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MINISTER TO HEADLINE PEO YORK CHAPTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

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BREAKING NEWS

PEO ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The election for PEO's 2016-2017 Council closed on February 26. Here are the results:



Bob Dony, P.Eng., was elected President-elect. He served as the PEO Appointed Vice-President for 2015-2016 and a Councillor-at-Large since 2012. Mr. Dony is also the Vice-Chair and a past Chair of PEO's Legislation Committee. He has been a member of the Licensing Committee since 2014.



Christian Bellini, P.Eng., was elected as the Councillor-at-Large. He was the Chair of the Experience Requirements Committee and the Overlapping Practices Committee. He also served as the Vice-Chair for the National Framework Task Force, Advisory Committee on Volunteers and the Licensing Committee.



Pat Quinn, P.Eng., was acclaimed PEO's Vice-President. He served as President twice, in 1999 and 2006. He is only the third engineer to be twice elected President. He was made a Member of PEO's Order of Honour in 2003.



Michael Wesa, P.Eng., was acclaimed Northern Regional Councillor. He has over 40 years of engineering experience, as well as Council and committee experience. He was Chair of the Discipline Committee in 2013. He was made a Member of PEO's Order of Honour in 2008.



Danny Chui, P.Eng., was re-elected West Central Region Councillor, a position he has held since 2012. Between 1986 and 1995, he served as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for PEO Mississauga Chapter. He received the PEO Order of Honour in 2002 and 20-years' service pin in 2015.



Noubar Takessian, P.Eng., was elected East Central Region Councillor. He has been a volunteer with PEO's Willowdale Thornhill Chapter since 1997. He held many positions, including Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chair for four years. He received PEO's Order of Honour in 2013.



Gary Houghton, P.Eng., was elected Western Region Councillor. He was the President of the Ontario Water Works Association. Mr. Houghton has been Member of PEO Enforcement Committee since 2000.



Guy Boone was elected Eastern Region Councillor. Currently, he is the PEO Ottawa Chapter Chair and is a past Chair of the Ottawa Chapter's Government Liaison Committee. He also served on the OSPE Chapter Liaison Committee.

Voter turnout was 10.27 per cent, 8,218 people out of a possible 80,005. Council will be sworn in at the PEO AGM on April 30. The new council will include **George Comrie**, P.Eng., as President and **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., as past President. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/AHkU0t>.

EVENTS ATTENDED

PREMIER HOSTS QUEEN'S PARK LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., (right) and Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West)(left) at the Queen's Park Lunar New Year Celebration at on February 29.

PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., attended the Lunar New Year Celebration at Queen's Park on February 29. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) hosted the event.

Also attending the event were Associate Finance Minister (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan) **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood), Research, Innovation, Training, Colleges and Universities Minister **Reza Moridi** MPP (Richmond Hill), Education Minister **Liz Sandals** MPP (Guelph), Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Minister **Michael Chan** MPP (Markham—Unionville), **Daiene Vernile** MPP (Kitchener Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation, **Soo Wong** MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services, and **Kathryn McGarry** MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation.

Mr. Tse told the *GLP Weekly* that he spoke with all the attending Ministers and MPPs about PEO. He mentioned the upcoming Grand River Chapter GLP Government Relations Town Hall Technical Exhibit and asked Premier Wynne's Community Relations Director **Eddie Ashimi** to help promote the event.

FEDERAL NDP LEADER ATTENDS ENGINEERING RECEPTION

PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and federal NDP Leader **Thomas Mulcair** MP (Outremont) attended Engineers Canada's reception on February 23.

Engineers Canada President **Digvir Jayas**, P.Eng., spoke at the event.

PEO Past President and Waterloo City Councillor (Ward 4) **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., also attended.

Mr. Chong told the *GLP Weekly* that he spoke with the participating MPPs about PEO's concerns about the government's decision to cancel the repeal of the industrial exception and implementation of the Belanger Commission Elliot Lake Inquiry recommendations.



PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., (centre left) with federal NDP Leader **Thomas Mulcair** MP (Outremont) (centre right) at the Engineers Canada's reception on February 23. With them in the photo are Engineers Canada President **Digvir Jayas**, P.Eng., (left) and PEO Past President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., (right).

NEWLY ELECTED MPP SPEAKS AT LICENCE PRESENTATION CEREMONY



PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., (centre) with newly elected Whitby-Oshawa MPP **Lorne Coe** (second from right) at PEO York Chapter's Annual General Meeting on February 27. With them in the photo are (left to right) newly elected East Central Region Councillor **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Director **Helen Wojcinski**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Regional Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng.,

PEO York Chapter hosted its Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate ceremony on February 27.

Newly elected Whitby-Oshawa MPP **Lorne Coe** delivered a keynote address at the event. He spoke on behalf of the official opposition, saying he was excited about his new responsibilities as PC Education and Training, Colleges and Universities Critic.

Also participating in the event were PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Director **Helen Wojcinski**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Regional Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., newly elected East Central Region Councillor **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng.

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Federal Citizenship Judge **Nancy Siew** presented a Citizenship Award to Mr. Chong for his contributions to society.

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Labour Minister **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville) delivered a keynote address at the event. He spoke about increased awareness about workplace safety.

At the event, Minister Moridi agreed to deliver a keynote address at York Chapter's upcoming Engineering Technology Symposium on March 22.

Attending the event were PEO East Central Region Councillor **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., York Chapter Chair **Paymon Sani**, P.Eng., York Chapter GLP Chair **Daniel Liao**, P.Eng., York Chapter Secretary **Patrick Yeung**, P.Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) CEO **Sandro Peruzza**, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



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Mr. Liao told the *GLP Weekly* that he spoke with both Ministers at the event. They discussed the province's investment in research and innovation with \$100 million pledged under the new budget.

WORK IN PROGRESS

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL HOST PEO'S 10TH QUEEN'S PARK DAY

PEO is pleased to announce Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Orleans) will host PEO's 10th Queen's Park Day Reception on October 26.

The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will bring engineering leaders and chapter representatives from across the province to Queen's Park to meet with their MPPs.

Last year's reception, which was also held in October, had almost 200 engineers and MPPs attend, including eight Ministers and 48 other MPPs.

Minister Meilleur, PC Leader **Patrick Brown**, and **Catherine Fife** MPP (Kitchener-Waterloo), NDP Finance and Treasury Board Critic, addressed the crowd.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4-6 – Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario will host its 2016 General Meeting at Shaw Centre, 55 Promenade Du Colonel By Dr., Ottawa, starting at 1 p.m. Early bird tickets are \$299 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/snjXq1>.

March 5 – Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario will host its Victory Club Reception Party at Shaw Centre, 55 Promenade Du Colonel By Dr., Ottawa, from 5 to 6 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/WekLTr>.

March 7 – Ontario's 24th Premier Dalton McGuinty will speak on his book *Making a Difference* at Carisse Studio Café, 274 Elgin St., Ottawa, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/RhCcWm>.

March 8 – **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), Chief PC Whip and Energy Critic, will host his 10th Annual "Evening at the Albany Club" at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each. For more information, contact rnppc.ontario@gmail.com.

March 8 – **Sheila Malcolmson** MP (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), NDP Status of Women Critic, and **Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet** MP (Hochelaga), NDP Whip & Housing Critic, will host an International Women's Day breakfast at 253-D, Centre Block, Ottawa, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Renée Taylor at 613-992-5243 or Sheila.malcolmson@parl.gc.ca.

NEW! March 8 – **James Maloney** MP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) will host an International Women's Day breakfast with Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie** at Canadiana Restaurant, 5230 Dundas St. West, Etobicoke, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information, contact James.maloney.C1@parl.gc.ca.

March 14 – Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister **Navdeep Bains** MPP (Mississauga-Malton) will speak about the new federal government’s approach to driving innovation and supporting Canadian business at the Toronto Region Board of Trade, Downtown Centre, 1 First Canadian Pl., 4th Floor, Toronto, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$85 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/UQO0sl>.

NEW! March 16 – PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North) will host an evening reception at the Apollo Convention Centre, 6591 Innovator Dr., Mississauga, from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/muvB7H>.

NEW! March 21 – Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada **Rona Ambrose** (Sturgeon River-Parkland) will speak at the Economic Club about her caucus’ vision for job growth in Canada at the 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://goo.gl/gyQ8T0>.

March 21 – **Monte McNaughton** MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), PC Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Critic, will host his Cheer on the Blue & White, an evening cheering on the Toronto Maple Leafs (vs. Calgary Flames) at the Air Canada Centre, 40 Bay St., Toronto, with a puck drop at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1,000 each. For more information, click here <https://goo.gl/FUBIS8>.

March 23 – PC Deputy Leader **Sylvia Jones** MPP (Dufferin—Caledon), Children and Youth Services Critic, will host a reception at Dentons Canada LLP, 5th Floor, 77 King St. West, Toronto, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each, or \$400 for two. For more information, contact Christopher Dacunha at 416-801-9324 or info@sylviajones.ca.

March 30 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will deliver a keynote address at the 20th Annual Ontario Liberal Heritage Dinner at the South Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1,600 each. Dress code is business attire. For more information, visit bit.ly/1DVRFTV.

March 31 – The Pearson Centre will host its Pursuing Justice Project with former federal justice minister Irwin Cotler, honorary co-chairs former prime ministers **Jean Chrétien**, **John Turner**, **Kim Campbell** and **Paul Martin**, as well as Co-Chairs **Monte Kwinter** MPP (York Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, and former Ontario economic development and trade minister **Sandra Pupatello** with moderator **Indira Naidoo-Harris** MPP (Halton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, at Omni King Edward Hotel, 37 King St. East, Toronto, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1JWuWv0>.

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! April 5 – **Granville Anderson** MPP (Durham), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, and the Durham Provincial Liberal Association will host an event with Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Minister **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) at Tetra Kitchen & Vines, 570 Longworth Ave, Bowmanville, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$350 each or \$500 for two. For more information, contact 905-429-9708 or dplapresident@gmail.com.

NEW! April 26 – Haldimand-Norfolk PC Association and **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk), PC Caucus Chair and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic, will host the “Catch of the Day Perch Dinner” with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North), Education, Training, Colleges and Universities Critic, at Port Dover Community Centre, 801 St George St., Port Dover, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/ji0oEZ>.

NEW! May 1 – Lisa MacLeod MPP (Nepean—Carleton), PC President of the Treasury Board Critic, will host an event celebrating her 10 years of service at Cedarhill Golf Course, 56 Cedarhill Drive, Barrhaven, from 2 till 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact lisa@lisamacleod.ca.

NEW! May 18 – PC Leader Patrick Brown MPP (Simcoe North), will host the Toronto Leader’s Dinner at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, south building, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$1,500 each. For more information, visit bit.ly/1SSU8Gu.

NEW! May 24 – Steve Clark MPP (Leeds-Grenville), Deputy PC Leader and Tourism, Culture and Sport Critic, will host an evening event with Senator **Bob Runciman** and Chief Opposition Whip **Gord Brown** MP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) at Proof Lounge, Intercontinental Hotel, 220 Bloor St. West, Toronto, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/C5eNRo>.

May 28 – Monte McNaughton MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), PC Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Critic, will host a dinner reception with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North), Education, Training, Colleges and Universities Critic, at the Caradoc Community Centre, 565 Lions Park Dr., Mount Brydges, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each. For more information, visit bit.ly/20cmv2l.

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.

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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