



## Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly

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#### OVER 50 MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO'S ANNUAL QUEEN'S PARK MPP RECEPTION

PEO President David Adams, P.Eng., (centre) and Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur MPP (Ottawa Orleans) (far right) were on hand to congratulate three MPPs who were recognized on November 5 for their contribution to the profession of engineering in Ontario. From left to right awarded MPPs include Catherine Fife MPP (Kitchener-Waterloo), Minister of Community and Social Services Helena Jaczek MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham) and Julia Munro MPP (York-Simcoe). For more on this story see page 3.

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## Breaking News

### ONTARIO RELEASES CABINET MINISTER'S MANDATE LETTERS TO PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS

Ontario has publicly released cabinet ministers' mandate letters to their Parliamentary Assistants, which outline their role and responsibilities in helping to deliver on the government's plan. The letters were released on November 4, following the release of mandate letters from Premier Kathleen Wynne to each of her ministers in September. The government has posted both sets of mandate letters online.



Making mandate letters available to the public is part of the Open Government initiative to share a wide array of information, so citizens can engage more with the government and become more involved in decision-making.

To view the letter from Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa- Orleans) to her Parliamentary Assistant **Lorenzo Berardinetti** MPP (Scarborough Southwest) (left) go to: <http://www.ontario.ca/government/2014-parliamentary-assistant-mandate-letter-attorney-general>.

To view the full list of letters go to: <http://www.ontario.ca/government/parliamentary-assistant-mandate-letters-2014-15>.

### ONE MORE ENGINEER ELECTED TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN ONTARIO

Last week, GLP Weekly reported that six engineers were elected to municipal council in October on October 27. Since last issue we have learned that another engineer was elected in eastern Ontario.

**Steve Ireland**, P.Eng., a member of the PEO Thousand Islands Chapter Executive was elected as a councillor for the Township of Merrickville-Wolford.

Elected candidates announced last week include: **Steve Black**, P.Eng., who will take the top job as the Mayor of Timmins, PEO Vice-President **George Comrie**, P.Eng., elected as a first time councillor in Whitestone, **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., who will be a new councillor in Ward 1 Tecumseh, former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., who was re-elected as a Waterloo City Councillor, **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., who remains as a Councillor for Ward 6 Mississauga and **Harold Usher**, P.Eng., who was re-elected as a Councillor in Ward 12 London.

### **OVER 50 MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO'S 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL QUEEN'S PARK MPP RECEPTION**

PEO hosted its annual Queen's Park MPP Reception on November 5 in the Legislative Dining Room at Queen's Park.

Over 50 MPPs participated in the event with constituent engineers from across Ontario to discuss engineering issues. PEO Upper Canada chapter was recognized for its work on the Government Liaison Program (GLP) and three MPPs, one from each caucus were awarded for their support of engineering. MPP winners included Minister of Community and Social Services **Helena Jaczek** MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham), **Julia Munro** MPP (York-Simcoe), and **Catherine Fife** MPP (Kitchener-Waterloo).



MPPs from all major parties joined engineers for PEO's annual Queen's Park reception. From left to right PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng., Joe Cimino MPP (Sudbury), Danny Young, P.Eng., President of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Marie France Lalonde MPP (Ottawa Orleans) and Steve Clark MPP (Leeds-Grenville) in the Legislative Dining Room at Queen's Park on November 5.

It was preceded by introduction in the Legislature of PEO president **David Adams**, P.Eng, a lunch with **Marie-France Lalonde** MPP (Ottawa-Orleans) and meetings with **Jennifer French** MPP (Oshawa), **Bob Delaney** MPP and Attorney-General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier).

A full report on PEO's annual MPP reception will be featured in the next issue of GLP Weekly.

# MPP Meetings

## PEO NIAGARA CHAPTER MEETS WITH TWO LOCAL MPPS

PEO Niagara Chapter's GLP Chair **Chaitan Sandhu**, P. Eng, met with two MPPs on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The first meeting was held with **Wayne Gates** MPP (Niagara Falls) who is the NDP critic for economic development, employment and small business.

Mr. Sandhu spoke with Mr. Gates about the importance of engineers playing a central and early role in the development of public policy and asked if he would be willing to participate in upcoming events.



PEO Niagara Chapter GLP Chair Chaitan Sandhu, P.Eng., met with Liberal Deputy House Leader Jim Bradley MPP (St. Catherines) (left) and Wayne Gates MPP (Niagara Falls) on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The meetings were part of PEO's ongoing efforts to build relationships with MPPs.

Later that day, Mr. Sandhu also met with Chair of Cabinet and Minister **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catherines) to discuss similar topics.

# Events Attended

## PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER HOSTS THREE MPPS FOR TOWN HALL ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

PEO Grand River Chapter held a town hall on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Conestoga College in Kitchener. The event attracted over 120 participants and focused on innovation in advanced manufacturing.

Three MPPs participated including **Kathryn McGarry** MPP (Cambridge) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) PC Transportation Critic and **Daiene Vernile** MPP (Kitchener Centre) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation.



PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair Gabe Tse, P.Eng., (left), Harmail Basi, P.Eng., (right), Kathryn McGarry MPP (Cambridge) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation (second from right). Kitchener Mayor-Elect Berry Vrbanovic (second from left).

The opening speaker was Conestoga College president **John Tibbits**. Mayor- Elect of Kitchener **Berry Vrbanovic** and Mayor of North Dumfries **Robert Deutschmann** also participated.

The event also featured nine manufacturing exhibits on topics such as traditional mixing equipment, heat exchangers, high tech, gold exploration detection equipment.

Five committee members including PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., and Harmail Basi, P.Eng., organized the event. The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) also contributed.

# Work in progress

## PEO EASTERN REGION ACADEMY & CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN BELLEVILLE NEXT SATURDAY



Todd Smith MPP  
(Hastings-Prince Edward)



Mayor of Belleville  
Neil Ellis

Outgoing Belleville Mayor **Neil Ellis** and **Todd Smith** MPP (Hastings-Prince Edward) PC Critic for 2015 Pan Am Games will both speak at PEO's upcoming Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress next Saturday.

The event will be held at the Travelodge Hotel in Belleville and is aimed at bringing PEO volunteers from the region together to learn about engaging with government and to plan for the year ahead.

## PEO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER AND OCEPP TO HOST INFRASTRUCTURE EVENT

Professional Engineers Ontario's West Toronto Chapter, in conjunction with the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP) and two other organizations, are hosting an evening seminar on how to build infrastructure in an era of not-in-my-backyard thinking.

The seminar will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, at the University of Toronto's St. George Campus.

Speakers include **Richard Carlson**, senior energy policy associate at the Mowat Centre, and **Brian McCormick**, P.Eng., manager, environmental engineering and project support at Hydro One Networks Inc.

Registration and other details will be available soon.

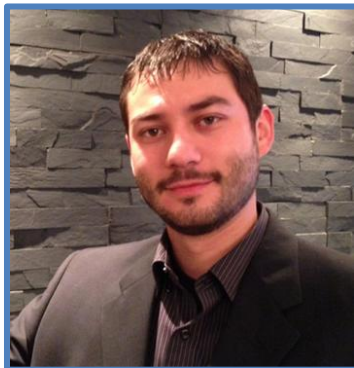
## TWO MPPS CONFIRMED FOR DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> ACADEMY IN TORONTO

Two MPPs are now confirmed to participate in PEO's East Central and West Central Academy on December 6<sup>th</sup> at PEO Headquarters in Toronto.

**Cristina Martins** MPP (Davenport) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (Citizenship and Immigration) (bottom left) has just confirmed that she will participate and NDP MPP and Attorney General Critic, **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore Malton) (below right), is also scheduled to speak.



The event is one of two Academies being organized in the province this fall. It is being co-chaired by PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Tyler Ing**, P. Eng., (left) and PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., (bottom left).



# Upcoming Events

**November 13 – 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 13 – Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) is hosting his 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13 –** Minister of Children and Youth Services and Women’s Issues **Tracy MacCharles** MPP (Pickering-Scarborough East) will host an evening reception with special guest, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre). The event will take place at Estate Banquets, 430 Nugget Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [tracymaccharlesevents@ontarioliberalfund.com](mailto:tracymaccharlesevents@ontarioliberalfund.com) or 416-961-3800 ext. 672.

**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](http://www.ontariondp.ca/convention_2014).

**NEW! November 15 –** The Ottawa West-Nepean PC Riding Association will host a breakfast with the Ontario PC Leadership Candidates, **Patrick Brown** MP (Barrie), **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton), **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa), **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) and **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing). The event will take place at the Marconi Centre, 1026 Baseline Rd., Ottawa from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each, RSVP is recommended by November 12. For more information, contact Linda Denley at 613-591-6237 or [ldenley@rogers.com](mailto:ldenley@rogers.com).

**November 17 –** Minister of Community and Social Services **Helena Jaczek** MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham) will attend an evening reception with special guest Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) at the Toronto Zoo, Panda Interpretive Centre, 2000 Meadowvale Rd., Toronto from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be co-chaired by **Anna Bortolus** and **Howard Brown**. Tickets are \$400 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact Kelly Dunn at 416-885-3026.

**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](mailto:friendsofarthurpotts@gmail.com).

**NEW! November 18 –** Liberal MPP **Granville Anderson** (Durham) will host a cocktail reception with special guest, Minister of Labour **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville). The event will take place at Blaney McMurtry LLP, 2 Queen St. East, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [gandersonfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:gandersonfundraiser@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 21 –** The Hamilton Mountain Conservative EDA will host an evening reception with special guest Federal Finance Minister **Joe Oliver** MP (Eglinton Lawrence). The event will take place at Marquis Gardens, 1050 Rymal Rd. East, Hamilton from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets \$125 each or \$150 at the door. For more information, contact <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/724>.

**NEW! November 24 –** Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Ted McMeekin** MPP (Ancaster-Dundas-Falmborough-Westdale) will host an evening reception with guest, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre). The event will take place at the University Club, 380 University Ave., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact Irene Wood at 416-260-1608 ext 603 or [mcmeekinreception@gmail.com](mailto:mcmeekinreception@gmail.com).

**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>.

**November 24 –** The Ontario Liberal Fund will host the Ontario Trillium Dinner at the Ottawa Convention Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa at 6 p.m. Guest speakers include Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West). Tickets are \$600 each, registration is recommended. For more information, contact Ivy-Lea Lunau at 613-422-2645.

**November 28 – Andy Byford**, Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) will speak to the Toronto Region Board of Trade on opportunities for a better TCC at 1 First Canadian Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 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://bit.ly/1rFYvBs>.

**NEW! November 28 –** The Richmond Hill Federal Liberal Association will host a cocktail reception with guests **John McCallum** MP (Markham-Unionville) and Richmond Hill Federal Liberal candidate **Majid Jowhari**. The event will take place at Persian Place, 10711 Yonge St., Richmond Hill from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$120 each or \$100 for Victory Fund members. For more information, contact Marta Ecsedi at 905-883-8374 or [mj.ecsedi@sympatico.ca](mailto:mj.ecsedi@sympatico.ca).

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