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Breaking News

PEO REGISTRAR PARTICIPATES IN RECEPTION WITH THREE ATTORNEY GENERALS

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., participated in a reception with Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) and two former Attorney Generals **John Gerretsen** and **Chris Bentley** on December 1st at the Albany Club in Toronto. Mr. McDonald spoke to Minister Meilleur about the recommendations PEO submitted to the Elliott Lake Inquiry including PEO Council's decision to move forward on the accepted recommendations as a matter of priority.



PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., (second from right) with Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur (Ottawa-Vanier) at the Albany Club in Toronto on December 1st. Former Attorney Generals John Gerretsen (far left) and Chris Bentley (far right) also attended.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** participated in the reception with Mr. McDonald. They also had a chance to speak with Robert Lapper, CEO of the Law Society of Upper Canada, **Bill Birdsell**, President of the Ontario Association of Architects and **Christopher May**, Director of Government Affairs, Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

PEO PAST PRESIDENT AND PREMIER HONOURED AT LUNCHEON IN TORONTO

PEO Past President **Annette Bergeron**, P. Eng., was honoured as a Top 25 Women of Influence alongside Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) at an event on December 4th in Toronto.



PEO Past-President Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., (right) joined Premier Kathleen Wynne for a chat during the Women of Influence event in Toronto on December 4th.

This is the second year in a row that Ms. Bergeron has been selected for this prestigious award.

In attendance from PEO were Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., President **David Adams**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., Councillors **Marilyn Spink**, P. Eng., **Martha Stauch**, P.Eng., and **Dave Brown**, P.Eng., PEO CAO **Scott Clark**, Deputy Registrars **Michael Price**, P.Eng., and **Johnny Zucon**, P.Eng., PEO Director of People **Fern Goncalves**. Also in attendance was **Nadine Miller**, P.Eng., Secretary of the Board of the Consulting Engineers of Ontario and from the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, Chair **Danny Young**, Vice-Chair **Karen Chan** and Treasurer **Val Davidson**. Former PEO Councillor **Marta Escedi**, P.Eng., Chair of the PEO Equity and Diversity Committee.

Also in attendance was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. **Anne Sado**, P.Eng, President of George Brown College, was also honoured.

Events Attended

PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT PEO WINS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong** P.Eng., was awarded the 2014 ACE (Achievement, Commitment, Excellent) Award for his work as an engineer in the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care. The award was bestowed at a ceremony in Toronto on December 1.



PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong P.Eng., (third from right) received a prestigious ACE Award on December 1st for his public service in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. From left to right: Rebecca Egier, Susan Picarello, Mike Weir, Sylvia Fung and Patricia Li of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Guest speakers at the Awards ceremony included Associate Minister of Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care **Dipika Damerla** MPP (Mississauga East-Cooksville) Secretary of Cabinet **Steve Orsini**, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade **Helen Angus**, and **Mike Weir**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care and Corporate Administrative Officer (CAO).

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Three MPPs spoke at the event and engaged with engineers including **Cristina Martins** MPP (Davenport) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (Citizenship and Immigration), **Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill) and **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton).

Ms. Martins spoke about integrating foreign trained engineers and bridging programs as one of her ministries' priorities. Ms. Martow advocated for a business-like approach to government and shared her experience getting elected to the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Singh focused his remarks on reducing insurance premiums and how to best get an issue on the public radar.



Engineering leaders were out in full force for the December 6 GLP Academy at PEO headquarters in Toronto. From left to right: PEO Councillors Marilyn Spink, P.Eng., Rob Willson, P.Eng., PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair and organizer Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng., PEO Councillor Changiz Sdar, P.Eng., PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair and organizer Tyler Ing., P.Eng., and PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong, P.Eng.

There were many special guests from PEO in attendance including PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and PEO councillors **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., **Changiz Sdar**, P.Eng., **Rob Willson**, P.Eng., and **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng.

Other speakers were PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Gonzalo Pineros**, EIT, and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The event was organized by PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., and PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Tyler Ing.**, P.Eng.

Work in progress

LONDON MPP TO PARTICIPATE IN TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY IN JANUARY 2015



PEO's London Chapter is excited to announce that it will hold another Take Your MPP to Work Day in January 2015 with **Teresa Armstrong** MPP (London-Fanshawe) (left). She is the NDP Whip and Critic for Seniors and Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade.

The event will be held on January 21 at 11 am., at the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA).

Upcoming Events

NEW! December 14 – The York Centre Liberal Women's Club will host a Christmas Party with guests, **Carolyn Bennett** MP (St. Paul's) and Federal York Centre candidate **Michael Levitt** at 63 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, includes all you can eat buffet. There will also be a cash bar and silent art auction. For more information, contact Hilda Mamann at 647-773-4740 or himamann@yahoo.ca.

NEW! December 15 – Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) will attend a Don Valley East FUN-raiser at the Fox and Fiddle, 865 York Mills Rd., Toronto from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact wardell_carole@hotmail.com.

NEW! December 17 – The Scarborough Centre Federal Liberal Association will host an evening reception with guests, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre), Federal Liberal Toronto Centre candidate **Bill Morneau** and Federal Liberal Scarborough Centre candidate **Salma Zahid**. The event will take place at Paramount Fine Foods Restaurant, 2450 Sheppard Ave. East, Toronto at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact info@salmazahid.ca.

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>.

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>.

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 4 – PC Education Critic **Garfield Dunlop** MPP (Simcoe North) will host his annual New year's Levee at the Royal Canadian Legion, 2 Michael Anne Dr., Coldwater from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Garfield.dunlopco@pc.ola.org.

January 10 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC Deputy Leader and 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>.

January 17 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, Conservative 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>.

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.

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.

January 24 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a PC Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC Treasury Board Critic and 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>.

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.

January 31 – The Don Valley West Ontario PC Riding Association will host a Leadership Candidate Breakfast Series with guest, PC Finance Critic and 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>.

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>.

NEW! February 7 - PC Education Critic **Garfield Dunlop** MPP (Simcoe North) will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, 215 Mississaga St. E, Orillia from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Garfield.dunlopco@pc.ola.org.

NEW! February 4 – **Russ Girling**, Chief Executive Officer, TransCanada Corporation will speak to the Toronto Region Board of Trade on ensuring Canadians benefit from Canadian oil. The event will take place at the Downtown Centre, 1 First Canadian Place, 4th Floor, 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=1631f06d-cf7b-e411-84fa-0050569c005c>.

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