



## Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly

### August 8, 2014



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## Breaking News

### PEO ENFORCEMENT MANAGER MEETS WITH ONTARIO'S CHIEF PREVENTION OFFICER

**Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., PEO Manager, Enforcement met with Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer **George Gritziotis** at his office in the Ministry of Labour on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the meeting was to request the support of the Prevention Office to collaborate on a solution to improve workplace safety with respect to production equipment and machinery, including repealing the industrial exception.



PEO Manager, Enforcement Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., with Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer George Gritziotis at his office in the Ministry of Labour on July 30th. Ms. Sterling has been engaged in ongoing outreach to see the proclamation of the repeal of Section 12 3(a) of the Professional Engineers Act.

Ms. Sterling reported that Mr. Gritziotis was very interested in the accident statistics and the root causes analysis that PEO presented with respect to Ontario's manufacturing sector's workplace injuries and fatalities.

He offered support to help reconcile the current discrepancies in the statistics being reported by the Ministry of Labour, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) and the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada.

He also offered to connect PEO with the WSIB who have done some analysis on accident cases. Once the statistics have been reconciled, Mr. Gritziotis suggested bringing together the Ministry of Labour, PEO and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters to find common ground towards reducing fatalities and injuries in Ontario workplaces.

## Events Attended

### NDP ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC AGREES TO SPEAK AT UPCOMING PEO EVENTS

PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., participated in a community appreciation barbeque with NDP Attorney General Critic **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) in Brampton's Wildwood Park on August 3. Also participating in the event was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. (Left), met NDP Attorney General Critic **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) (Right) at Mr. Singh's August 3 community barbeque in Brampton.



During the barbeque Mr. Panesar and Mr. Brown spoke to Mr. Singh about a number of PEO events including the upcoming MPP Queen's Park Reception scheduled for November 5 in the Legislative Dining Room and the just announced December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 East and West Central GLP Academy and Congress.

Mr. Singh agreed to speak at both the MPP reception and the academy, in his capacity as the NDP Critic for the Attorney General.

Mr. Panesar was recently named as one of two co-chairs for the Academy, which will be held at PEO headquarters in Toronto.

## Work in progress

### CO-CHAIRS ANNOUNCED FOR EAST AND WEST CENTRAL GLP ACADEMY & CONGRESS

Planning is underway for the December 6, 2014 East and West Central GLP Academy and Congress and the event's co-chairs, who will lead the logistical organization of the event have now been selected.

PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., will represent the West Central Region and PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Ed Fung**, P.Eng., will represent the East Central Region.



Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.



Ed Fung, P.Eng.

Both Mr. Panesar and Mr. Fung are long-time PEO volunteers with a depth of experience planning events and engaging in government liaison activities.

The event will bring together engineers from across the GTA to discuss government liaison strategies and to plan for the year ahead. It will be held at PEO headquarters at 40 Sheppard Ave W, in Toronto.

More details on this event will be released in the coming weeks.

## **EASTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY TO BE HELD AT BELLEVILLE TRAVELODGE ON NOVEMBER 15**

PEO's Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress will be held at the Travelodge Hotel on November 15 in Belleville. The event will start at 8:30 a.m.

Event organization is being chaired by PEO Quinte Chapter member **Bruce Milliken**, P.Eng. MPPs **Todd Smith** (Prince Edward-Hastings) and **Lou Rinaldi** (Northumberland Quinte West) are being invited to speak to engineers in attendance.



Belleville Travelodge Hotel

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.

## **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.

# Upcoming Events

**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! September 26-** GTA Mayoral Candidates **Olivia Chow**, Mayor **Rob Ford**, **David Soknacki**, **Karen Stintz** and **John Tory** will be featured in a Mayoral Debate at the Empire Club, Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street at 12 pm. Tickets are \$80 each. For more information and to RSVP please visit <http://www.empireclub.org/events/mayoral-debate-2014/>.

**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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