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Breaking News

COMMISSIONER OF ELLIOT LAKE INQUIRY ENDORSES PEO RECOMMENDATIONS



Commissioner Paul Belanger released his report on the Elliott Lake Mall collapse on October 15. Photo courtesy of the Toronto Star.

In his final report, released on October 15, the Commissioner of the Elliot Lake Inquiry has adopted recommendations made by Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) to strengthen regulation of the engineering profession. As the regulator of professional engineering in the province, PEO requested, and was granted, standing in the first phase of the Elliot Lake Inquiry, which dealt with events prior to the partial collapse of the Algo Centre Mall parking deck roof in June 2012.

The collapse killed Lucie Aylwin and Doloris Perizzolo and injured several others. As a party with standing, PEO was provided a formal opportunity to recommend changes or additions to applicable legislation, regulations, standards and codes in relation to professional engineers and engineering, in areas relevant to the events leading up to the tragedy. The PEO recommendations approved by the Commissioner include:

- developing a new performance standard for structural inspections of existing buildings, based on PEO's existing practice bulletin;
- mandating that a Structural Adequacy Report of existing buildings be prepared and sealed by professional engineers who are certified as structural engineering specialists; and,
- releasing additional information about PEO practitioners disciplined for professional misconduct.

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., and PEO Councillor **Chris D. Roney**, P.Eng., were in Elliott Lake for the release of the report with other PEO staff. For the full media release distributed by PEO on the release of the report go to: http://peo.on.ca/index.php/ci_id/28200/la_id/1.htm.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS JUST OVER ONE WEEK AWAY

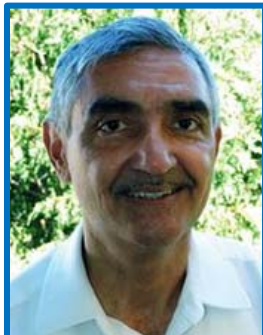
Ontario's municipal elections are just over a week away. Six engineers and an EIT are running in races to win municipal council seats. The engineer candidates include: **Dave Andre**, P.Eng., who is seeking a seat in Ward 29 in Toronto-Danforth, PEO Grand River Chapter member **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., is running as a Councillor for Ward 8 in Cambridge, former OSPE director **Greg Cook**, P.Eng., is running for Town Council in Aurora, **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., who is PEO's Windsor-Essex Chapter Chair is running in Tecumseh, **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., is running for re-election in Mississauga and **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., of PEO Ottawa Chapter, is running for Mayor of Ottawa. **Ghada Melek** is an EIT also running for a council seat in Mississauga.



Anwar Syed, P.Eng., (right) is running for Mayor of Ottawa.



Andrew Dowie, P.Eng. is a long-time PEO



Harmail Basi, P.Eng., is a long standing volunteer in PEO's Grand River Chapter.



Greg Cook, P.Eng., is a former director of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers.



Ron Starr, P.Eng. is running for re-election in Mississauga.



Dave Andre, P.Eng. is a civil engineer who works as a technical specialist in the building construction industry.



Ghada Melek, EIT studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of

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.

PEO encourages engineers looking to get involved in the campaign to volunteer as the election nears. Efforts in the final weeks of a campaign can often be the most important.

GLP CHAPTER AND MPP AWARD NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 28

PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) is requesting nominations from Chapters and PEO Council for Chapters and MPP's that have promoted engineering through their active participation and involvement this past year. As well, nominations are open to others that have helped raise the profile of Professional Engineering in the public interest.

For the MPP awards, one MPP will be chosen per political party. Previous Chapter award winners are Algoma, York, Windsor, Ottawa, Mississauga, and Oakville chapters.

The awards will be in two categories at this year's Queen's Park Day Reception on Wednesday, November 5th: Chapters and MPPs.

The criteria for the Chapter awards will be based on leadership in the following areas:

- Building relationships with MPPs
- Raising the profile of Professional Engineering in the public interest
- Encouraging the involvement of Professional Engineers in their chapter activities
- Taking an active interest in Government Liaison Program activities

The criteria for the MPP awards will be based on:

- Interest in helping raise the profile of professional engineering in the public interest
- Support and participation of local and provincial professional engineering activities
- Encouraging the involvement of Professional Engineers in public life
- Supportive of PEO's legislative initiatives

Nominations can be sent to Gonzalo Piñeros, EIT at gpineros@peo.on.ca please send in your nominations by **October 28th, 2014**.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION SEMINAR TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK IN VAUGHAN

The Ontario Water Works Association, the Ontario Climate Consortium and the Water Environment Association of Ontario are holding a joint session next week in Vaughan on adapting to climate change. This event will focus on water issues and how cities are adapting to become more resilient. For more information or to register go to: <http://www.owwa.ca/event/2014-climate-change-seminar/>.

Events Attended

PEO BRAMPTON CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN OSPE MEETING WITH MPP

A delegation of engineers met with newly elected MPP **Harinder Malhi** MPP (Brampton-Springdale) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues on October 10 to discuss various issues related to engineering. Participating were **David Thomas** P.Eng OSPE Political Action Network Member, **Sandro Perruzza** OSPE CEO and PEO Brampton GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng.

Discussions were held on foreign trained Engineers, infrastructure investment, transit in Brampton, gridlock and women in engineering.



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Ms. Malhi showed keen interest in women in engineering. Mr. Panesar briefed her about upcoming GLP Academy conference in Toronto on December 6.

CORRECTION: In the October 3 issue of GLP Weekly, there was a photograph of Gila Martow MPP (Thornhill) that identified her as third from right when she was the fourth from the right. The photo was taken at the PEO York Chapter certificate ceremony.

Work in progress

PEO PRESIDENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER TO ATTEND ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS GALA ON OCTOBER 21



Vice-President of Engineers Without Borders, James Haga, inviting Minister Brad Duguid to the Ignite the Change gala.

Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) has confirmed that he will participate in an upcoming event for Engineers Without Borders. PEO President **David Adams**, P.Eng., will also be attending. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) has also been invited. The event is being co-chaired by former PEO President **Catherine Karakatsanis**, P.Eng., and will honour outgoing CEO and founder **George Roter**, P.Eng., and celebrate the work of the organization.

It will be held on October 21 at 6 p.m. at Wychwood Barns in Toronto. Engineering leaders from across the GTA are expected to attend to support the cause.

MINISTER TO SPEAK AT PEO FORENSIC ENGINEERING SYMPOSIUM IN PETERBOROUGH



PEO Peterborough Chapter is hosting a symposium on forensic engineering on November 8. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs **Jeff Leal** MPP (Peterborough) has confirmed that he will again be a guest speaker at this important event.

The event will take place at the McDonnel Street Activity Centre, 577 McDonnel St, Peterborough and is open to members of the public. The event is being sponsored by PEO Peterborough Chapter and the local chapters of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

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

MPP SPEAKERS CONFIRMED FOR NOVEMBER 15th AND DEC 6th PEO GLP ACADEMIES



Todd Smith MPP
(Hastings-Prince Edward)

Todd Smith MPP (Hastings-Prince Edward) PC Critic for 2015 Pan Am Games will speak at the upcoming Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress, which will be held on November 15 at the Travelodge Hotel in Belleville.

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 where NDP MPP and Attorney General Critic, **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore Malton), is scheduled to speak.



Jagmeet Singh MPP
(Bramalea-Gore-Malton)

PEO ANNUAL MPP RECEPTION TO FEATURE REMARKS FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CRITICS

PEO has confirmed that its November 5th Annual Queen's Park MPP Reception will feature 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
(Dufferin-Caledon)

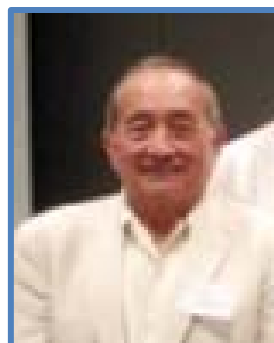


Jagmeet Singh MPP
(Bramalea-Gore-Malton)

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.



PEO President David
Adams, P.Eng.



OSPE President 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, **Ralph Martin**, PEO Manager.

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.

MPPS CONFIRMATIONS CONTINUE TO ROLL IN FOR PEO'S ANNUAL QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION

A total of 44 MPPs have confirmed to attend PEO's annual Queen's Park Day including six Ministers, 12 Parliamentary Assistants, 17 PC MPPs and nine NDP MPPs.

The reception will be held in the Legislative Dining Room on November 5th 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:



- **Granville Anderson** MPP (Durham) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Services
- **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
- **Han Dong** MPP (Trinity-Spadina) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- **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 Gelin** 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 McDonnell**, 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 McMahan** 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

Other activities being planned for the day include introductions of PEO senior leadership by the Attorney General in the Legislature, lunch at former Finance Minister **Greg Sorbara's** book launch at the Canadian Club, a meeting with new NDP Pensions Critic **Jennifer French** (Oshawa) and a PEO Government Liaison Committee meeting hosted by Government Whip **Bob Delaney** MPP (Mississauga-Streestville). This annual event attracts engineers from across the province to meet with their MPP at the Ontario Legislature.

Upcoming Events

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 3 – **Annette Verschuren**, NRStor and **Peter Melanson**, Bullfrog Power will speak at the Toronto Region Board of Trade, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for members and \$99 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit <http://www.bot.com/events/Pages/details.aspx?MeetingId=c4bcd67f-3c4e-e411-84fa-0050569c005c>.

November 4 – **Rich Kruger**, Chairman, President & CEO, Imperial Oil Limited will speak to the Economic Club of Canada at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. He will speak on the changing energy landscape and Canada's place in the new energy abundance. Tickets are \$500 for members and \$110 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit <http://www.economicclub.ca/events/display/a-changing-energy-landscape-canadas-place-in-the-new-energy-abundance>.

November 6 – **Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill) will host a Denim and Diamonds Party at Avenue Banquet Hall, 1600 Steeles Ave. West, Vaughan at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each and \$75 for students. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/726>.

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 Honourary 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.

November 17 - **Arthur Potts** MPP (Beaches-East York), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs will host a reception with Transportation Minister **Steven Del Duca** MPP (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.

November 19 – Ontario PC Leadership Contenders Dinner will be an opportunity to meet and greet with **Patrick Brown** MP (Barrie), **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa), **Vic Fedeli** MPP (North Bay) and **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton Kent Middlesex) 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>.

November 19 – Ed Clark, Member of the Advisory Council for Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area and retiring CEO of TD Bank Financial Group, will speak to the Economic Club of Canada on housing challenges in the GTA. The event will take place at One King West Hotel, 1 King St. West, Toronto from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$89 for members and \$110 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1tFlvlu>.

November 24 – Ontario’s Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Dr. **Robert Bell** will speak to the Toronto Region Board of Trade, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for members and \$99 for non-members, registration is required. For more information, visit <http://www.bot.com/events/Pages/details.aspx?MeetingId=45d3a120-cb48-e411-84fa-0050569c005c>.

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