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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. FEDERAL PARTY LEADERS PROMISE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS
2. PEO TO MEET WITH BOTH PC LEADER AND LABOUR MINISTER
3. SIX MPPS CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AT PEO'S 9TH ANNUAL MPP RECEPTION AT QUEEN'S PARK ON OCTOBER 21
4. PEO GLP EASTERN REGION ACADEMY AND CONGRESS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3

BREAKING NEWS

FEDERAL PARTY LEADERS PROMISE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS



Federal party leaders participated in a debate hosted by Maclean's Magazine on August 6 in Toronto.

The first federal party leaders debate was hosted by Maclean's Magazine in Toronto on August 6.

The 2015 federal election began on August 2. The election will take place on October 19.

Infrastructure is expected to be one of the key issues addressed during the campaign, which is of great interest and impact to the engineering profession. Each party has identified their priorities for infrastructure across Canada.

The Conservative Party has promised to invest \$5.3 billion each year under the New Building Canada Plan and \$250 million starting in 2017 under the New Public Transit Fund.

The New Democratic Party is proposing dedicating an additional one cent of the 10 cent per litre gas tax to core infrastructure, which is predicted to reach \$1.5 billion, as well as an additional \$1.3 billion every year for 20 years to build up municipal transit.

The Liberal Party has focused on its Transformative Canadian Infrastructure Investment plan, which would expand the funds invested or facilitated by the Government to a level up to one per cent of GDP per year. They also propose an annual summit with Canada's mayors.

The Green Party called for an increase of five cents per litre in the Gas Tax Transfer to municipalities to be used in funding the above sustainable transportation initiatives such as public transit, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, and rural roads.

All parties are expected to expand on their proposals in the coming weeks. For more information on this story, click here: <http://bit.ly/1f5JqKj>.

MPP MEETINGS

PEO TO MEET WITH BOTH PC LEADER AND LABOUR MINISTER IN SEPTEMBER



PEO will meet with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** (left) and Labour Minister **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville) (right) on September 8.

PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., have scheduled meetings with both PC Leader **Patrick Brown** and Labour Minister **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville) on September 8.

PEO will discuss the current status of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, commonly known as the Industrial Exception with Minister Flynn. PEO will brief Mr. Brown on PEO's work on the Elliot Lake Commission recommendations and other PEO issues.

Mr. Brown is running for the conservative seat in the by-election of Simcoe North on September 3.

EVENTS ATTENDED

PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ WITH MINISTER

PEO Scarborough Chapter participated in a Community BBQ with **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood), Associate Minister of Finance (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan) on August 9.

Participating on behalf of the chapter was GLP Chair **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng.

Ms. Hunter participated in a PEO All Candidates meeting for the riding when she was first elected in 2013.

Also attending the event were **John McKay** MP (Scarborough Guildwood) and **Gary Anandasangari**, Liberal candidate for Scarborough-Rouge Park, who were guest speakers at the event.



Mitzie Hunter MPP (Scarborough Guildwood), Associate Minister of Finance (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan) (left), welcomed PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., (right) to her Annual Community Summer BBQ on August 9.

OTTAWA ENGINEERS AND MPP PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL ELECTION EVENTS



Ishwar Bhatia, P. Eng., (second from left) participated in a Green Party viewing in Ottawa of the Maclean's National Leaders Debate with **Lean-Luc Cooke**, P.Eng., (centre) Green Party candidate for Nepean on August 6. With them in the photo are (left to right) **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., and **Guy Boone**, P.Eng.

Three Ottawa engineers participated in two events for the federal election last week.

Ishwar Bhatia, P. Eng., **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., and **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., participated in a Green Party viewing of the Maclean's National Leaders Debate with **Lean-Luc Cooke**, P.Eng., Green Party candidate for Nepean on August 6.

Mr. Boone and Mr. Syed also participated in a rally for Liberal Party Leader **Justin Trudeau** with **John Fraser** MPP (Ottawa South), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Health), on August 9.

Engineers have also participated in federal election events over the past month with Conservative Party Leader **Stephen Harper** (see July 17 issue <http://bit.ly/1gxjc4v>) and NDP Leader **Thomas Mulcair** (see July 31 issue <http://bit.ly/1hwf3OU>). PEO believes engineers have an important role in politics and public policy.



John Fraser MPP (Ottawa South), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Health) (centre), attended a rally for Liberal Party Leader **Justin Trudeau** with **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., (left) and **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., (right) on August 9.

WORK IN PROGRESS

MPPS CONFIRMING ATTENDANCE AT PEO'S 9TH ANNUAL MPP RECEPTION AT QUEEN'S PARK ON OCTOBER 21

PEO will hold its 9th Annual MPP Reception at Queen's Park on October 21.

The Co-Chairs for this year's reception are PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) members **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., and **Angel Serah**.

Mr. Bashir is also the PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Chair, and Ms. Serah is the PEO Student Representative on the GLC.

Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) and PC Leader **Patrick Brown** have accepted invitations to speak at the event. So far also attending are **Laura Albanese** MPP (York South-Weston), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, **Mike Colle** MPP (Eglinton- Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, and PC Finance Critic **Vic Fideli** MPP (Nipissing). These are the MPPs who have confirmed as of August 11.

The PEO receptions started in 2005. Invitations are sent to MPPs from all parties and is one of the best attended MPP receptions at Queen's Park.

Every year, an MPP from each political party is honoured for their contribution to the profession of engineering. Selected PEO Chapters are also recognized for their work on the Government Liaison Program.



Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) (top left) and PC Leader **Patrick Brown** (top centre) have accepted invitations to speak at the event. So far also attending are **Laura Albanese** MPP (York South-Weston), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance (top right), **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (bottom left), **Mike Colle** MPP (Eglinton- Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour (bottom centre), and PC Finance Critic **Vic Fideli** MPP (Nipissing) (bottom right).

PEO GLP EASTERN REGION ACADEMY AND CONGRESS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3

PEO has selected the date for its GLP Eastern Region Academy and Congress.

It will be hosted by the PEO Ottawa Chapter in Ottawa on October 3. PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Hubert Mamba**, EIT, will be hosting the event.

It will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, 200 Coventry Rd., Ottawa.

Previous GLP Academies and Congresses have been held in Hamilton, Windsor, London, Cambridge, Belleville, Kingston, Thousand Islands, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Timmins and Blue Mountain.



PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Hubert Mamba**, EIT, will host the GLP Eastern Region Academy and Congress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15 - PC Leader **Patrick Brown** will host a Breakfast Meet and Greet at the Royal Canadian Legion Orleans, 800 Taylor Creek Rd., Orleans, Ottawa, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1pxJdl>.

August 15 - Ontario PC Party members will host the Ottawa Region Appreciation BBQ with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, 200 Coventry Rd., Ottawa, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1MvRUst>.

August 15 – PC House Leader **Steve Clark** MPP (Leeds-Grenville) hosts the 29th Annual “Afternoon in the Islands” at Glen House Resort, 1000 Islands Pkwy., from 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1HXu486> or contact Rob Horton at 613-34503436 or Tim Sutton at 613-258-1724.

August 19 – **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton), PC Critic for President of the Treasury Board is hosting her 10th Annual Golf Classic and Maritime Surf & Turf at the Emerald Links Golf and Country Club, 6357 Emerald Links Dr., Greely, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each. For more information, contact Kayla Fernet at lisa@lisamacleod.ca.

August 20 – The Ottawa Centre Provincial Liberal Association will host its 25th Annual OCPLA Summer BBQ at Westboro Beach Yacht Club Cafe, Westboro Beach, 745 Ottawa River Pkwy., Ottawa, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1DwRnUm> or contact Lindsay at info@yasirnaqvi.ca.

August 20 – **Pam Damoff**, Liberal Candidate for Oakville North-Burlington) is hosting an evening reception at Party Room, 1940 Ironstone Dr., Burlington, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1eR0ofl> or contact Ellen Kuschnik at (289) 400-0048 or by info@pamdammoff.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23 - Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) will host his 12th Annual Willowdale Family BBQ at Mitchell Field Community Centre, 89 Church Ave., Toronto, from 12 to 2 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 416-733-7878 or by dzimmer.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! August 24 - Marie-France Lalonde MPP (Ottawa-Orléans), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs and the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, will host her Annual Community Corn Roast and BBQ at Petrie Island, from 5 to 8 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 613-834-8679 or by mflalonde.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

August 25 – Ontario Liberal Party’s 10th Annual Patio Party with Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) at The One Eight, 55 Bloor St. West, Manulife Centre, 51st Floor, Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608 ext. 240 or by sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

August 26 - John Fraser MPP (Ottawa South) will host his 2nd Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ Fundraiser with 24th Premier of Ontario **Dalton McGuinty** at 16 Malcolm Pl., Ottawa, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1rakKy> or contact Ivy-Lee Lunau at 613-422-2645, or by events@ospla.ca.

August 28 – PC Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Critic **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) will host his fourth annual “Monte & Kate’s Summer Patio Reception” at Pogue Mahone Irish Pub, 777 Bay St., Toronto, from 3 to 6 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1hrvLo>.

August 30 - Ontario PC Party members will host the Toronto Region Appreciation BBQ at Barbara Hall Park, 519 Church St., Toronto, from 12 to 2 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1LNyQVa>.

NEW! August 30 – Lou Rinaldi MPP (Northumberland-Quinte West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will host a BBQ event at Brighton Speedway, 775 Country Rd. 64, Brighton, from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact lrinaldi.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

August 31 – Norm Miller MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), PC Critic of Aboriginal Affairs, and Northern Development and Mines (Ring of Fire Issues), will host his annual golf day at Rocky Crest Golf Resort, 20 Barnwood Dr., Mactier, at 10:30 a.m. Golf, cart and dinner tickets are \$250 each, or \$1,000 per foursome. Single dinner tickets are \$50 each. For more information, contact normmiller.pc@gmail.com.

September 9 – Bruce Power President and CEO **Duncan Hawthorne** will speak about energy lessons learned and infrastructure opportunities at a Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships Breakfast at Toronto Hilton Hotel (Toronto Ballroom), 145 Richmond St. West, Toronto, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tickets are \$69 for CCPPP members and \$79 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1KEuXg>.

September 10 - Ontario PC Party members will host the Central West Region Appreciation BBQ at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1Owkcks>.

September 10 - Nancy Hill, P.Eng., and **Helen Wojcinski**, P.Eng., will host the “Help Send the First Woman P.Eng. to the House of Commons” fundraiser for PEO Past President and Waterloo City Councillor **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., at Wildcraft Grill Bar, 425 King St. North, Waterloo, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1VJ5fRw>.

September 17 – Healthy Transport Consulting will host the Future of the Car symposium with the Minister of Transportation **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan) at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, 123 Queen St. West, Toronto, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early bird tickets are \$395 until August 17. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1fuaSC3>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 – **Cindy Forster** MPP (Welland) NDP Labour Critic is hosting a celebration of 40 years of NDP service in the riding of Welland with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** MPP (Hamilton Centre) and Deputy Government House Leader **Jim Bradley** MPP (St. Catharines) at the Canadian Croatian National Home, 6 Broadway Ave, Welland, starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information, call Andy Roy at 905-735-4302 or by aroy4@cogeco.ca.

September 30 – Ottawa-Orléans Provincial Liberal Association and **Marie-France Lalonde** MPP (Ottawa-Orléans) is hosting an evening reception with Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) at Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, contact at 416-206-7122 or by kyle.j.reaburn@gmail.com.

October 1 - **Sergio Marchi**, President and CEO of the Canadian Electricity Association and former MP (York West), will speak at the Ontario Energy Network Networking Luncheon at Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto, from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for members and \$99 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1oRqgR>.

November 26 - Former Ontario Finance Ministers **Greg Sorbara** and **Dwight Duncan** will co-chair the 32nd Annual Churchill Society dinner taking to support democracy education with guest speaker Canadian Diplomat **Louise Fréchette** and the 2015 Award for Excellence in the Cause of Parliamentary Democracy recipient Ontario's 21st Premier **Bob Rae** at Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, from 6 to 9 p.m. Early Bird Tickets are \$225 each, up to August 31. For more information, contact 416-410-3377 or by info@churchillsociety.org.

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