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Through the Professional Engineers Act, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

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BREAKING NEWS

PEO ELLIOT LAKE RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE ISSUED

The PEO Government Liaison Committee has issued a new backgrounder for its chapter GLP Chairs. See below:

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), regulator of professional engineering in Ontario, requested and was granted standing in Part I of the Elliot Lake Inquiry, which dealt with events prior to the collapse. PEO also opened its own investigations related to the mall collapse.

PEO was given a formal opportunity to recommend changes or additions to applicable legislation, regulations, standards and codes in relation to professional engineers and engineering.

PEO's recommendations endorsed by the Commissioner include:

- developing a new performance standard for structural inspections of existing buildings, based on PEO's existing practice bulletin*;
- mandating that a Structural Adequacy Report of existing buildings be prepared and sealed by professional engineers who are certified as structural engineering specialists; and
- releasing additional information about PEO practitioners disciplined for professional misconduct

Other recommendations made in Commissioner Paul Bélanger's report include:

- mandatory release of documents regarding structural condition of a building upon request by owner, building official or potential purchaser.
- requiring an owner to retain a prime consultant on every project that requires professional designers.
- PEO establishing a system of mandatory continuing professional education for PEO licence holders as soon as possible, and no later than March 2016.

Implementing the Commissioner's recommendations is a strategic objective of PEO's 2015-2017 strategic plan, which was approved by PEO council in November 2015. Progress on the strategic plan's objectives is being tracked and reported to council regularly, ensuring PEO is working toward delivering what it has promised to do.

As PEO's authority to implement some of the recommendations is limited, it is working with the Ministry of the Attorney General to put these recommendations into practice.

Please see www.peo.on.ca for more detailed information. For information only. No GLP action required.

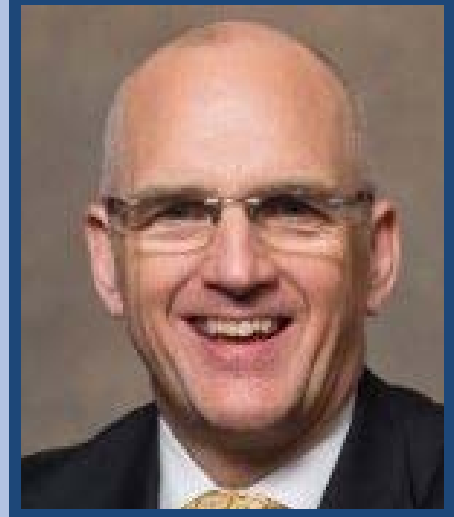
*PEO's practice bulletin outlines expectations for PEO's licensed practitioners, including how detailed reports should be and what kind of background information should be included.

Key Points

- The Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry's Final Report was released on October 15, 2014.
- Commissioner Paul Bélanger's report endorsed almost all 11 recommendations put forward by PEO to strengthen regulation of the engineering profession.
- PEO is working with the Ministry of the Attorney General as required to put its recommendations into practice.
- Implementing the Elliot Lake recommendations is an objective of PEO's 2015-2017 strategic plan. Progress is being monitored and reported to PEO council regularly, ensuring PEO is working to deliver what it has promised to do.

MPP MEETINGS

PEO TO MEET WITH MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ON BUILDING CODE



PEO will be meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Ted McMeekin** MPP (Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Westdale) (left) to discuss the government’s plans for revising the Ontario Building Code on September 3.

Attending the meeting will be PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., (centre) and PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng. (right).

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

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 in the Simcoe North by-election, which will be held on September 3.



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EVENTS ATTENDED

PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT VISITS ENGINEERS AT ACUREN

Yvan Baker MPP (Etobicoke Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board, visited Acuren Group Inc. on August 21. Hosting him was PEO Etobicoke Chapter GLP representative **Harvey Pellegrini**, P.Eng.

Acuren offers expertise in materials and reliability engineering, as well as a wide range of inspection services for professional engineers.



PEO Etobicoke Chapter GLP representative **Harvey Pellegrini**, P.Eng., (second from right) invited **Yvan Baker** MPP (Etobicoke Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (centre left), to tour Acuren Group on August 21. With them in the photo are (left to right) Dr. **Mehdi Taheri**, EIT., Dr. **Erhan Ulvan**, P. Eng., Dr. **Luda Boyko**, P. Eng., and Dr. **Hamid Zebardast**, EIT.

Participating in the meeting and facility tour were Dr. **Mehdi Taheri**, EIT., Dr. **Erhan Ulvan**, P. Eng., Dr. **Luda Boyko**, P. Eng., and Dr. **Hamid Zebardast**, EIT.

The purpose of the visit was to connect MPPs to engineers in the community and promote the engineering profession. Mr. Baker said he found the visit to be informative.

PEO YORK CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTERS AND MAYORS



PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Daniel Liao**, P.Eng., (right), attended India's 68th Independence Day event with York Regional Councillor **Joe Li** (left), on August 15 in Toronto.

PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Daniel Liao**, P.Eng., attended an event celebrating India's 68th Independence Day on August 15 in Toronto. It was hosted by India's Consul General **Akhilesh Mishra**.

Many officials attended the event, including Canada's Minister of National Defence and Multiculturalism **Jason Kenney** MP (Calgary Southeast), Ontario's Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Minister **Michael Chan** MPP (Markham-Unionville), Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, Kitchener Mayor **Berry Urbanovic**, and York Regional Councillor **Joe Li**.

PEO PRESIDENT, MPS, MPPS, AND ENGINEERS PARTICIPATES IN 68TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA EVENT

PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., former PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair and Vice-President of the Professional Engineers Government of Ontario (PEGO), attended a reception celebrating India's 68th Independence Day on August 23 in Toronto. It was hosted by **Sam Chopra**, President of South Asians in Ontario.

Canada's Minister of National Defence and Multiculturalism **Jason Kenney** MP (Calgary Southeast), **Mike Sullivan** MP (York South-Weston) and **Laura Albanese** MPP (York South-Weston), Parliamentary Assistant to the Ontario Minister of Finance, were among the many officials attending the event.

President Chong told the *GLP Weekly* that he took the opportunity to promote PEO those in attendance.



Laura Albanese MPP (York South-Weston), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., (left), and **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., former PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair and Vice-President of the Professional Engineers Government of Ontario (PEGO) (right), celebrated India's 68th Independence Day, on August 23 in Toronto.

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Indira Naidoo-Harris MPP (Halton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, hosted her Summer Social event with special guest Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West), on August 17 in Milton.

PEO Oakville Chapter Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and **Javier Yanez**, P.Eng., attended the event. Mr. Lee is also the Chair of this year's East Central and West Central GLP Academy and Congress.

WORK IN PROGRESS

OVER 20 MINISTERS AND MPPS CONFIRM PARTICIPATION IN PEO'S QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION

PEO will hold its 9th Annual MPP Reception at Queen's Park on October 21. Over 20 MPPs have confirmed.

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 (photos right):

- **Laura Albanese** MPP (York South-Weston), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance
- **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) PC Natural Resources (Oil, Gas & Aggregates) Critic
- **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
- **Joe Dickson** MPP (Ajax-Pickering), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines
- PC Finance Critic **Vic Fideli** MPP (Nipissing)
- NDP Transportation Critic **Wayne Gates** (Niagara Falls)
- **France Gélinas** MPP (Nickel Belt), NDP Aboriginal Affairs, Francophone Affairs and Health and Long-Term Care Critic
- Minister of Community and Social Services Dr. **Helena Jaczek** MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham)
- **Sophie Kiwala** MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- **Jack MacLaren**, P.Eng., MPP (Carleton-Mississippi Mills), PC Senate and Democratic Reform Critic
- **Harinder Malhi** MPP (Brampton-Springdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues
- Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry **Bill Mauro** MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan)
- **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), PC Poverty Reduction Strategy and Children and Youth Services Critic
- **Kathryn McGarry** MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- **Eleanor McMahon** MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Environment and Climate Change Minister **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre)
- **Arthur Potts** MPP (Beaches-East York), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- **Lou Rinaldi** MPP (Northumberland-Quinte West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Education Minister **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph)
- **Soo Wong** MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services
- **Daiene Vernile** MPP (Kitchener Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation



ENGINEERING STUDENT AND PEO KINGSTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIR TO CO-CHAIR PEO'S QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION

The Co-Chairs for this year's October 21 Queen's Park 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.

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.



PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) members **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., and **Angel Serah** will be Co-Chairs for this year's Queen's Park Reception on October 21.

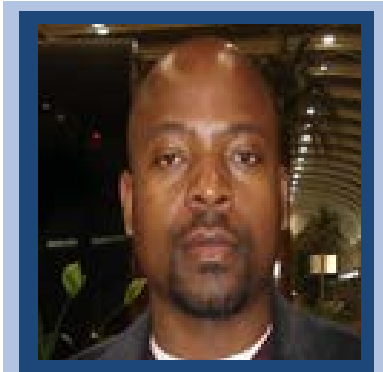
PEO GLP EASTERN REGION ACADEMY AND CONGRESS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3

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.

PEO GLP CENTRAL REGIONS ACADEMY AND CONGRESS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28



Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and East Toronto Chapter's **Harnet Panesar**, P.Eng., will be hosting the joint East Central and West Central Academy and Congress in Toronto on November 28.

PEO has chosen the date for its Central Academy and Congress for the East Central and West Central Regions.

The joint East Central and West Central Academy and Congress, hosted by the Oakville and East Toronto Chapters, will be held in Toronto on November 28. Hosting the event will be Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and East Toronto Chapter's **Harnet Panesar**, P.Eng.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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/1IhrvLo>.

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>.

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**, P.Eng., 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 – Former Ontario Premier **David Peterson** and current Chair of the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games will speak about building on the success of the Pan Am Games at the Empire Club, Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, Toronto, starting at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$95. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1LfjqI2>.

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>.

NEW! September 13 – **Lisa McLeod** MPP (Nepean-Carleton) will host her 10th annual food raiser for the Barrhaven Food Cupboard at Barrhaven Heart and Crown, 3161 Strandherd Dr. #300, Nepean, from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information on the event, visit <http://conta.cc/1KfF1BA>.

NEW! September 15 – UBC Professor **Kenneth Carty** will discuss the Liberal Party and a Century of Canadian Politics at the Economic Club of Canada, Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa, 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/1fGgRn7>.

NEW! September 16 – US Senator **Evan Bayh**, former Governor of Indiana, will speak on the important role nuclear power plays in the Great Lakes Region at the Empire Club of Canada at Hilton Hotel, Toronto Ballroom starting at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1U49QPZ> or call 416-364-2878.

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>.

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.

NEW! September 21 – Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, Ontario Associate Finance Minister **Mitzi Hunter** and Cisco Canada President & CEO **Bernadette Wightman** will discuss New Leaders for a New Toronto at the Canadian Club of Toronto, Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. W., starting at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1MNNdt2>.

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/1loRqgR>.

NEW! October 7 – Nova Scotia Premier **Stephen McNeil** will speak at the Economic Club of Canada, 100 Front St. W., 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/1KkFUJ3>.

NEW! November 5 – Ryerson University President **Sheldon Levy** will be honoured at the TVO Tribute Gala by an honorary committee of former Premiers, **William Davis**, **David Peterson**, **Bob Rae**, **Michael Harris**, **Ernie Eves**, and **Dalton McGuinty** at Fermenting Cellar, 28 Distillery Ln., Distillery District, Toronto, starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For tickets or more information, contact Howard Brown at 416-783-1140 or visit <http://bit.ly/1i2dxEB>.

NEW! November 10 – **Steve Carlisle**, President & Managing Director, General Motors of Canada will speak about the Innovation and the Future of the Auto Industry in Canada at the Canadian Club of Toronto, Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, starting at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1MNNdt2>.

NEW! November 12-14 – The 12th Annual Trudeau Foundation Conference at Château Laurier, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1Udx1IG>.

NEW! November 23 – Ontario 24th Premier **Dalton McGuinty** will speak about a life in politics and leadership lessons learned at the Canadian Club of Toronto, Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. West, starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are not yet available for this event. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1NBCIEJ>.

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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