



## Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly August 1, 2014



### ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL HOST PEO QUEEN'S PARK DAY ON NOVEMBER 5

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) has agreed to host PEO's annual Queen's Park Reception on November 5 in the Legislative Dining Room. Pictured above is PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng. with Minister Meilleur whom he met on April 24. For more on this story see page 7.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

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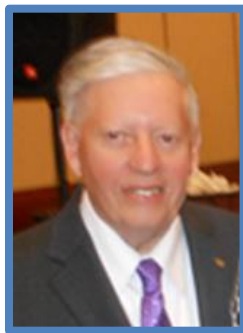
# Top Stories This Week

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## Breaking News

### PEO THANKS MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS FOR BUILDING CODE RESPONSE

PEO President **Dave Adams**, P.Eng., has sent a letter of acknowledgement and thank you in response to the July 17 letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Ted McMeekin** MPP (Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale), which was featured in last week's GLP weekly.



Dave Adams, P.Eng.



Minister McMeekin

As reported, the correspondence was regarding concerns on the announcements in the Ontario budget that were thought could infringe on PEO's jurisdiction over the practice of engineering. President Adams has confirmed that the Minister's response reinforces public interest and the jurisdiction of PEO to self-regulate the engineering profession.

## FOUR ENGINEERS AND EIT RUNNING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Four Engineers and an EIT are running in races to win municipal council seats in the October 27 elections.

**Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., who is PEO's Windsor-Essex Chapter Chair is running in Tecumseh, **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., is running for a seat in Ottawa's Ward 20, **Dave Andre**, P.Eng., will seek the seat in Toronto-Danforth and **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., is running for re-election in Mississauga. **Ghada Melek** is an EIT also running for a council seat in Mississauga.

Part of PEO's Government Liaison mandate is to encourage engineers to get more involved in public affairs and encourage more engineers to run for public office.



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng.

**Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., is a long-time PEO volunteer who is also a former policy and economic development officer in the Windsor Mayor's office. He was the first Chapter representative on the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

Andrew stated "My work experience as an engineer and in government administration has provided me the skills, knowledge and experience to understand how municipal services are delivered. I'd like to put these to great use to make my neighbourhood and my community an even better place."

Learn more about Mr. Dowie at <http://www.andrewdowie.ca/>.



Guy Boone, P.Eng.

**Guy Boone**, P.Eng., is an electrical engineer and an active PEO volunteer in the Ottawa Chapter. He is running for a seat in Ottawa's Ward 20.

He is currently a safety advisory at SafetyGuy Consulting and is focusing his campaign on improved health and safety in Ottawa. To connect with Guy follow him on twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/GuyBoone>.



Dave Andre, P.Eng.

**Dave Andre**, P.Eng., a civil engineer, will seek a seat in Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29, in the upcoming Toronto election.

He works as a technical specialist in the building construction industry and has already secured endorsements from former federal cabinet minister **Maria Minna**, the former MP for the riding and **Case Ootes**, Councillor for Ward 29 Toronto – Danforth, 1998-2010. Learn more at his website: <http://www.votedaveandre.com/>.



Ron Starr, P.Eng.

**Ron Starr**, P.Eng., is running for re-election in Mississauga. He was elected in 2010 to Council to represent Ward 6. He also served as Ward 7 Councillor for the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel between the years of 1978 – 1980.

For more information on Mr. Starr go to: <http://www.ronstarr.ca/>.



Ghada Melek, EIT

**Ghada Melek** is an EIT who is running for a council seat in Ward 6 of Mississauga. She studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Windsor.

Ms. Melek held a community barbeque on July 13 in the riding. It was attended by over 200 residents.

For more information on Ms. Melek's campaign go to: [www.ghadamelek.ca](http://www.ghadamelek.ca).

PEO wishes all engineering candidates good luck in the upcoming election and encourages any others running to provide us with campaign details.



# Events Attended

## ENGINEERS SPEAK TO PREMIER AT LOCAL NOMINATION MEETING

Engineers attended the Federal Liberal nomination meeting in Don Valley West on July 23 at the Cypriot Community Centre.

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) spoke at the event in support of former MP and President of the Asthma Society of Canada **Rob Oliphant**, who won the nomination. Mr. Oliphant's grandfather, Stanley Richard Frost was President of PEO in 1941.

PEO encourages engineers to participate in local political events for all parties as a way to build stronger relationships with MPPs.



Premier Kathleen Wynne MPP (Don Valley West) (centre) spoke in support of Rob Oliphant at the Don Valley West federal Liberal nomination meeting on July 23. Engineers Ping Wu, P.Eng (left) and Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., (right) attended the meeting and spoke with Premier Wynne.

Participating were **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., PEO's Enforcement Manager and president of the Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education and **Ping Wu**, P.Eng., an engineer in food safety with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the new President of Professional Engineers Government of Ontario (PEGO). Also participating was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Ms. Sterling and Mr. Wu spoke with the Premier about their engineering work and other matters of current affairs.

## PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER GLP CHAIR ATTENDS EVENT WITH MINISTER

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., attended a community event organized by Black Business Professional Association (BBPA) on July 24 in Scarborough.



PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair Narayana Asogan, P.Eng., (far left) poses for a group photo with (from left to right) Glen Delisser, Financial Planner, Pauline Christian, President, Black Business Professional Association, Associate Minister of Finance Mitzie Hunter MPP (Scarborough Guildwood) and Scotiabank small business advisors Ransleigh Baird and Pretra Scalisi at the July 24 community event in Scarborough.

Associate Minister of Finance **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough Guildwood) participated in the event by welcoming the over 30 participants at the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Asogan had a chance to speak with Ms. Hunter and to congratulate her on her re-election.

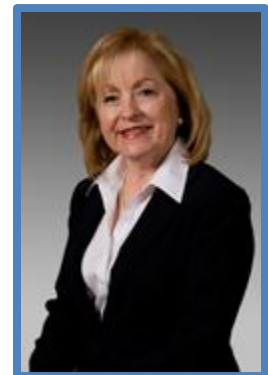
The workshop was led by small business, financial and tax advice specialists from Scotiabank.

# Work in progress

## ATTORNEY GENERAL AGREES TO HOST PEO MPP QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION ON NOVEMBER 5

PEO is pleased to announce the Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Orleans) will host PEO's Annual MPP Queen's Park Reception on November 5.

The event will be held in the Legislative Dining room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will bring engineering leaders and chapter representatives from across the province to Queen's Park to meet with their MPPs. The reception typically attracts over 50 MPPs and last year Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) and Opposition leader **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook) also participated.



*Minister Madeleine Meilleur*

## PEO TO HOLD TWO TRAINING WEBINARS FOR GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM CHAIRS

PEO has scheduled two webinar training sessions in August and September for new Government Liaison Program (GLP) Chairs across the province. The sessions will be held on August 27 at 4:00 p.m., and September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Each year PEO trains GLP Chairs on the basics of government relations and PEO regulatory issues. The sessions include an overview of the provincial political system and a review of the strategies and tactics used by PEO to ensure that local engineers connect with their MPPs on a regular basis.

If you would like to join the sessions or for more information please contact Kaitlynn Dodge, PEO Government Relations Coordinator at [kaitlynn@brown-cohen.com](mailto:kaitlynn@brown-cohen.com).

## PEO PRESIDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AUG 20 RECEPTION WITH PREMIER



Dave Adams, P.Eng

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 as is new OSPE CEO **Sandro Perruzza**, Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., and President of the Professional Engineers Government of Ontario **Ping Wu**, P.Eng.

Expected to be in attendance are Transportation Minister **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan), Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) and **Soo Wong** MPP (Scarborough Agincourt) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services. With the new cabinet just named on July 2, PEO looks forward to engaging with Ministers in their new portfolios.

President Adams is looking forward to speaking with the Premier about the Ontario Building Code, the Elliott Lake Inquiry and other regulatory issues.

## EASTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY TENTATIVELY BOOKED FOR NOVEMBER 15 IN BELLEVILLE

PEO has tentatively booked the GLP Eastern Region Academy and Congress for November 15 in Belleville.



Belleville

Academy and Congresses are held in each region of the province every year to train and engage local PEO GLP volunteers on events for the year ahead. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

# Upcoming Events

**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](mailto:sali@ontarioliberal.ca).

**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](mailto:ilunau@ontarioliberal.ca).

**August 16** – PC MPP **Steve Clark** (Leeds-Grenville) will host the 'Afternoon in the Islands,' 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>.

**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](mailto:howard@brown-cohen.com).

**August 20- Yvan Baker** MPP (Etobicoke Centre) will host an Evening on the Lake, at the Garden by the Lake, 2607 Lake Shore Blvd W. Tickets are \$125. RSVP is recommended. For more information please contact [contactyvanbaker@gmail.com](mailto:contactyvanbaker@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.ontarioliberal.ca/GetInvolved/>.

**August 25 - Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound –Muskoka) will host the Annual Norm Miller Golf Day, at Deerhurst Highlands Golf Course, 1235 Deerhurst Dr., Huntsville. Registrations begins at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$250 each. RSVP is recommended. For more information email [normmiller.pc@gmail.com](mailto:normmiller.pc@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:sali@ontarioliberal.ca).

**NEW! November 5-** True Patriot Love requests the pleasure of your company at the 2014 Toronto Tribute Dinner, at the Metro Convention Centre, South Building, 222 Bremner Blvd. Cocktails are at 6 pm and dinner begins at 7 pm. For more information and to RSVP email Karen Miller at [kim.inc@rogers.com](mailto:kim.inc@rogers.com) or call at 416-224-9990.

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