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PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH

Pam Damoff MP (North Oakville-Burlington) (centre right) spoke at PEO Oakville Chapter's National Engineering Month celebration on March 5. With her in the photo are (left to right) PEO Oakville Chapter Event Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., Chapter Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., Chapter Education Chair **Susan Reimer**, P.Eng., and Government Liaison Program Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. For more on this story, see page 5.

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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

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BREAKING NEWS

PICKERING MAN FINED \$6,000 FOR THREE COUNTS OF ILLEGAL USE OF THE TITLE “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER”



PEO released the following media release, which was distributed on March 18:

The Ontario Court of Justice at Toronto has fined a Pickering-area man \$6,000 for misrepresenting himself as a professional engineer.

On March 14, **Cosimo Polidoro** of Pickering, Ontario, was convicted of three counts of breaching section 40(2)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* for using the protected title “P.Eng.” in a resume and in two emails in response to an employment opportunity with a Toronto-area construction firm. The employer asked for confirmation of Polidoro’s licensure status on several occasions. The employer then checked with PEO, which informed the employer that Polidoro had never been licensed as a professional engineer in Ontario.

His Worship Justice **Sisay Woldemichael** levied a fine of \$2,000 on each of the three counts after finding Polidoro guilty of holding himself out as a professional engineer on three different occasions.

Nick Hambleton, associate counsel, regulatory compliance, represented PEO in this matter. PEO would like to thank the construction firm and its employees for their cooperation in its investigation.

SCARBOROUGH-ROUGE RIVER MPP RESIGNS



Bas Balkissoon MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (second from the left), joined PEO at the Order of Honour Awards Gala on April 24 in Toronto. Also participating in the event were (from left to right) 2016-17 PEO president **George Comrie**, P.Eng., 2014-15 PEO President **David Adams**, P.Eng., and 2015-16 PEO President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng.

Bas Balkissoon **MPP** (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, resigned his seat effective immediately on March 22.

“Today, Bas Balkissoon advised me of his resignation and that he is stepping down as the MPP for Scarborough-Rouge River, effective immediately,” said Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) in a statement. “I thank Bas for his service and wish him luck in his future endeavours.”

No further reason was given for Mr. Balkissoon’s resignation. He represented Scarborough-Rouge River since 2005.

Prior to coming to Queen’s Park, Mr. Balkissoon had been a City Councillor for Scarborough from 1988 to 1997, and then in the amalgamated city of Toronto after 1997. He gained his seat in the legislature in a 2005 byelection following the resignation of **Alvin Curling**.

ENGINEERS CANADA: THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET CALLS ON EXPERTISE OF ENGINEERS

Engineers Canada stated its approval of the federal government’s 2016 budget on March 22. Below is an excerpt:

“This budget represents an investment in a vision of Canada that is built on a strong foundation of science, creativity, and innovation,” said Engineers Canada Chief Executive Officer **Kim Allen**, P.Eng. “Canada’s 280,000 professional engineers are ready and willing to help achieve these ambitious goals.”

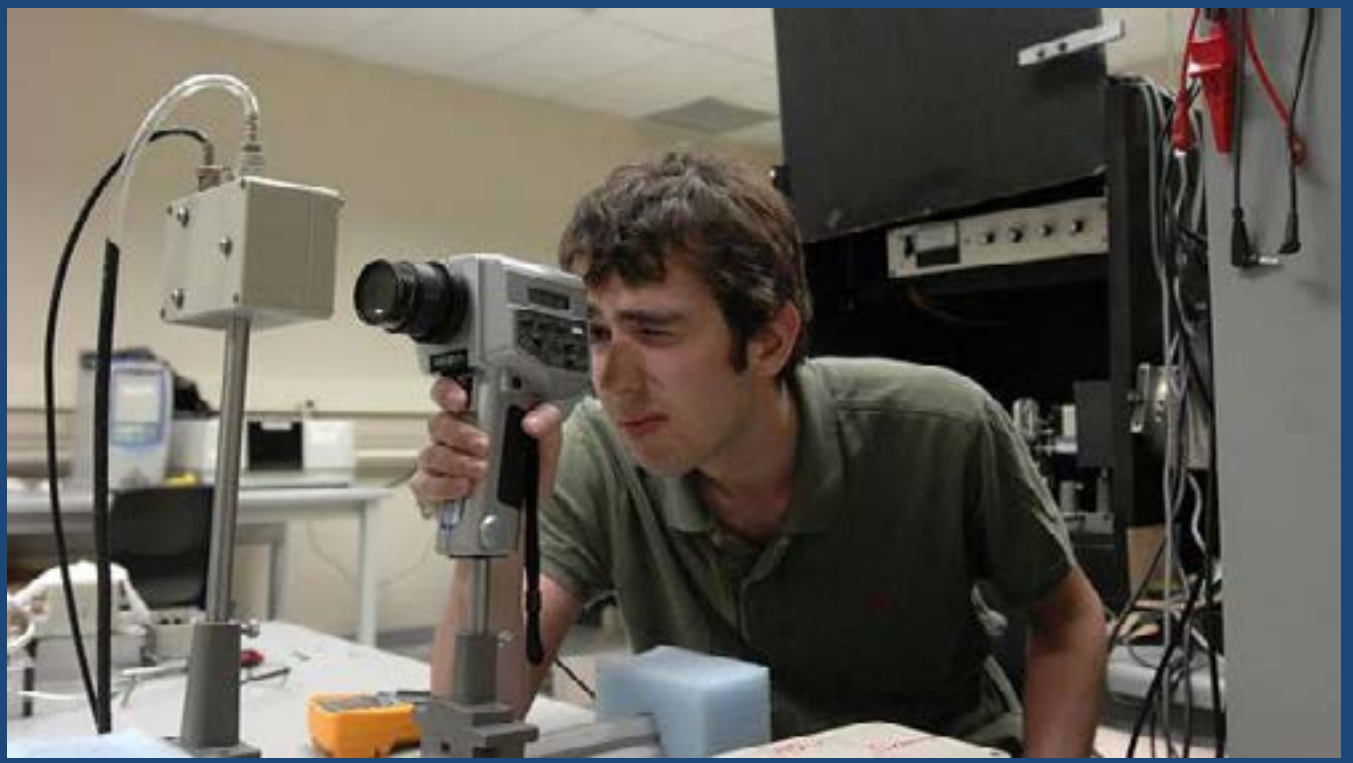


Budget 2016: Growing the Middle Class includes a number of items that will benefit Canadians and will call upon the expertise of engineers:

- \$11.9 billion over five years for Phase 1 of Canada’s New Infrastructure Plan, including investments in public transit systems, green infrastructure and social infrastructure.
- \$2 billion over four years for immediate improvements to water distribution and treatment infrastructure.
- \$129 million over five years to seven federal departments and agencies to implement programming focused on the science base to inform decision-making with regards to adapting to climate change.
- \$40 million over five years to integrate climate resilience into building design, guides and codes.
- \$2.24 billion over five years to improve on reserve water and wastewater infrastructure and waste management.
- \$255 million over two years to the First Nations Infrastructure Fund to support investments such as roads, bridges, energy systems and physical infrastructure to mitigate the effects of natural disasters.

For more on this story, click here: <http://goo.gl/SZdGmV>.

ENGINEERING PROGRAMS LOOKING TO EXPAND WITHIN ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES



Graeme Williams, pictured on Thursday May 7, 2009, is a third-year engineering student at the University of Waterloo, whose area of focus incorporates electrical, chemical and computer engineering. Photo: Sheryl Nadler

Last year, the government's higher education ministry held a series of consultations on the future of engineering education, talking with postsecondary institutions, employers, students and professional accreditation bodies. PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., presented to the Ministry. Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) CEO **Sandro Peruzza** also participated in the consultation.

The *Globe and Mail* published a story about the increased demand for engineers on March 20. With the increase in infrastructure spending, Ontario universities' are looking to expand their engineering programs. Below is an excerpt:

Many experts and industry groups say Canada has a shortage of skills in science, technology, engineering and math, but labour-market studies show that the number of openings varies widely across fields and within engineering. Grads in civil engineering have their pick of jobs, while others – in metals engineering, for example – are competing for only a couple of hundred openings a year.

Just under 40 per cent of graduates with engineering degrees from Canadian schools work in the field, according to a study by OSPE. Another 40 per cent have jobs such as in finance or business that require a university degree, the same study found.

If you look at where the jobs are in Canada, it's all around technology. Do we need to expand programs? I think we do, but we need to do it in emerging technology, in mechatronics, in nanotechnology, things you will need in five to 10 years, said **Mr. Perruzza**.

For more on this story, click here: <http://goo.gl/X44CPr>.

EVENTS ATTENDED

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH



PEO Oakville Chapter Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., (right) with Oakville Mayor **Rob Burton** (centre) and Halton Region Director of Infrastructure Planning and Policy **Lisa De Angelis**, P.Eng., (left) at PEO Oakville Chapter's National Engineering Month celebration on March 5

PEO Oakville Chapter hosted a National Engineering Month celebration on March 5. **Pam Damoff** MP (North Oakville-Burlington) offered greetings on behalf of the federal government.

Participating in the event were PEO Oakville Chapter Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., Chapter Education Chair **Susan Reimer**, P.Eng., Chapter Event Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., Government Liaison Program Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng.

Also participating were Oakville Mayor **Rob Burton**, Oakville Regional and Town Councillor **Tom Adams** (Ward 6) and Halton Region Director of Infrastructure Planning and Policy **Lisa De Angelis**, P.Eng.

The event invited students from grades 1 to 8 to participate in a design challenge of CANADARM. Ms. Angelis judged the design challenge and Mayor Burton presented prizes to the winning teams. The students were also afforded the opportunity to meet with engineers and ask them anything they wanted to know about engineering. The event was well attended with over 150 participating.

For more information, click here:
<http://www.peo-oakvillechapter.ca/?p=1649>.



PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., at PEO Oakville Chapter's National Engineering Month celebration on March 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29 – Sophie Kiwala MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, will host an evening reception with Poverty Reduction Strategy Minister, Deputy Premier, and Treasury Board President **Deb Matthews** MPP (London North Centre) at the University Club, 168 Stuart St., Kingston, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, contact r.chakarova@hotmail.com or visit <http://goo.gl/efPbTX>.

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>.

March 31 – Bob Bailey MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) PC Deputy Whip and Democratic, Senate Reform, and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic, will host an evening event with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North) at the Holiday Inn Sarnia/Point Edward, 1498 Venetian Blvd., Point Edward, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/IF45IW>.

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 4 – Managing editor of the *Scarborough Mirror* **Al Shackleton** will moderate a 2016 Federal Budget Breakfast for the Rotary Club of Scarborough at JC's Banquet Hall, 1686 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough, from 7 to 9 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each. For more information, visit <http://www.budgetbreakfast.ca/>.

April 4 – Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Minister **Michael Chan** MPP (Markham-Unionville) will speak about Ontario's plan to build a strong and lasting economy at the Canadian Club of Toronto, at the Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto, starting at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/0Bsdlv>.

April 4 – PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North), PC Education Critic, will host a *Hockey Night at Hart House* at Hart House, University of Toronto, Debates Room, 7 Hart House Cir., Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information, contact Garfield Dunlop at garfield.dunlop@ontariopc.com visit <https://goo.gl/HhL7NS>.

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.

April 8 – Federal Finance Minister **Bill Morneau** MP (Toronto Centre) will host a Post-Budget Breakfast for the Canadian Club of Canada and the Empire Club of Canada at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St. West, Toronto, starting at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/I5ZhQc>.

April 12 – **Jeff Yurek** MPP (Elgin-Middlesex-London), PC Health and Long-Term Care Critic, will host an evening reception at the Albany Club of Toronto, 91 King St. East, Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, visit www.eml.ontariopc.com/events.

April 14 – Federal Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Minister **John McCallum** MP (Markham-Thornhill) will address the Economic Club 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/I07C3v>.

April 18 – Transportation Minister **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan) and Vaughan Mayor **Maurizio Bevilacqua**, will speak about *Investing in the 905: The Vaughan Advantage* at the Economic Club of Canada, Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel, 525 Bay St., 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://goo.gl/DsXSWC>.

NEW! April 18 – **Chris Ballard** MPP (Newmarket—Aurora), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, and to the Minister of Government and Consumer Services, will host an evening reception with Government and Consumer Services Minister David Orazietti MPP (Sault Ste. Marie), at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Ave., Toronto, starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, visit <http://naplaevent.info/>.

April 19 – **Jim McDonnell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), PC Government and Consumer Services Critic, will host an evening reception at the Albany Club of Toronto, 91 King St. East, Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/8iMbgY>.

April 19 – **Peter Milczyn** MPP (Etobicoke—Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (Infrastructure), and the Etobicoke-Lakeshore Provincial Liberal Association will host an evening event with guest Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Minister **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre), at The Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Ave., Toronto, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$300 each. For more information, contact elakeshore.pla.vp@gmail.com.

April 20 – Speaker **Dave Levac** MPP (Brant) will host a Spring event at 2 Lombard St., Suite 200, Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$400 each. For more information, contact 416-820-0790 or davelevac@gmail.com.

April 20 – **Jagmeet Singh** MPP (Bramalea—Gore—Malton), NDP Deputy Leader, and Attorney General, and Government and Consumer Services Critic, will host a one-year anniversary celebration of being named Deputy Leader of Ontario's NDP, at The Vintage Conservatory, 100 Lombard St., Toronto, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, contact 647-206-0908 or friendsofjagmeetsingh@gmail.com.

NEW! April 21 – **Lou Rinaldi** MPP (Northumberland-Quinte West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will host his second annual Pasta Dinner with the Northumberland-Quinte West Provincial Liberal Association at the Carpenters' Union Hall, 459 Croft St., Port Hope, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for provincial Liberal members, \$10 for guests and free for ABC members. For more information, contact nqwpla@sympatico.ca or Elaine Palmateer at 905-373-4280.

NEW! April 25 – **Marie-France Lalonde** MPP (Ottawa-Orléans), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs and for the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, will host an evening reception with Tourism, Culture, Sport and Anti-Racism Minister **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) at Hart House, University of Toronto, 7 Hart House Cir., Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Catherine Davey at 416-399-4342 or catherinedavey@rogers.com.

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>.

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.

May 6 – **John Yakabuski** MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), Chief PC Whip, will host his *Annual Spring Fundraiser* at Germania Club, 15 Bennett St., Pembroke, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/mdWaH5>.

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.

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.

October 13 – PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North), PC Education Critic, will host the Ottawa Leader’s Dinner at Shaw Centre, 55 Promenade Du Colonel By Dr., Ottawa, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, contact Terrance Oakey at 613-601-2350 or visit <https://goo.gl/7NYeoT>.

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