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Breaking News

CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF ONTARIO STRIKES JOINT COMMITTEE WITH METROLINX

Consulting Engineers of Ontario and Metrolinx have officially established the CEO/Metrolinx Joint Transit Engineering Council.

The committee was formalized last April when President and CEO of Metrolinx **Bruce McCuaig** and Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., signed a Memorandum of Understanding.



Bruce McCuaig



Barry Steinberg, P.Eng.

“We are proud of Metrolinx and of CEO,” said Mr. Steinberg. “Both organizations realize that we need to have a strong relationship and a collaborative approach to transit engineering.”

The Council formalizes a relationship between the two organizations that will act as an important forum for the discussion and consultation on matters that are important to the two organizations including the vendor/owner relationship, Metrolinx’s delivery of its capital construction program and the regional transportation program for the GTHA (Big Move).

The main areas of focus for the committee are:

- Procurement policies and practices
- Specifications for work
- Contracts and documents (insurability)
- Delivery models
- Other subjects of mutual interest

The committee will meet on an as needed basis with a minimum of two joint executive meetings a year.

FORMER PEO PRESIDENT RUNNING FOR THIRD TERM AS WATERLOO CITY COUNCILLOR

Two more engineers, including former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., are running for positions as municipal councillors in Ontario's upcoming October 27 elections. Ms. Freeman is running for her third term as a councillor in Waterloo. Also running is **Antony Niro**, P.Eng., who is a candidate for Ward 1 on Vaughan Council.



Diane Freeman, P.Eng.



Antony Niro, P.Eng.

Other engineers and EITs running for municipal council across the province include:

- **Dave Andre**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 29, Toronto
- **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 8, Cambridge
- **Greg Cook**, P.Eng., Town Council, Aurora
- **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 1 Tecumseh
- **Ghada Melek**, EIT, Councillor, Ward 7, Mississauga
- **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., Mayor of Ottawa
- **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 7, Mississauga

ENGINEERS CANADA SEEKS TO BE CLEARING HOUSE FOR IMMIGRANT ENGINEERS' CREDENTIALS

Canadian Consulting Engineer Magazine reported on September 17 that the Canadian Government would like Engineers Canada to become the sole body to assess the engineering education credentials of foreign engineers who are thinking of immigrating to Canada.



The article states that the government of Canada requires some economic class immigration applicants to submit an educational credential assessment (ECA) to verify that their academic credentials are equal to those in Canada.

Engineers Canada intends to become designated by Citizenship and Immigration Canada as the agency for providing those ECAs by next year.

To read the full article go to: http://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/news/engineers-canada-seeks-to-be-clearing-house-for-immigrant-engineers-credentials/1003257406/3rx8q7Wu4vMvwM20/?ref=enews_CCE&utm_source=CCE&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCE-EN09172014

OSPE RELEASES REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT OF INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED ENGINEERS

Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) released a report on September 10 that identified some reasons why employers are not hiring internationally trained engineers.



The report was called, "From the World to the Workforce: Hiring and Recruitment Perceptions of Engineering Employers and Internationally Trained Engineers in Ontario."

Findings included that there are "asymmetries or misalignments" between the way employers recruit staff and how internationally trained engineers ("ITEs") search for them.

To view the OSPE report 5-page executive summary, click [here](#). To read more analysis of the report in an article in Canadian Consulting Engineer Magazine go to: http://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/news/report-finds-why-immigrant-engineers-arent-finding-jobs/1003257407/3rx8q7Wu4vMvwM20/?ref=enews_CCE&utm_source=CCE&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCE-EN09172014

Events Attended

PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH TWO MINISTERS

PEO Scarborough Chapter participated in a community BBQ on September 20 with Minister of Economic, Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) and Associate Minister of Finance **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough Guildwood).



Engineers participating in the event included PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng. and Chapter Chair **Madu Suthanan**, P.Eng. Toronto Mayoral candidate

John Tory was also in attendance.

PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair Narayana Asogan, P.Eng., (right) and Chair Madu Suthanan, P.Eng.,(left) had a chance to meet Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Brad Duguid MPP (Scarborough Centre) (second from left) and Associate Minister of Finance Mitzie Hunter MPP (Scarborough Guildwood) (second from right) at the September 20 community BBQ.

The event was held at the Birkdale Community Centre and was well attended by members of the Scarborough community.

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As part of its annual sponsorship of the Ontario Legislature Intern Program, PEO hosted the 10 2014/15 interns at its Toronto headquarters on September 22 to introduce them to the regulation of engineering in the province.



Photo credit: Nicole Axworthy. From left to right (back) PEO Government Relations Coordinator Kaitlynn Dodge, PEO Enforcement Manager Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., Ontario Legislature Interns Christine Eamer, Jakub Sikora, Patrick Sackville and Kristen Neagle, PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown, PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs Gonzalo Piñeros, OCEPP Program Manager Catherine Shearer-Kudel From left to right (Front) OLIP Interns Matthew Stanton, Emily Hewitt, Clare Devereux, Kristy May, Justin Khorana-Medeiros and Aaron Van Tassel.

The group participated in a half-day session that included observing a PEO Registration Committee hearing, where a licensee applicant appealed to PEO regarding its decision. PEO Councillors **Martha Stauch** and **Bill Kossta** were two of the three panellists. Other presentations were given by PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Ontario Center for Engineering and Public Policy Program Manager **Catherine Shearer-Kudel**.

The session was hosted and organized by PEO Enforcement Manager **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

Others participating included PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Gonzalo Piñeros**, PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** and PEO Government Relations Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge**.

PEO sponsors the Ontario Legislature Intern Program each year to contribute to the continued education of young Ontarians interested in learning more about the political process. Sponsorship gives PEO the opportunity to expose the interns to the Legislative aspect of the regulation of engineering.

Work in progress

PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER TO HOST TOWN HALL ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

PEO Grand River Chapter is planning an exhibition and town hall event entitled “Waterloo Region’s Search For Excellence Through Advanced Manufacturing,” which will be held on October 31 at Conestoga College from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event will bring together local MPPs, industry, community and academia to dialogue about improving the impact of advanced manufacturing in the region.



Daiene Vernile MPP



Catherine Fife MPP



Kathryn McGarry MPP

PEO Grand River Chapter Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., reports that three MPPs have already confirmed their participation. They include: **Daiene Vernile** MPP (Kitchener Centre) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation, **Catherine Fife** MPP (Kitchener Waterloo) and **Kathryn McGarry** MPP (Cambridge).



Ted Arnott



Michael Harris

Two other local MPPs, **Ted Arnott** (Wellington Halton Hills) and **Michael Harris** (Kitchener Conestoga) have also been invited to participate. More details on the event will be released in the coming weeks.

41 MPPS CONFIRMED FOR PEO'S ANNUAL QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION

A total of 41 MPPs have confirmed to attend PEO's annual Queen's Park Day including six Ministers, nine Parliamentary Assistants, 17 PC MPPs and nine NDP MPPs.

The reception will be held in the Legislative Dining Room on November 5, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) (pictured right with PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., at an April meeting) is the MPP sponsor for the event and will be attending along with:



- **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton), PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas and Aggregates) Critic
- **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk), PC Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic
- **Lorenzo Berardinetti** MPP (Scarborough Southwest), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General
- **Hon. Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines), Minister without Portfolio
- **Sarah Campbell** MPP (Kenora-Rainy River), NDP Women's Issues and Aboriginal Affairs Critic
- **Mike Colle** MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds Grenville), PC House Leader
- **Grant Crack** MPP (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education
- **Cheri DiNovo** MPP (Parkdale-High Park), NDP GTA Issues, LGBTQ Issues and Urban Transportation Critic
- **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa), PC Deputy Leader
- **Vic Fedeli** MPP (North Bay), PC Finance Critic
- **Hon. Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville), Minister of Labour
- **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland), NDP Community and Social Services & Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic
- **France Gelinias** MPP (Nickel Belt), NDP Health and Long Term Care & Francophone Affairs Critic
- **Ernie Hardeman** MPP (Oxford), PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic
- **Tim Hudak** MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook)
- **Sylvia Jones** MPP (Dufferin-Caledon), PC Attorney General Critic
- **Sophie Kiwala** MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- **Monte Kwinter** MPP (York Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade

- **Marie France Lalonde** MPP (Ottawa Orleans), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (Economic Development) and to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
- **Michael Mantha** MPP (Algoma-Manitoulin), NDP Northern Development and Mines Critic
- **Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill), PC Greater Toronto Issues, Francophone Affairs & Intergovernmental Affairs Critic
- **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), PC Critic for Children and Youth Services & the Poverty Reduction Strategy
- **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), PC Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Critic
- **Hon. Reza Moridi** MPP (Richmond Hill), Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and of Research and Innovation
- **Julia Munro** MPP (York-Simcoe), PC Associate Minister of Finance Critic
- **Eleanor McMahon** MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources
- **Peter Milcyn** MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (Infrastructure)
- **Paul Miller** MPP (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek), NDP Tourism, Culture and Sport Critic
- **Norm Miller** MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), PC Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development and Mines (Ring of Fire Issues) Critic
- **Indira Naidoo-Harris** MPP (Halton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton), NDP Government and Consumer Services & Attorney General Critic
- **Hon. Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South), Minister of Finance
- **Monique Taylor** MPP (Hamilton Mountain), NDP Children and Youth Services Critic
- **Lisa Thompson** MPP (Huron Bruce), PC Environment and Climate Change Critic
- **John Vantof** MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), NDP Party Whip
- **Bill Walker** MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), PC Community and Social Services Critic
- **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), PC Energy Critic
- **Jeff Yurek** MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), PC Natural Resources and Forestry Critic
- **Hon. David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale), Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

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.

PLANNING CONTINUES FOR GLP ACADEMIES IN EASTERN AND WEST AND EAST CENTRAL REGIONS

Two upcoming GLP Academies and Congresses are being planned for the fall.

The Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress will be held on November 15 at the Travelodge Hotel in Belleville.

The East Central and West Central Academy will be held together on December 6 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto. The co-chairs are 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.



Ed Fung, P.Eng.



Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.

Academies and Congresses are held in each region of the province every year to train and engage local PEO GLP volunteers on building better working relationships with MPPs.



Sophie Kiwala, MPP



Todd Smith, MPP



Jagmeet Singh, MPP

Sophie Kiwala MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and **Todd Smith** MPP (Hastings-Prince Edward), have both been invited to speak at the Eastern Academy. NDP MPP and Attorney General Critic, **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore Malton), is scheduled to speak at the East and West Central GLP Academy and Congress.

Upcoming Events

September 29 – Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) will be hosting a cocktail reception at the Bell Lightbox – Festival Towers, 80 John Street from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$500. For additional assistance call 416-961-3800 ext. 605 or email coteau.events@gmail.com to RSVP.

October 3 – Federal Liberal Foreign Affairs Critic **Marc Garnea**, P.Eng., MP (Westmount- Ville-Marie) is guest speaker at a Toronto evening with cocktails and dinner with former York-South-Weston MP **Alan Tonks**. It will be held at L'Ambiance Banquet Hall, 501 Alliance Avenue. Tickets are \$125 each, contact Ryan Ward of the York South-Weston Federal Liberal Association for tickets at (416) 508-9273 or yswliberal@gmail.com.

NEW! October 4 – An afternoon with three Federal Ministers including Minister of Multiculturalism, Employment and Social Development Hon. **Jason Kenney** MP (Calgary Southeast), Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Hon. **Chris Alexander** MP (Ajax—Pickering) and Minister of State (Multiculturalism) Hon. **Tim Uppal** MP (Edmonton—Sherwood Park) on October 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Elite Dance Studio, 30 Kern Rd., North York. Tickets are \$150 per person. To register go to: <http://events.conservative.ca/GTAAfternoon>.

October 15 – The Canadian News Hall of Fame is hosting its Annual Induction Ceremony and Dinner at 6pm at the Rosewater Room on 19 Toronto Street. They will be honouring two Canadian media giants: **John Honderich**, Chair of TorStar Corp. and former editor and publisher of the Toronto Star, and **Craig Oliver**, chief political correspondent for CTV News. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP is also scheduled to attend. Tickets are \$150. For more information contact Ian Connerty at 647-289-0839 or email at ianconnerty@gmail.com.

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, 317 Dundas Street West. The time is 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$2,500 for 2. For more information contact Anton Sharplanin at asharplanin@on.ndp.ca.

NEW! October 22 – An Evening with Minister of Transportation **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan) will be held at the Oast House Brewers, 2017 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara on the Lake. Tickets for the event are \$400 each. Contact craig.brockwell@gmail.com to RSVP.

November 6 – TVO will host its annual Tribute Gala to celebrate former TVO Chairs and CEOs **Isabel Bassett** and **Peter Herrndorf**. Ms. Bassett is a former MPP and Minister. Former Premiers **William Davis**, **Ernie Eves**, **Mike Harris**, **Dalton McGuinty**, **David Peterson** and **Bob Rae** are honorary Chairs of the evening. The event will be at 7 p.m. 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.

November 13 – Michael Harris MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) is hosting his 7th Annual Blue Wave networking event at Deer Ridge Golf Club at 200 Deer Ridge Dr, Kitchener, ON. In attendance will be several Ontario PC Caucus members and party leadership candidates. Tickets are \$200. For more information, or to order tickets, please visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/721>.

November 14-16 – The **Ontario NDP** 2014 Convention will take place at the South Building Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Boulevard, in Toronto. For more information or to register to attend, please visit http://www.ontariondp.ca/convention_2014.

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