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Breaking News

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE INTERN PROGRAM FEATURES PEO IN ANNUAL MAGAZINE

PEO is a proud sponsor of the Ontario Legislature Intern Program, which gives university graduates an opportunity to learn about the legislative process first hand.

The program also provides exposure to the various associations and organizational stakeholders that have an interest in the decisions made at Queen's Park.

As part of PEO's sponsorship, the Association is given the opportunity to meet with the interns to educate them about professional engineering in Ontario.

PEO hosted the Ontario Legislature Interns at its

headquarters in Toronto on September 22. The participants had a chance to observe a Registration Hearing and to hear from PEO staff about the regulation of engineering and how the profession engages with the government. PEO will host the interns again in the spring following their placements to see what they learned during their participation in the program.



Professional Engineers
Ontario

Through the Professional Engineers Act, Professional Engineers Ontario governs licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Established on June 14, 1922, Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) is the licensing and regulating body for engineering in the province. It fulfills the same role for engineers as the College of Physicians and Surgeons for doctors or the Law Society of Upper Canada for lawyers.

Under the Professional Engineers Act, a provincial statute, PEO is responsible for the licensing and discipline of engineers and companies providing engineering services. PEO is committed to ensuring a high standard of fairness and innovation in all its operational processes and strategic activities. The principal object of the association is to regulate the practice of professional engineering and to govern its members in order that the public interest is served and protected. It protects the public by ensuring all professional engineers have met the rigorous qualifications for licensing and that only properly qualified individuals practise engineering.

PEO's licensure process demands an extra measure of competence and dedication. Becoming licensed indicates that the practitioner appreciates the importance of work that is not only technically competent, but also based on sound professional ethics and that adheres to the standards of practice that are the hallmark of professional engineering. PEO licence holders work to guarantee the public's safety and promote its interest where engineering matters are concerned. They also must ensure that provincial laws adequately and properly serve and protect the public, and participate in the establishment and maintenance of engineering standards while adhering to a Code of Ethics.



Events Attended

MINISTER SPEAKS AT PETERBOROUGH FORENSIC ENGINEERING SYMPOSIUM

PEO Peterborough Chapter, in partnership with the local chapters of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT), organized an engineering symposium on November 8th in Peterborough.

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs **Jeff Leal** MPP (Peterborough) spoke at the event, which was focused on the topic of forensic engineering.



Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal MPP (Peterborough) (third from left) enjoyed meeting with symposium participants and provided political context on the significance of forensic engineering to the provincial government. From left to right: Greg Miller, Vice President, OACETT Martin Lazarek, P.Eng., Senior Material Forensics Engineer, Rochon Engineering, Chris Roney, P.Eng. PEO Councillor and Principal, Roney Engineering Ltd., Roger Jeffrey, P.Eng., Provincial Engineer, Ministry of the Labour, Ron Koerth, P.Eng., Vice President - Griffith and Koerth.

In addition to the Minister, the symposium featured presentations from six leading professionals including:

- **Ron Koerth**, B.A.Sc., M.B.A., CFEI, CVFI, P.Eng., Vice President - Griffith and Koerth, provided an overview of forensic engineering to set the stage for the following presentations.
- Police Constable **Vince Way-Nee** provided a detailed account of the steps involved in collision reconstruction.
- **Martin Lazarek**, P.Eng., Senior Material Forensics Engineer, Rochon Engineering, discussed an actual case study and presented his involvement in the forensic engineering investigation.
- **Roger Jeffrey**, P.Eng., Provincial Engineer, Ministry of the Labour, focused his remarks on the roll of the Ministry in a forensics investigation and how events are investigated.

- **Greg Miller**, C.E.T., CBCO, Vice President, OACETT and Manager, Building and By-Law services and Chief Building Official for the Town of the Blue Mountains, provided inside related to the Elliot Lake Mall collapse and the OACETT roundtable submission.
- **Chris Roney**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor & Principal, Roney Engineering Ltd., discussed the collapse of Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake. He indicated that the root cause was a human failure and not a material failure. His presentation explored the regulatory lessons learned for the profession of engineering the associated implications.

The event was widely attended by engineers, educators, technologists, students and other interested members of the public from Peterborough and the surrounding area.

BRUCE POWER AND THE ASTHMA ASSOCIATION OF CANADA LAUNCH REPORT

Former MP **Rob Oliphant** joined Bruce Power CEO **Duncan Hawthorne**, P.Eng., on November 25th at the Toronto Region Board of Trade to launch a new report exploring the relationship between nuclear power, clean air and improved health outcomes for Ontarians. Former MPP **David McFadden** moderated the event.

Bruce Power was recognized at the 2013 PEO Queen's Park reception for its role in helping implement the Repeal of Section 12.3(a) of the Professional Engineers Act.



Former MPP David McFadden (left) joined Bruce Power CEO Duncan Hawthorne, P.Eng., (centre) and President and CEO of the Asthma Society of Canada Rob Oliphant (right) at the Toronto Board of Trade on November 25th to release a new report on nuclear power and air quality in Ontario.

Also participating was **Bill Walker** MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound) Critic, Community and Social Services who represents the riding where Bruce Power is located. The company was recognized at the 2013 PEO Queen's Park reception for its role in helping implement the Repeal. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was also in attendance at the event.

TORONTO HYDRO CEO SHARES VISION FOR THE FUTURE AT ONTARIO ENERGY NETWORK

Toronto Hydro CEO **Anthony Haines** shared his vision for the future of electricity distribution at the Ontario Energy Network on November 27th at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto.

PEO participated in the event along with six students from the University of Toronto and Ryerson University. Participating from PEO were PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., (far left) and Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Gonzalo Pineros**, EIT, and Engineering Intern Program Coordinator **Tracey Caruana**, P.Eng. PEO Government Liaison Coordinator **Kaitlynn Dodge** was also in attendance.



PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., (far left) and PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs Gonzalo Pineros, P.Eng., (far right) introduced students from U of T and Ryerson to Toronto Hydro CEO Anthony Haines (centre) at the Ontario Energy Network on November 27th. Students who participated included from left to right: Marina Freire-Gormaly, James Birch and Andisheh Beiki. PEO Engineering Intern Program Coordinator Tracey Caruana, P.Eng., also participated (second from right).

PEO sponsors a table at each Ontario Energy Network event to give engineering students exposure to how engineering and public policy intersect.

Mr. Haines' speech focused on what type of electricity system he expects to see in the future and noted that we have just begun to transform the way we think of energy consumption and distribution in the province. He credited the implementation of the smart meter as the first step to transforming the way customers interact with the provision of energy. He also credited engineering students as the next generation of leaders who are going to make a new system possible.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne MPP (Don Valley West) (centre) participated in the Willowdale Women's Liberal Club Annual Christmas Dinner on November 3rd. PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., (left) attended the event and had a chance to speak with the Premier and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer MPP (Willowdale) (right).

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated and spoke to Premier Wynne about the Academy and Congress to be held at PEO on December 6th.

Work in progress

DECEMBER 6th ACADEMY TO BE HELD TOMORROW IN TORONTO

PEO's East Central and West Central Academy will be held tomorrow, December 6th at PEO Headquarters in Toronto.

Cristina Martins MPP (Davenport) (below left) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (Citizenship and Immigration) (bottom left) will join **Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill) (below centre) PC Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs, Francophone Affairs and Greater Toronto Issues 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

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. PEO Councillor **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., will be in attendance. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/733>.

NEW! December 11 – Ontario’s new Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** will speak to the Empire Club at the Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$95 each, reservation is recommended. For more information, visit <http://www.empireclub.org/events/annual-holiday-luncheon-featuring-the-honourable-elizabeth-dowdeswell-oc-oont-29th-lieutenant-governor-of-ontario/>.

December 11 – Federal Minister of Industry **James Moore** MP (Port Moody-Westwood-Port Coquitlam) will speak to the Toronto Region Board of Trade at the Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond St. West, Toronto from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for members and \$99 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://www.bot.com/events/Pages/details.aspx?MeetingId=b86ec03d-af6e-e411-84fa-0050569c005c>.

NEW! December 29 – PC Energy Critic **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) will host a Family Skate at the Eganville Arena, 178 Jane St., Eganville from 3 to 4:15 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/736>.

NEW! December 30 – PC Energy Critic **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) will host a Family Skate at the Paul J Yakabuski Community Centre, 65 Arena Rd., Barry’s Bay from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/735>.

NEW! January 3 - PC Energy Critic **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) will host a 2015 Levee at the Cobden Agricultural Hall, 43 Astrolabe Rd., Cobden, from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/737>.

NEW! January 10 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC Deputy Leader and PC Leadership candidate **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa), at Cork’s at Longo’s, 93 Laird Dr., Toronto. The event will take place from 10 to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/738>.

NEW! January 17 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC MP and PC Leadership candidate Patrick Brown (Barrie), at Cork’s at Longo’s, 93 Laird Dr., Toronto. The event will take place from 10 to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/739>.

NEW! January 18 – Federal Minister of National Defence **Rob Nicholson** MP (Niagara Falls) will host his Annual New Year’s Levee at the Delphi Banquet Hall, 4414 Portage Road, Niagara Falls from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

NEW! January 19 – The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will meet to conduct Pre-Budget consultations in Fort Frances, Sudbury, Ottawa and Cornwall. For more information, contact 416-325-3526 or kkoch@ola.org.

NEW! January 24 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC President of the Treasury Board Critic and PC Leadership candidate **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton), at Cork's at Longo's, 93 Laird Dr., Toronto. The event will take place from 10 to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/740>.

NEW! January 26 – The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will meet to conduct Pre-Budget consultations in Fort Erie, London and Toronto. For more information, contact 416-325-3526 or kkoch@ola.org.

NEW! January 31 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC Finance Critic and PC Leadership candidate **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing), at Cork's at Longo's, 93 Laird Dr., Toronto. The event will take place from 10 to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/741>.

NEW! January 31 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Critic and PC Leadership candidate **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), at Cork's at Longo's, 93 Laird Dr., Toronto. The event will take place from 10 to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/742>.

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

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