



## Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly November 21, 2014



### PEO HOSTS SUCCESSFUL EASTERN REGION ACADEMY IN BELLEVILLE

Engineers from across PEO's eastern region came together on November 15<sup>th</sup> for government relations training and to hear from two of the area's top elected officials. From left to right (back): Don Town, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Political Action Network member, Steve Stang, P.Eng., PEO Upper Canada Chair, Hubert Mamba, EIT, PEO Ottawa GLP Vice Chair, Dan Demeres, P.Eng., PEO Peterborough GLP Chair, Pankaj Panchal, P.Eng., PEO Algonquin GLP Chair, Hafiz Bashir, P.Eng., PEO Kingston Chapter, Ray Linseman, P.Eng., PEO Thousand Islands Chair, GLP Chair and Kenneth Serdula, P.Eng., PEO Algonquin GLP Chair. From left to right (front): Rick Kester, P.Eng., Chief Administrative Officer, Belleville, Bruce Milliken, P.Eng., PEO Quinte Vice Chair, Charles Kidd, P.Eng., PEO Councillor, Belleville Mayor-Elect Taso Christopher, PEO Quinte Chapter member Coellen Linkie, P. Eng., Todd Smith MPP (Hastings Prince Edward), Dave Brown, P.Eng., PEO Councillor and Randy Walker, P.Eng., PEO Quinte GLP Chair. For more on this story see page 4.

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## Breaking News

### NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL FALL ECONOMIC STATEMENTS RELEASED

Two economic statements were released over the last week, one regarding the Canadian economy and one for the Province of Ontario.



The national economic statement released on November 12 at the Canadian Club by Minister of Finance **Joe Oliver** MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence) (left) projected a small deficit of \$2.9 billion expected for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended the announcement. Highlights included:

- A surplus of \$1.9 billion expected for the 2015-2016 fiscal year
- Surpluses forecast to grow slowly: \$4.3 billion in 2016-2017, \$5.1 billion in 2017-2018, and \$6.8 billion in 2018-2019.
- A \$3 billion in contingency funds set aside every year including the current fiscal year.
- Federal debt will rise slightly to \$615.8 billion in 2014-2015 before diminishing gradually over the next five years.



Ontario's fall economic statement, released on November 17 by Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) (left) confirmed that the Province is working to eliminate the deficit by 2017-18. The government projected deficits of \$12.5 billion in 2014-15, \$8.9 billion in 2015-16 and \$5.3 billion in 2016-17, with a return to balance in 2017-18. The unemployment rate in Ontario declined to 6.5 per cent in October 2014, the lowest rate since 2008.

Key points of the statement were Ontario residents' talents and skills, infrastructure investments, building an environment where business thrives and ensuring a strong pension system.

## ONTARIO NDP LEADER MAINTAINS 77% SUPPORT OF PARTY

The Ontario New Democratic Party held a convention on November 15 with members from across the province to review the leadership of **Andrew Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre).

Ms. Horwath won with 77% of the votes of party delegates, which was a high percentage from the leadership vote held in 2012.

Attending the event was **Gonzalo Pineros**, EIT, Coordinator, PEO Student and Government Liaison Programs.



Gonzalo Pineros, EIT, Coordinator, PEO Student and Government Liaison Programs (left) met Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath MPP (Hamilton Centre) at the party convention November 15 in Toronto.

At the convention, delegates passed resolutions calling for:

- The immediate implementation of the Elliot Lake Inquiry recommendations.
- Affordable childcare;
- Support for the slots-at-race track program;
- Keeping schools open as community hubs;
- A greater percentage of Canadian content in transit purchases;
- A 5-day homecare guarantee and;
- Benefits for first responders suffering from PTSD

Mr. Pineros had an opportunity to speak with Ms. Horwath and other NDP MPPs including NDP Economic Development, Employment and Small Business Critic **Wayne Gates** MPP (Niagara Falls) and NDP Attorney General Critic **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea Gore Malton). Mr. Gates participated in PEO's Annual Awards Gala in Niagara Falls in 2013.

# Events Attended

## PEO HOSTS SUCCESSFUL EASTERN REGION ACADEMY IN BELLEVILLE

PEO held its annual GLP Academy and Congress in the Eastern Region on November 15 in Belleville with almost 20 engineers interested in government relations activities.

Guest speakers included **Todd Smith** MPP (Prince Edward Hastings), Belleville Mayor Elect **Taso Christopher**, Belleville Chief Administrative Office **Rick Kester**, P.Eng., PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** and PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Gonzalo Pineros**, EIT.



Participants at the PEO Eastern Region Academy and Congress in Belleville on November 15 enjoyed extensive discussions on how to engage with elected officials in Ontario. From left to right: PEO Councillor Dave Brown, P.Eng., PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs Gonzalo Pineros, EIT, PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair Hafiz Bashir, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Political Action Network Member Don Town, P.Eng., Todd Smith MPP (Prince Edward Hastings), PEO Quinte Vice-Chair Bruce Miliken and PEO Councillor Charles Kidd.

Participants included:

- **Don Town**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Political Action Network member
- **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., PEO Algonquin GLP Chair
- **Kenneth Serdula**, P.Eng., PEO Algonquin GLP Chair
- **Charles Kidd**, P.Eng., PEO Eastern Region Councillor
- **Dave Brown**, P.Eng., PEO Eastern Region Councillor
- **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair
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- **Steve Stang**, P.Eng., PEO Upper Canada Chair
- **Coellen Linkie**, P. Eng., PEO Quinte chapter member

The day-long event included discussions on a variety of topics such as how to engage with your locally elected officials, who's who at Queen's Park and ongoing PEO issues such as the Elliott Lake Inquiry and the repeal of Section 12 3 (a) of the Professional Engineers Act.

### FORMER ENGINEER MPP HONOURED IN OTTAWA

PEO Ottawa chapter joined newly elected MPP **Marie-France Lalonde** (Ottawa-Orleans) for a breakfast event on November 15 at the le rendez-vous des aînés francophones d'Ottawa (RAFO). Former MPP **Phil McNeely**, P.Eng., was honoured at the event for his years of service in the Ontario Legislature. He was the only engineer in the Government caucus from 2003 to 2014.



PEO Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., (left) participated in a breakfast event where former MPP **Phil McNeely**, P.Eng., was honoured for his years of service in the Ontario Legislature. **Marie-France Lalonde** MPP (Ottawa-Orleans) (centre) hosted the event and PEO Ottawa Chapter member **Fouad Khalil**, P.Eng., (right) was also in attendance.

PEO Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., participated in the event along with Ottawa Chapter member **Fouad Khalil**, P.Eng. Both were able to speak to MPP Lalonde, who was PEO's special guest for lunch on Queen's Park Day on November 5.

## PEO HOSTS ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT ONTARIO ENERGY NETWORK

PEO hosted a group of university students from the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, York University, Western University and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology at the November 17<sup>th</sup> Ontario Energy Network Luncheon in Toronto. PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and Coordinator **Gonzalo Pineros**, EIT, hosted the group. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated.



PEO sponsored engineering students enjoy a candid discussion with Ontario Energy Network guest speaker Dr. John Barrett, President and CEO, Canadian Nuclear Association following the luncheon event at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto.

The guest speaker was **Dr. John Barrett**, President and CEO, Canadian Nuclear Association, who spoke about the need for a strong role for nuclear in Canada and internationally and the opportunity for Canada to lead the world in the area. Other guests in attendance included former MPP **David McFadden**, and Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change **Kaj Thiru**.

Participating students included:

- **Viviana Piñeros** (Ryerson)
- **Alex Chan** (Ryerson)
- **Tonny Lay** (York)
- **Or Grunebaum** (York)
- **Vahe Khachikyan** (York)
- **Cristina Mazza** (UOIT)
- **Olivia Gillis** (Western)
- **Michael O'Dwyer** (U of T)
- **Carlos Benzecri** (U of T)

PEO's sponsorship is part of an ongoing commitment to give engineering students real world exposure to industries where engineering and public policy intersect.

## PEO PARTICIPATES IN ONTARIO LEGISLATURE INTERN PROGRAM RECEPTION AT QUEEN'S PARK

PEO participated in the annual Ontario Legislature Intern Program Queen's Park Reception on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. PEO sponsors the program each year, which gives university graduates interested in government and public policy an opportunity to work at Queen's Park for members of all three parties.

Participating in the reception were PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Gonzalo Pineros**, EIT.



PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., (left) and PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs Gonzalo Pineros, EIT (right) spoke with a number of MPPs at the Legislature Intern reception on November 17 at Queen's Park including Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca MPP (Vaughan) (centre).

Each year PEO hosts the Legislature Interns at its Toronto headquarters in the spring and fall to give participants a chance to learn about the self-regulation of the profession of engineering in Ontario.

## Work in progress

### PEO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER TO CO-HOST INFRASTRUCTURE EVENT WITH ENGINEERING PARTNERS

Professional Engineers Ontario's West Toronto Chapter, in conjunction with the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP), the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) and the Toronto Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 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.

Guest speaker is Dave Hardy, principal, Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited. Tickets are \$10, with special rates for students and seniors. To register go to: <http://wtpeo-nimby.eventbrite.ca>.

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

Another MPP has agreed to participate in PEO's East Central and West Central Academy on December 6<sup>th</sup> at PEO Headquarters in Toronto.

**Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill) (below centre) PC Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs, Francophone Affairs and Greater Toronto Issues, will join **Cristina Martins** MPP (Davenport) (below left) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (Citizenship and Immigration) (bottom left) and NDP MPP and Attorney General Critic, **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore Malton) (below right), as guest speakers.



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., and PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng.



PEO Simcoe-Muskoka  
Chapter GLP Chair Tyler Ing.



PEO Brampton Chapter GLP  
Chair Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.



# Upcoming Events

**NEW! November 24** – The Scarborough-Agincourt Federal Liberal Association will host a cocktail reception with **Arnold Chan** MP (Scarborough-Agincourt) at 150 York St., Suite 1610 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact 416-562-4342 or [Arnold.chan.c1@gmail.com](mailto:Arnold.chan.c1@gmail.com).

**November 24** – Toronto Centre Federal Liberal candidate **Bill Morneau** will host an evening reception with guest speaker, former Prime Minister of Canada and Liberal Party Leader **Paul Martin**. The event will take place at the York Club, 135 St. George St., Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1,200 each, registration is recommended. For more information, visit <http://events.liberal.ca/Event/an-evening-with-bill-morneau-and-the-rt-hon-paul-martin.aspx?Lang=en&mi=A>.

**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 [mcmeeekinreception@gmail.com](mailto:mcmeeekinreception@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.

**NEW! November 25** – **Duncan Hawthorne**, President & CEO, Bruce Power and Dr. **Rob Oliphant**, President & CEO, Asthma Society Canada will speak at the Toronto Region Board of Trade on The Nuclear Advantage: Clean Air for Ontario at 77 Adelaide St. West, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tickets are \$69 for member and \$89 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://www.bot.com/events/Pages/details.aspx?MeetingId=e831c408-1a65-e411-84fa-0050569c005c>.

**November 26** – Liberal MPP **Joe Dickson** (Ajax-Pickering), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, will host an evening reception with guest, Minister of Transportation **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan). The event will take place at the Carruthers Creek Golf Centre, 650 Lakeridge Rd., Ajax from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [ddickson@pearlearth.com](mailto:ddickson@pearlearth.com).

**November 28** – The Ontario PC Party will host a Tory Winter Wonderland at the Elephant & Castle, 212 King St. West, Toronto from 6 to 8 p.m. Youth from across Ontario will be in attendance, special guest will be Interim Leader **Jim Wilson** MPP (Simcoe-Grey) as well as several PC Leadership candidates. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/732>.

**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>.

**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).

**November 30** – Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) will participate in the Willowdale Women's Liberal Club Annual Christmas Dinner at the Toronto Cricket Skating & Curling Club, 141 Wilson Ave., Toronto from 6 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$65 each, cash bar. For more information, contact Jo Robertson at 416-223-3400.

**NEW! December 1** - Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will attend the Red Snowflake Soiree at One King West Hotel, Grand Banking Hall, 1 King St. West, Toronto from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact [charlessousafundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:charlessousafundraiser@gmail.com).

**NEW! December 3** – **Rosemarie Leclair**, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Energy Board will speak at the Toronto Region Board of Trade on Ontario's Energy Future: Evolving our Regulatory Framework at 1 First Canadian Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tickets are \$69 for members and \$89 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://www.bot.com/events/Pages/details.aspx?MeetingId=828c226f-b569-e411-84fa-0050569c005c>.

**NEW! December 8** - PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic **Rick Nicholls** MPP (Chatham-Kent-Essex) will host a cocktail reception at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/733>.

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