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Breaking News

INDIA AND SRI LANKA JOIN WASHINGTON ACCORD

As reported in the Canadian Immigrant magazine on August 13, the Washington Accord has two new signatories, India and Sri Lanka, bringing the total number of members to 17.



The Accord is an international agreement that governs recognition of accredited engineering qualifications around the world. It was signed in 1989 by representatives of organizations responsible for accrediting engineering degree programs in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States, has since expanded to include a total of 17 countries. Other signatories include Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, South Africa and Turkey.

One goal of the Washington Accord is to make international mobility easier on those in the engineering profession. It recognizes the substantial equivalency of engineering programs in member countries and recommends that graduates of programs accredited by any of the signatory members be recognized as having met the academic requirements for engineering in these countries.

Internationally trained engineers from India and Sri Lanka will now have a smoother process in getting back to their professions after immigrating to Canada. There is help available from Engineers Canada, which offers a dedicated website for newcomers called the Engineers Canada Roadmap to Engineering in Canada (newcomers.engineerscanada.ca). The website helps international engineering graduates prepare for a career in Canada by bringing clarity to the engineering licensure process. It has practical advice on obtaining licensure and finding work as a professional engineer — everything they'll need to become "licence-ready" and pursue their career ambitions in Canada as quickly as possible.

For the full article go to: <http://canadianimmigrant.ca/news-and-views/good-news-for-international-engineering-graduates-the-washington-accord-has-two-new-signatories-india-and-sri-lanka>.

PREMIER ANNOUNCES NEW DEPUTY MINISTER APPOINTMENTS

Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) has announced some changes to the Ontario Public Service including the following Deputy Minister appointments:



Scott Thompson



Steven Davidson



Drew Fagan



Giles Gherson



Wendy Tilford



Chisanga
Puta-Chekwe



Sophie Dennis

- **Scott Thompson** becomes Deputy Minister of Finance effective October 6, 2014. Kevin French will continue as Deputy Minister of Finance, on an interim basis, until Scott Thompson assumes the role. French will then return to his home position as Associate Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Secretariat.
- **Steven Davidson** becomes Deputy Minister of Policy and Delivery, Cabinet Office, and Associate Secretary of the Cabinet effective October 6, 2014.
- **Drew Fagan** becomes Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Deputy Minister responsible for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games effective October 6, 2014.
- **Giles Gherson** becomes Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Employment and Deputy Minister of Research and Innovation effective September 2, 2014. On October 6, Gherson will also assume responsibility for Infrastructure.
- **Wendy Tilford** becomes Deputy Minister of Government and Consumer Services effective September 2, 2014. Greg Orenszak will continue in his role as Deputy Minister and Secretary to Treasury Board and the Management Board of Cabinet.
- **Chisanga Puta-Chekwe** adds responsibility for International Trade to his current duties as Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration effective September 2, 2014. He also retains responsibility for Women's Issues and Seniors' Affairs.
- **Sophie Dennis** will continue in the role of Deputy Minister of Labour, on an interim basis, while recruitment of a new Deputy is completed.

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.

The latest to announce is **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., of PEO Ottawa Chapter, who recently announced that he will run for Mayor of Ottawa.



Mr. Syed, pictured left as he filed his papers to run, is a dedicated PEO volunteer.

He is planning to launch his campaign in the beginning of September. More details will be released in the coming weeks as they become available.

Additional engineers running include: **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., who is PEO's Windsor-Essex Chapter Chair is running in

Tecumseh, **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/>.



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.

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

Events Attended

PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER MEETS WITH NEW OTTAWA-ORLEANS MPP

PEO Ottawa Chapter met with the new MPP for Ottawa-Orléans, **Marie-France Lalonde** on August 15 in her constituency office for an hour long discussion. Ms. Lalonde is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment & Infrastructure. She replaced former MPP Phil McNeely, P.Eng., who retired in the spring.



Participating in the meeting were PEO Ottawa Chapter Vice-Chair **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., and GLP Chair **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., who also just recently filed his papers to run for Mayor of Ottawa. Dr. **Sandra Iroakazi**, EIT., also participated

PEO Ottawa Chapter is very active when it comes to engaging local MPPs. On August 15 the Chapter's Vice Chair Guy Boone, P.Eng., (left) and GLP Chair and Ottawa Mayoral Candidate Anwar Syed, P.Eng., met for an hour with Ottawa-Orléans MPP Marie-France Lalonde (second from left) to discuss PEO issues and begin to build a relationship. Dr. Sandra Iroakazi, EIT., also participated (second from right).

ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN AFTERNOON IN THE ISLANDS WITH PC HOUSE LEADER



PEO Thousand Islands Chapter Co-Chair Graham Houze, P.Eng., (right) had a chance to meet PC Leadership candidate Christine Elliott MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) (centre) and Jim McDonell, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South-Glengarry) (right) at MPP Steve Clark's Afternoon in the Islands on August 16 in Gananoque.

PEO Thousand Islands Chapter was well represented at the Annual Afternoon in the Islands hosted by Leeds-Grenville MPP **Steve Clark** on August 16 in Gananoque. Mr. Clark is also the PC House Leader.

Participating were Chapter Co-Chairs **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng., and **Graham Houze**, P.Eng, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Four MPPs participated in the event including PC Leadership candidates Lisa McLeod MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) and Christine Elliott MPP (Whitby-Oshawa), Jim McDonell, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South-Glengarry) and Mr. Clark.

Also participating were the federal Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville **Gord Brown**, Senator **Bob Runciman** and former Minister and MPP **Norm Sterling**, P. Eng.

The engineers had good discussions with all four MPPs. Mr. Brown spoke to the two leadership candidates about how engineers could get involved in the race.

PC LAMBTON-KENT-MIDDLESEX MPP HOSTS TORONTO RECEPTION



PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown (left) participated in the Toronto reception for MPP and PC Leadership candidate Monte McNaughton on August 15. Brown & Cohen Communications and Public Affairs Intern Katie Sullivan (second from left) also participated. Also pictured are Monte McNaughton MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) (centre) with his wife Kate and student Peter Yoon.

PEO participated in a Toronto event hosted by **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) on August 15 in Toronto. Mr. McNaughton is the PC Critic for Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade.

Participating were **Eric Bristow**, P. Eng, Director, Government & Stakeholder Relations, Canadian Fuels Association and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Mr. Brown spoke to Mr. McNaughton about his planned entry into the PC leadership race and the Repeal of Section 12(3)a of the Professional Engineers Act.

Also in attendance were former MPP **Jane McKenna**, **Paul Scrivener**, Director of External Affairs for the Toronto Industry Network and **David Donovan**, Government Relations Advisor at Enbridge Gas Distribution.

Work in progress

PEO TO HOST LEGISLATURE INTERNS SEPTEMBER 22

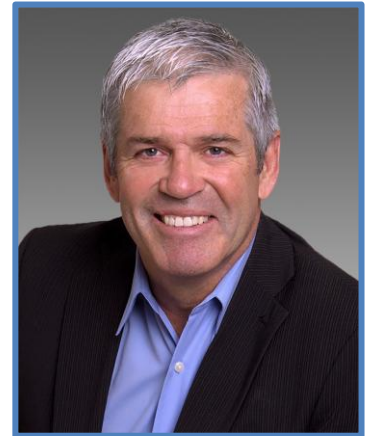
PEO will host Ontario's Legislature Interns at PEO headquarters on September 22 in Toronto.

In keeping with PEO's annual sponsorship of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, the September meetings will introduce the new 2014/15 interns to PEO's role as the regulator of engineering in the province.

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., will meet the students and PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., will provide an overview of the Government Liaison Program. The interns will also learn about the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy. The meeting will be chaired by PEO Enforcement Manager, **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

NEW BEACHES-EAST YORK MPP TO SPEAK AT PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER ON SEPTEMBER 9

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP representative, **Shah Alamgir**, P.Eng., has confirmed that newly elected Beaches East-York MPP **Arthur Potts** will speak at the Chapters upcoming Licensing Certificate ceremony on September 9.



Arthur Potts, MPP

Mr. Potts was appointed by Premier **Kathleen Wynne** last month to be the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Prior to being elected, he led a Municipal Affairs Consulting practice working in such fields as construction and waste management.

Following Mr. Potts' election, Mr. Alamgir wrote him a congratulatory email outlining PEOs work on the Government Liaison Program.

THIRTEEN PEO VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER WEBINAR

PEO has merged its two upcoming webinar training sessions into one on September 16 at 7:30 p.m., due to overwhelming demand for the September session.

The session is being held for Government Liaison Program (GLP) Chairs across the province.

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.

Chairs who are currently confirmed to participate include:

- **Mathew Thomas**, P.Eng., Chatham-Kent, GLP Chair
- **Zack White**, P.Eng., Lakehead, GLP Chair
- **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., Hamilton-Burlington, GLP Chair
- **Sneha Mathrani**, P.Eng., East Toronto
- **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., Kingston, GLP Chair
- **Shah Alamgir**, P.Eng., East Toronto, GLP Chair
- **Tomiwa Olukiyes**, P.Eng., London, GLP Chair
- **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., Ottawa, GLP Chair

- **Uthayan Thurairajah**, P.Eng., Scarborough, GLP Chair
- **Tyler Ing**, P.Eng., Simcoe-Muskoka, GLP Chair
- **David Sanz**, P.Eng., York
- **Khaled El-Rahi**, P.Eng., Mississauga, GLP Chair
- **Chaitan Sandu**, P.Eng., Niagara, GLP Chair

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.

PEO SETS UP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER 5 QUEEN'S PARK MPP RECEPTION

The organizing committee for PEO's annual Queen's Park Day has been formed. The group is made up of members of the Government Liaison Committee (GLC), which held a teleconference call on August 19. Full details of the call will be reported next week.

Sub-committee members include:

- **Jonathan Hack**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
- **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., GLP Chair
- **Jonathan Risto**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada representative
- **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., active in a Riding Association
- **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., GLP Chair
- **Angel Serah**, Student representative
- Ex-officio **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
- Staff Coordinator **Gonzalo Pineros**, PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Liaison Programs
- Staff Advisor **Ralph Martin**, PEO Manager

The reception will be held on November 5 in the Legislative Dining Room. This year the event will be hosted by Attorney General, **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), pictured right with PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng.



This annual event attracts engineers from across the province to meet with their MPP at the Ontario Legislature and features MPP speakers and the Government Liaison Program awards.

TWO MPPS INVITED TO EASTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY ON NOVEMBER 15



Lou Rinaldi, MPP

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'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.

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

Todd Smith, MPP

NEW MPP PANEL PROPOSED FOR PEO EAST AND WEST CENTRAL GLP ACADEMY DECEMBER 6

In addition to remarks from NDP MPP **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore-Malton), the upcoming PEO East and West Central GLP Academy and Congress December 6, may feature a panel of new MPPs.

PEO is recommending a panel to feature new MPPs to event co-chairs PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., who represents the West Central Region and PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Ed Fung**, P.Eng., who represents the East Central Region.

It has not yet been determined which MPPs could potentially participate.

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.



Jagmeet Singh, MPP



Ed Fung, P.Eng.



Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.

Upcoming Events

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.

NEW! September 3- Former MPP and Brampton Mayoral candidate **Linda Jeffrey** is hosting a fundraising cocktail reception at Montecassino Woodbridge, 140 Jevlan Dr., Woodbridge. For further information please contact the Linda Jeffrey Campaign at 289-201-8869, or by email info@lindaajeffrey.ca

NEW! September 3- Gilles Bisson, NDP House Leader and MPP (Timmins James Bay) will host a special fundraising reception at the University Club of Toronto at 380 University Avenue. For more information contact Stewart at (416) 469-9686 or email FriendsofGillesBisson@gmail.com

NEW! September 6 – Associate Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **Dipika Damerla's** 3rd Annual Community Fall Barbecue is taking place on Saturday and 12pm – 2pm at Mississauga Valley Park. For more information call 905-238-1751.

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.

September 26- Toronto 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/>.

NEW! October 16 – NDP Leader, **Andrea Horwath**, is hosting her flagship event for stakeholders in the province. She is being joined by her new MPPs. It will take place at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto on Dundas Street West. The time is 7 to 9 PM on October 16th. For more information contact Anton Sharplanin at asharplanin@on.ndp.ca

NEW! November 6 – TVO will host its annual Tribute Gala to celebrate former TVO Chairs and CEOs **Isabel Bassett** and **Peter Herrndorf**. In attendance will be former Premiers **William Davis**, **Ernie Eves**, **Michael Harris**, **Dalton McGuinty**, **David Peterson** and **Bob Rae**. The event will take place on November 6 at 7pm at the Fermenting Cellar; 28 Distillery Lane, Distillery District, Toronto. For more information or to order tickets contact Howard Brown at 416-844-1180 or howard@brown-cohen.com.

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