Lisa Thompson** MPP (Huron-Bruce) Critic, Environment & Climate Change
- **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) Critic, Transportation

- **Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka) Critic, Northern Development & Mines (Ring of Fire) and Aboriginal Issues

It is important to maintain relationships with critics of both opposition parties to ensure that PEO issues are well understood across party lines.

For a full list of PC Critics, visit: <http://ontariopc.com/team>.

Events Attended

ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR JOBS & PROSPERITY ACT

PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., participated in the July 7 announcement of the reintroduction of Bill 141 - Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2014 in Toronto.

Also attending were **Lee Weisling**, Manager of Policy and Government Relations, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO, **Andy Manahan**, Executive Director of the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario and **Kristi Doyle**, Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Architects .

The Act would require the first long-term infrastructure plan to be tabled in the legislature within three years, with subsequent plans tabled at least every five years.

A government media release referenced the intention of the legislation that was originally introduced in the last parliament that said, "Ontario is introducing legislation today that, if passed, would strengthen the province's economy by reducing red tape for business, driving regional economic growth by developing clusters and supporting long-term infrastructure planning."

The Act would also require the province to regularly table a long-term infrastructure plan in the legislature covering a period of at least 10 years.

The proposed legislation includes guiding principles to maximize the value of investments and to promote innovation, competitiveness and job creation. It would also require the government to involve apprentices in the construction of certain provincial projects.

Ontario has proposed to invest more than \$130 billion in public infrastructure over the next 10 years, which would support over 110,000 jobs on average each year in construction and related industries.

Work in progress

PEO PRESIDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AUG 20 RECEPTION WITH PREMIER



Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will host her annual summer patio reception on August 20 in Toronto. PEO President **David Adams**, P.Eng., is scheduled to attend.

The event attracts Cabinet Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants and is a great opportunity for stakeholders to interact with MPPs. With the new cabinet just named on July 2, PEO looks forward to engaging with Ministers in their new portfolios.

PEO STUDENT CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 7-9 IN THUNDER BAY

Lakehead University will host the PEO Student Conference on November 7-9 in Thunder Bay.



Centennial Building at Laurentian University.
Photo credit: www.engineering.lakeheadu.ca.

The conference provides professional development opportunities for engineering students in addition to introducing delegates to the work of PEO and the benefits of obtaining a P.Eng license.

Delegates learn about the licensing process and the PEO Student Membership Program, and hear from engineering leaders discussing the future of the engineering profession in Ontario.

Delegates will be encouraged to think about how they can help solve problems in the engineering profession and contribute to making the profession better as a whole. PEO is a major sponsor of the conference, and will be attended by PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.

Upcoming Events

NEW! July 12- Soo Wong MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt) will host her 3rd annual Community BBQ, in Bridlewood Park, 445 Huntingwood Drive, from 11 am- 2 pm. The event is complimentary. For more information please visit <http://soowong.onmpp.ca/News/9900> or call 416-297-6468.

NEW! July 23 – Former Premier **Mike Harris** will host a GTA Golf Club at Clublink’s The Country Club, 20 Lloyds Rd., Woodbridge. Registration is at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:15 a.m., a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m., a reception at 6 p.m. and a reception at 7 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities include \$2,000 for individual sponsorship, \$8,000 for a Leader’s Foursome and \$15,000 for a Victory Sponsorship. For more information or to register, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/542>.

NEW! August 7 - Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will attend the Ontario Liberal Women’s Caucus Golf Tournament at King’s Riding Golf Club, 14700 Bathurst St., King City. Registration is at 7 a.m., Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. followed by a reception at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2,400 for a foursome. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608 ext. 240 or sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

NEW! August 12 – Members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus and Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will attend a Golf Tournament at Eagle Creek Golf Club, 109 Royal Troon, Dunrobin. Registration is at 8 a.m., Shotgun start is at 9 a.m., followed by a reception at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2,600 for a foursome. For more information, contact Ivy-Lea Lunau at 613-422-264 or ilunau@ontarioliberal.ca.

NEW! August 16 – PC MPP **Steve Clark** (Leeds-Grenville) will host a reception hosted by the Leeds-Grenville PC Association at the Glen House Resort, 409 1000 Islands Pkwy., Gananoque. Tickets are \$150 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information or to RSVP, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/586>.

NEW! August 20 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will host the Annual Patio Party, sponsored by the Ontario Liberal Fund. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information or to RSVP, contact Howard Brown at 416-844-1180 or howard@brown-cohen.com.

NEW! September 22 – Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will Chair a Golf Tournament at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, 5407 Regional Road 25, Milton. Members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus and Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will attend. Registration starts at 7 a.m., Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m., followed by a reception at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3,200 for a foursome. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608 ext. 240 or sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

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