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Breaking News

PREMIER RELEASES MINISTER MANDATE LETTERS



Following a meeting with her Cabinet in Sudbury, Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) released the letters that were given to Cabinet Ministers regarding their mandates for the term ahead.

Included among the letters was the directive for Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa Vanier), the Minister responsible for professional engineers in Ontario. Below is a list from Minister Meilleur's letter that outlines the Premier's priorities for the Ministry in the next four years:

- Promoting Fairness and Access to Justice
- Building a Stronger Relationship between First Nations and the Justice System
- Moving Ahead on Court Reform
- Reforming the Family Law System
- Building Safer Communities
- Cracking Down on Auto Insurance Fraud

Minister Meilleur is also responsible for the professions of law, accounting and architecture.

For the full letter to Minister Meilleur, go to:

<http://www.ontario.ca/government/2014-mandate-letter-attorney-general>.

For a list of letters to the other 29 Ministries go to:

<https://www.ontario.ca/government/mandate-letters>.



Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur

PEO COUNCIL DISCUSSES STRATEGIC PLAN AND 2015 BUDGET

The 496th meeting of PEO Council was held on September 25 and 26 at PEO's Toronto headquarters.

The Thursday evening agenda was focused on a review of a draft three-year strategic plan that will set out priorities for the organization in the coming years.

On Friday, councillors and staff held an in-camera session to discuss important issues such as the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the Professional Engineers Act and PEO's privacy policy. Also discussed was the appointment of PEO's Official Elections Agent and Chief Elections Officer among other issues. Following the in-camera session, Council discussed regulatory and operational items such as the 2015 budget.

YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING RECEIVES \$10-MILLION DONATION



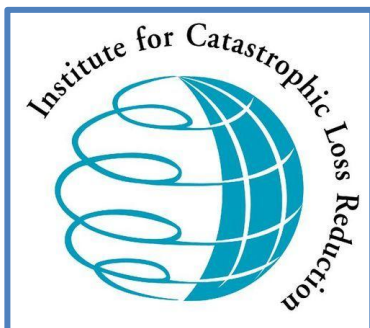
York University President Mamdouh Shoukri, P.Eng., (left) speaks with Douglas and Sandra Bergeron at the ceremony where the donation was announced on September 29.

A \$10 million dollar donation has been made by Doug and Sandra Bergeron to the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University in Toronto.

The donation will contribute to Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence. It was named after the couple following the donation and is set to open at the Steeles Avenue and Keele Street campus in 2015.

The Lassonde School of Engineering offers 12 undergraduate programs, with student numbers set to expand to 2,000 over the next five years.

FREE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN MISSISSAUGA OCTOBER 24



The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction is hosting a climate change workshop on October 24 at U of T Mississauga Campus, in the Davis Building, Council Chambers, Room 3130, 3359 Mississauga Road.

The workshop is titled, "Deriving Rainfall Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) Curves for Future Climate Scenarios: A Publicly Accessible, Online Tool," and is being offered in three Canadian cities including Mississauga.

Climate change is an issue that governments around the world are facing and engineers are the forefront of how to address some of the associated challenges.

Cost to participate is free. Participants are requested to bring their own fully charged laptop to access the online tool. For more information and to register, please contact Dan Sandink at the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction at dsandink@iclr.org.

Events Attended

PC MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO YORK CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY

PEO York Chapter held a licence certificate ceremony on September 28 at the Hilton Suites in Markham.

A number of special guests participated in the event including **Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill), PC Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs and Francophone Affairs, PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong** P.Eng., PEO Councillor **Changiz Sadr** P.Eng., and OSPE Director **Helen Wojcinski** P.Eng.

The event attended by over 170 participants, including 45 new professional engineers and their families and friends. The keynote speaker was **Dr. Phil Sullivan**, who spoke about, "Saving the Apollo 13".



A number of engineering leaders attended the event with Gila Martow MPP (Thornhill) (third from right) including (from left to right) City of Vaughan Ward 1 candidate Antony Niro P.Eng., PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong, P.Eng., PEO York Chapter Past Chair Sarah Jin P.Eng., Vice Chair Gordon Ip P.Eng., and GLP Chair Ed Fung P.Eng.

The event was organized by the Chapter Certificate chair, **Fiona Leong**, EIT. Chapter Vice Chair **Gordon Ip** P.Eng., served as the emcee.

Chapter volunteers in attendance included Past Chair **Sarah Jin** P.Eng., Chapter Treasurer **Patrick Young** P.Eng., GLP Chair **Ed Fung** P.Eng., Education Chair **Paymon Sani** P.Eng., Communication Chair **Annabelle Lee** P.Eng., Mentorship and EIT Chair **Elmer Ting** P.Eng., Program Chair **Rick Vender**, Awards and Recognition Chair **Liz Daher** P.Eng., and other chapter executives.

Engineering Dimensions Associate Editor, **Michael Mastromatteo** also participated.

ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN EVENT WITH OUTGOING MISSISSAUGA MAYOR

A delegation of engineers participated in Mayor **Hazel McCallion's** final State of the City address at the Mississauga Board of Trade luncheon held on September 23 at the Mississauga Convention Centre. Mayor McCallion spoke of the need for infrastructure funding.



Engineers participated in Mayor McCallion's final 'State of the City' address on September 23. From left to right: Mississauga ward 6 council candidate Ghada Melek, EIT, Galal Abdelmessih, P.Eng., and PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.

Among the engineers in attendance were **Galal Abdelmessih, P.Eng.**, PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.**, and Mississauga Ward 6 candidate **Ghada Melek, EIT.**

PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT PARTICIPATES IN RECEPTION WITH MINISTER



PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong P.Eng.**, joined **Reza Moridi MPP (Richmond Hill)** Minister of Research and Innovation, and Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities on September 28 in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Chong took the opportunity to discuss PEO positions on engineering issues, including repealing Section 12 (3)(a) of the Professional Engineers Act.

PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong, P.Eng., (second from left) joins Reza Moridi MPP (Richmond Hill), Minister of Research and Innovation and Minister of Colleges, Training & Universities (second from right), Richmond Hill Councillor Castro Liu, and Alice Shaw, Co-President, Spirit of Life at the September 28 event in Richmond Hill.

Work in progress

PEO ANNUAL MPP RECEPTION COMMITTEE HOLDS CALL TO CONFIRM SPEAKERS

The organizing committee for PEO's annual Queen's Park Day held a planning call on September 23. They discussed the agenda for the event which will include remarks from Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), PC Attorney General Critic **Sylvia Jones** MPP (Dufferin-Caledon) and NDP Attorney General Critic **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton).



Attorney General
Madeleine Meilleur



Sylvia Jones, MPP



Jagmeet Singh, MPP

PEO President **David Adams**, P.Eng., and OSPE President **Danny Young**, P.Eng., will also provide remarks. Awards will be given out to three MPPs, one from each party, for their support of engineering. PEO's Government Liaison Program will also give an award to a chapter for their good work in 2013/14.



David Adams, P.Eng.



Danny Young, P.Eng.

Committee members include:

- **Jonathan Hack**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers representative
- **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., GLP Chair Kingston and the Thousand Islands
- **Jonathan Risto**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada representative
- **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., active in a Riding Association
- **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., GLP Chair Grand River Chapter
- **Angel Serah**, Student representative
- **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
- **Gonzalo Piñeros**, PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Liaison Programs
- **Ralph Martin**, PEO Manager, Secretariat

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.

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

A total of 42 MPPs have confirmed to attend PEO's annual Queen's Park Day including six Ministers, nine Parliamentary Assistants, 17 PC MPPs and 10 NDP MPPs.

The reception will be held in the Legislative Dining Room on November 5 from 5 to 7 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:



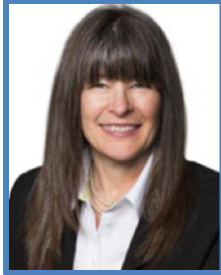
- **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton), PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas and Aggregates) Critic
- **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk), PC Agriculture, Food and Rural 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
- **Jennifer French** MPP (Oshawa) NDP Critic, Pensions
- **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 Milczyn** 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 Vanthof** 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.

NEWLY ELECTED MPP TENTATIVELY CONFIRMS FOR PEO EASTERN REGION ACADEMY

Sophie Kiwala MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport has tentatively confirmed her participation in the upcoming Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress, which will be held on November 15 at the Travelodge Hotel in Belleville. **Todd Smith** MPP (Hastings-Prince Edward), has also been invited to speak.



Sophie Kiwala, MPP



Todd Smith, MPP

The Eastern Region academy is one of two being organized in the province this fall. The East Central and West Central Academy will be held together on December 6 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto.

The co-chairs of the East Central and West Central academy is 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.

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.



Jagmeet Singh, MPP

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.

Upcoming Events

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.

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.

NEW! November 17 - Friends of **Arthur Potts** are holding an enjoyable evening reception in support of Arthur Potts, MPP (Beaches-East York), with special guest The Hon. MPP Steven Del Duca (Vaughan). The event is taking place at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Avenue, in Toronto. Tickets are \$300. For more information email friendsofarthurpotts@gmail.com.

NEW! November 19 – **Ontario PC** Leadership Contenders Dinner will be an opportunity to meet and greet with the Ontario PC leadership candidates on November 19 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the Paramount Conference & Event Venue, 222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Woodbridge. Tickets are \$500. For more information and to register go to: <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/725>.

If you have any comments, additions, or questions, please do not hesitate to call or email:

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