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NDP DEPUTY LEADER HEADLINES SUCCESSFUL PEO CENTRAL REGIONS' GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS

NDP Deputy Leader **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) (centre left) offered his support to PEO in reversing the government's decision to not repeal the Industrial Exception. With him in the photo are (left to right) PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Harneet Panesar**, P.Eng., PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter GLP Coordinator **Nathan Cao**, P.Eng. For more on this story see page 5.

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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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. ENGINEERING MAGAZINE REPORTS ON PEO DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ONTARIO GOVERNMENT
2. ENGINEER NAMED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER
3. PEO DISCUSSES RAMIFICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS WITH PC CRITIC

BREAKING NEWS

ENGINEERING MAGAZINE REPORTS ON PEO DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Canadian Consulting Engineer Magazine released an article outlining PEO's issue with the Ontario Government's decision to remove the Repeal of the Industrial Exemption. Below is the article:

Professional Engineers Ontario and Engineers Canada are condemning the Government of Ontario for deciding to permanently maintain the "industrial exemption" as part of the province's *Professional Engineers Act*.

Ontario is the only province that allows employees in industrial plants who are not professional engineers to perform work on equipment where the work would normally require an engineer's stamp.

Kim Allen, P.Eng., Chief Executive Officer of Engineers Canada, said in a statement that the government's decision to maintain the industrial exemption "does a disservice to Ontario workers, placing their health and safety in the workplace at risk, and reduces the protection afforded to Canadians."

Allen said the decision leaves Ontario lagging behind the rest of Canada, adding: "I struggle to understand why Ontario should have a lower standard than the rest of the country."

In its Fall Economic Statement, the government said it had decided to permanently maintain the industrial exemption, which is section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. In 2010 the government had committed itself to repealing the exemption in its *Open for Business Act 2010*.

Engineers Canada said the latest decision stands in the way of hopes of establishing interprovincial mobility among engineers. Having different licensing rules in different provinces makes it more difficult for an engineer in one province to obtain a licence in another.

In contrast: "A level playing field makes it easier for engineers to move within Canada, allowing companies to make the best use of their resources, and engineers to take advantage of career opportunities," said Allen.

For more on this story, click here: <http://bit.ly/1U5P1jj>.

To read Engineers Canada's press release, click here: <http://bit.ly/21vGyei>.



ENGINEER NAMED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER



Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** has named **Omar Alhabra**, P.Eng., MP (Mississauga Centre) as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Consular Affairs) on December 2.

It was one of 38 appointments the Prime Minister announced. Of the total number of appointments, 14 were from Ontario.

Other notable appointments include:

- **Adam Vaughan** MP (Spadina-Fort York) as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Intergovernmental Affairs)
- **Bill Blair** MP (Scarborough Southwest) as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- **Andrew Leslie** MP (Orléans) as Chief Government Whip

For a complete list of Parliamentary Secretary appointments, click here: <http://bit.ly/1jPfx9X>.

ONTARIO URGED TO EXPAND COLLEGE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

As reported in *Globe Advisor* on December 2, Colleges Ontario is urging the Ontario Government to expand the number of specialized engineering degree programs offered in colleges across the Province.

“There is a clear demand for specialized engineering programs in areas such as automation and robotics, power-systems transmission, and energy systems engineering management” said President and CEO **Linda Franklin**. “Producing more engineering graduates in highly specialized areas will help businesses become more innovative and will strengthen Ontario’s economy.”

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is preparing to make a decision about the number of post-secondary engineering programs to offer across the province. Conestoga College is the only school that offers engineering degrees.

For more on this story, click here: <http://bit.ly/1mblzvR>.



President and CEO of Colleges Ontario **Linda Franklin** wants the Ontario Government to expand the number of specialized engineering degree programs offered in the province’s colleges.

MPP MEETINGS

PEO DISCUSSES RAMIFICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS WITH PC CRITIC



Ernie Hardeman MPP (Oxford), PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic (left), met with PEO Deputy Registrar, Regulatory Compliance **Linda Latham**, P.Eng., (right), at Queen's Park on November 30.

As reported in last week's *GLP Weekly*, PEO is meeting with leading members of the opposition following the decision of the Ontario Government to maintain Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Commonly referred to as the Industrial Exception, PEO is extremely disappointed with the government's decision, as expressed in the Fall Economic Statement, to remove permanently the provision in the *Professional Engineers Act* (PEA) that would have helped ensure a healthier and safer workplace at little cost to the province's manufacturing sector.

On November 30, after meeting with PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) PEO Deputy Registrar, Regulatory Compliance **Linda Latham**, P.Eng., had an opportunity to speak with **Ernie Hardeman** MPP (Oxford), PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic. They discussed the Government's decision and Mr. Hardeman offered PEO advice about how to approach the issue.

EVENTS ATTENDED

NDP DEPUTY LEADER HEADLINES SUCCESSFUL

PEO CENTRAL REGIONS' GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS

Deputy NDP Leader **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) was the guest speaker at PEO's GLP Central Regions' Academy and Congress on December 5 at PEO Headquarters.

In his speech, Mr. Singh recommended a process for PEO in addressing its grievances with the government over the announcement about the Industrial Exception.

Mr. Singh offered to send a letter to the government to make them aware of PEO's concerns over the Industrial Exception. He told PEO that he was honoured to help them fight for their rights.

There was an extensive discussion on the Repeal. The participants added their thoughts to the conversation.

Each Chapter presented work they had completed over the past year. They also spoke about their plans for 2016.

PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., conducted GLP training for the Chapter GLP representatives.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** provided insight into Ministries, Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants and Critics relevant to PEO's objectives.



PEO Etobicoke Chapter Chair **Tarun Biju**, P.Eng. (left), Etobicoke Chapter Representative **Preeti Gorapalli**, P.Eng. (centre), and Etobicoke Chapter Representative **Michael Burdett**, P.Eng. (right), presented the work they had completed in 2015.



Deputy NDP Leader **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) (front row, centre) spoke to PEO's GLP Central Regions' Academy and Congress on December 5 at PEO Headquarters. With him in the photo are (left to right) (back row) PEO York Chapter Chair **Paymon Sani**, P.Eng., PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, York Chapter Program Director **Rick Vender**, PEO Oakville Chapter Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., Kingsway Chapter Representative **Stefan Lucic**, P.Eng., PEO Toronto-Humber Chapter **Bilal Sherazi**, P.Eng., PEO East Toronto Chapter Representative **Dave Andre**, P.Eng., PEO Etobicoke Chapter Representative **Michael Burdett**, P.Eng., PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Peter Rozitis**, P.Eng., PEO Student and Government Liaison Programs Coordinator **Gonzalo Piñeros**, EIT, (middle row) Willowdale Chapter GLP Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Khaled El-Rahi**, P.Eng., former PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair and Vice-President of Professional Engineers Government of Ontario (PEGO) **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., Scarborough Chapter GLP Representative **Uthayan Thurairajah**, P.Eng., Toronto-Humber Chapter GLP Chair **Manoj Shukla**, P.Eng., Oakville Chapter Representative **Mukul Asthana**, P.Eng., Scarborough Chapter Representative **Lan (Victor) Lin**, P.Eng., Etobicoke Chapter Chair **Tarun Biju**, P.Eng., Brown & Cohen Account Director **Laura Casselman**, Brampton Chapter Chair **Ranjit Gill**, P.Eng., York Chapter GLP Chair **Daniel Liao**, P.Eng., (front row) Niagara Chapter Representative **Darlene Daigle**, P.Eng., Etobicoke Chapter Representative **Preeti Gorapalli**, P.Eng., East Central Regional Councillor **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., East Central Regional Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Harneet Panesar**, P.Eng., West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Parvin Marzban**, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter GLP Coordinator **Nathan Cao**, P.Eng.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12 – Indira Naidoo-Harris MPP (Halton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health Long-Term Care (Long-Term Care), will host her annual family skating holiday party featuring the Milton Skating Club at Milton Memorial Arena, 77 Thompson Rd. South, Milton from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 905-878-1729 or inaidoo-harris.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

December 13 – Randy Hillier MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington), PC Attorney General Critic, will host his “Annual Christmas Hootenanny” featuring the Bowes Brothers at Fiddleheads Bar and Grill, 53 Herriott St., Perth from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1kRJfft>.

NEW! December 13 – Associate Finance Minister **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood), will host her Winter Fun Fest Sunday at Centennial Recreation Centre, 1967 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough from 2 to 5 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact mhunter.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! December 14 – Federal Finance Minister **Bill Morneau** MP (Toronto Centre) will provide an overview of the country’s current economic situation to the Toronto Region Board of Trade at the Hilton Toronto, Toronto Room, 145 Richmond St. West, Toronto from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$79 for members and \$99 non-members. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1m7IHxs> or call 416-862-4500.

NEW! December 16 – **Arthur Potts** MPP (Beaches-East York), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith** MP (Beaches-East York and Arthur Potts) will host a holiday party at the Local 1794 Gastro Pub, 1794 Danforth Ave. (between Coxwell & Woodbine), Toronto, from 8 to 10 p.m. There is no cost to attend although cash donations for the Community Centre 55 will be accepted. For more information, contact Nathaniel Erskine-Smith at 647-799-0162.

NEW! December 19 – **Eleanor McMahon** MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and **Karina Gould** MP (Burlington) will host their first annual holiday party at Burlington Polish Hall, 2316 Fairview St., Burlington at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. For more information, contact president@bpla.ca.

NEW! December 28 – **Rick Nicholls** MPP (Chatham-Kent—Essex), PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic, will host his Third Annual Chatham-Kent-Essex Holiday Skate at Memorial Arena, 80 Tweedsmuir Ave. West, Chatham, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact 1-800-265-3992.

NEW! December 29 – **Rick Nicholls** MPP (Chatham-Kent—Essex), PC Community Safety and Correctional Services Critic, will host his Third Annual Chatham-Kent- Essex Holiday Skate at Blenheim Arena, 199 King St, Blenheim, from 2 to 3 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact 1-800-265-3992.

NEW! December 31 – **Cheri DiNovo** MPP (Parkdale—High Park) NDP LGBTQ Issues, Greater Toronto Area Issues and Urban Transportation Critic and Caucus Chair, will host her New Year at Noon event at Jane/Dundas Library, 620 Jane St., Toronto at 12 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact dinovoc-co@ndp.on.ca.

NEW! January 3 – **Bob Delaney** MPP (Mississauga—Streetsville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, will host his 2016 New Year Family Skate with Mississauga City Councillor **George Carlson** (Ward 11) at Vic Johnston Arena, 335 Church St., Streetsville from 12 to 2 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but please bring a donation for the Eden Food Bank. For more information, contact 905-569-1643 or bdelaney.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – **Yvan Baker** MPP (Etobicoke Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board, will host his Holiday Levee and Community Recognition Awards at Plast Huculak Centre, 516 The Kingsway (corner of Kipling and the Kingsway), Toronto from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 416-234-2800 or ybaker.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – Children, Youth Services and Women’s Issues Minister **Tracy MacCharles** MPP (Pickering—Scarborough East) will host her New Year’s Levee & Volunteer Recognition Event at Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre, Leadership Room, 875 Morningside Ave., Scarborough from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact tmaccharles.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – **Granville Anderson** MPP (Durham), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, will host his Annual New Year’s Levee at Scugog Public Library Rotary Room, 231 Water St., Port Perry from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 905-697-1501 or ganderson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – **Lorenzo Berardinetti** MPP (Scarborough Southwest), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, will host his New Year’s Levee at West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre, 313 Pharmacy Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 416-261-9525 or lberardinetti.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – **Peter Milczyn** MPP (Etobicoke—Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (Infrastructure), will host his 2nd Annual New Year’s Levee at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 210, 110 Jutland Rd., Toronto from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact pmilczyn.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), Chief PC Whip and Energy Critic, will host his New Year’s Levee at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 353, 57 Pontiac St., Eganville from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org.

NEW! January 10 – Research and Innovation, and Training, Colleges and Universities Minister **Reza Moridi** MPP (Richmond Hill) will host his Annual New Year’s Levee at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, Wallace Hall, 10066 Yonge St., Richmond Hill from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact 905- 884-8080 or rmoridi.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! January 14 – **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean—Carleton), PC President of the Treasury Board Critic, will host a “Financial Literacy & Planning for Seniors” event at Manotick Legion, 5050 Ann St., Manotick from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 613-823-2116 or lisa.macleod@pc.ola.org.

NEW! January 15 – **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean—Carleton), PC President of the Treasury Board Critic, will host a “Community Safety for Seniors” event at Greely Legion, 8021 Mitch Owens Rd., Greely from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 613-823-2116 or lisa.macleod@pc.ola.org.

NEW! January 16 – **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean—Carleton), PC President of the Treasury Board Critic, will host a “Seniors’ Holiday Tea Series, Driving & Licensing for Seniors” event at Osgood Legion, 3284 Sunstrum St., Osgoode from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 613-823-2116 or lisa.macleod@pc.ola.org.

NEW! January 17 – **Lisa MacLeod** MPP (Nepean—Carleton), PC President of the Treasury Board Critic, will host a “Seniors’ Holiday Tea Series, Preventing Elder Abuse” event at Bells Corners Legion, 4026 Old Richmond Rd., Nepean from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact 613-823-2116 or lisa.macleod@pc.ola.org.

NEW! January 23 – Community and Social Services Minister Dr. **Helena Jaczek** MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham) will host her New Year’s Community Levee at the Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence, 40 Freel Ln., Stouffville, from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact 905 294-4931.

NEW! February 21 – **Monte Kwinter** MPP (York Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, will host his “Breakfast with Monte Kwinter” at Mastro’s Restaurant, 890 Wilson Ave., Toronto from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact mkwinter.mpp@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! April 3 – Monte Kwinter MPP (York Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, will host a skating party at Herbert H. Carnegie Centennial Centre, 580 Finch Ave. West, Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact mkwinter.mpp@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! June 16 – Monte Kwinter MPP (York Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, will host his “Strawberry Social” at Real Canadian Superstore, Community Room, 51 Gerry Fitzgerald Dr., Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact mkwinter.mpp@liberal.ola.org.

NEW! September 11 – Monte Kwinter MPP (York Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, will host his “Fall Fiesta” at Montecassino Hotel & Event Venue, 1st Floor, Salon B, 3710 Chesswood Ave., Toronto from 12 to 2 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact mkwinter.mpp@liberal.ola.org.

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