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NDP Education Critic **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) participated in a successful Windsor Chapter Take Your MPP to Work Day on May 25. It took place at Stantec in Windsor. With her in the photo are PEO Windsor Chapter Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (right) and Chapter Board member **Michael Mastonardi**, P.Eng., (left). For more on this story, see page 4.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 85,000 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. PEO DISMAYED AT ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE WORKPLACE SAFETY
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MPP MEETING

PEO REGISTRAR AND ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DISCUSS PEO ISSUES

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., (bottom) met with Aboriginal Affairs Minister **David Zimmer**, MPP (Willowdale) (top) on June 1.

They discussed PEO's disappointment with the decision of the Ontario Government, as expressed in the Fall Economic Statement, to maintain Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Mr. Zimmer offered to discuss the issue with his cabinet colleagues. He was the Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General when the Legislation was introduced.

Also participating in the meeting were **John McKenna**, Communications and Policy Advisor for Minister Zimmer, and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. McDonald had a chance to speak with a number of other MPPs while at Queen's Park, including Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Minister **Brad Duguid**, MPP (Scarborough Centre), his Chief of Staff **Charles Finlay** and Senior Policy Advisor **Alex Irving**.



BREAKING NEWS

PEO DISMAYED AT ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE WORKPLACE SAFETY

This information was distributed in a media release from PEO on June 9:

PEO is extremely disappointed with the government's decision, first announced last fall and confirmed with the introduction yesterday of the *Burden Reduction Act, 2016*, to halt proclamation of the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act (PEA)*, often referred to as the industrial exception. The industrial exception allows unlicensed people to carry out engineering work on machinery or equipment in manufacturing.

"It's interesting that the government also had third reading yesterday of *An Act to proclaim a Workers Day of Mourning*. We simply cannot understand why, under such circumstances, the government would not honour its commitment to the repeal, which would improve worker safety, improve profitability of Ontario manufacturers, bring Ontario in line with other provinces, and ensure work requiring specialized design and problem-solving knowledge is done by professionals with obligations to the public interest – in the guise of reducing red tape," said PEO President **George Comrie**, P.Eng.

"The government has described red tape as regulatory requirements that are 'unclear, outdated or costly' and do not protect public interests or promote safety. The repeal of the industrial exception simply does not fit this definition."

In fact, the repeal:

- would eliminate confusion about engineering activities that have always required a professional engineer and would standardize Ontario with the rest of the provinces;
- is not outdated or redundant, as the currently required Pre-start Health and Safety Reviews under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* occur after the design process is completed and serious potential equipment design issues may no longer be evident; and
- is not a costly requirement, as there are potential cost savings to businesses from reducing worker injuries and competitive advantage through innovative design solutions to production problems. PEO estimates that the impact to industry of proclaiming the repeal would be only \$1 million to \$1.9 million, whereas the value of one life saved is immeasurable.

"The repeal would have been implemented without any expense to taxpayers and little cost to employers, since PEO had committed to offsetting almost half of the licensing fee of anyone required to be newly licensed as a result of the repeal," said Comrie. "PEO had also put in place a regulation to enable employers to transition over a one-year period."

"The Ontario government's troubling decision to reverse its previous commitment to repeal section 12(3)(a) of the PEA leaves a gap in PEO's ability to regulate acts of engineering and continues to put workers at risk," said PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng. "Engineers are committed to public safety and are professionally accountable by law for all acts of professional engineering. Not requiring engineers to carry out work in this narrow area is not a red tape reduction. It is a significant missed opportunity to protect the public."

PEO is committed to working with governments and industry to achieve a stable and prosperous economic future for Ontario, which it continues to believe would be enhanced through the repeal of section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.



Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Minister **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) introduced the *Burden Reduction Act, 2016*, on June 8.

EVENTS ATTENDED

PC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CRITIC TO MEET WITH PEO



In the picture are (left to right) **Patrick Sackville**, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Policy Analyst, **Bill Walker**, MPP (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound), PC Associate Health Critic for Long-Term Care, **Zoë Campbell**, **Randy Pettapiece**, MPP (Perth-Wellington), PC Community, Social Services and Seniors' Issues Critic, **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron-Bruce), PC Environment and Cap-and-Trade Critic, and **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), PC Government and Consumer Services Critic.

Monte McNaughton MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex), PC Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Critic, has agreed to meet with PEO on July 8. They will discuss the repeal of the industrial exception and the government's new *Burden Reduction Act, 2016*, which was introduced this week.

The meeting was arranged by Deputy PC Leader **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville) after discussions with PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** at the **Tim Hudak**, MPP (Niagara West-Glanbrook), PC Financial Services Critic, reception on June 1.

Participating in the event was **Jena Sasko**, Legislative Assistant to Mr. McNaughton.

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NDP Education Critic **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) attended a successful Take Your MPP to Work Day for PEO Windsor Chapter on May 25.

Participating for the chapter were PEO Windsor Chapter Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., and Chapter Board member **Michael Mastonardi**, P.Eng.

Mr. Khan briefed Ms. Gretzky on PEO's commitment to public safety and PEO's work to repeal subsection 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. Ms. Gretzky indicated she understood PEO's concern about safety and agrees with the need to remove the industrial exception.

The group toured Stantec, an engineering consulting and design firm for both public and private clients in the areas of land development, building and water resources. The visit showcased major transportation and environmental infrastructure projects in almost every sector of Windsor-Essex County. It demonstrated the important role that professional engineers engaged in consulting fill in providing a better and safer environment for the public.

Ms. Gretzky also offered to attend the chapter's annual *Innovation Station Engineering Your Life* event. "I will be more than happy to attend this year's event," she said. "I am a strong supporter of exposure to the technical education and STEM program at the elementary and high school levels."



PEO Windsor Chapter Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (right) and Chapter Board member **Michael Mastonardi**, P.Eng., (left) hosted a successful Windsor Chapter Take Your MPP to Work Day with **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West), NDP Education Critic, on May 25.

MPP AND PEO PARTICIPATE IN ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

PEO Past President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., participated in the Asian Heritage Month celebrations at Queen's Park on June 6 with Deputy Speaker **Soo Wong**, MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Service.

Also participating in the event were Senior Business Analyst and Project Leader in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care **Sylvia Fung**, Deputy Transportation Minister **Stephen Rhodes** and Assistant Deputy Community and Social Services Minister **Karen Chan**.



PEO Past President **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., (centre right) attended an event with **Soo Wong**, MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Deputy Speaker and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services (centre left), on June 6. With them in the photo are (left to right) Deputy Transportation Minister **Stephen Rhodes** (left) and Senior Business Analyst and Project Leader in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care **Sylvia Fung** (right).

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 – Soo Wong MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services, will host an event with guest Community and Social Services Minister Dr. **Helena Jaczek** MPP (Oak Ridges-Markham) at the Vaughan Estate of Sunnybrook in the Courtyard, Ballroom and Patio, 80 Armistice Dr., Toronto, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$600 each. For more information, contact sowongfundraiser@gmail.com.

June 15 – Andrea Horwath MPP (Hamilton Centre), NDP Leader, and Intergovernmental Affairs Critic, will host an event about the Road to 2018 at Museum of Nature (Rotunda), 240 McLeod St., Ottawa, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each. For more information, visit http://www.ontariodp.ca/reception_with_andrea.

June 15 – Scarborough Guildwood will host an evening with Associate Finance Minister (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan) **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) at Bluffer's Restaurant, 7 Brimley Rd. South, Scarborough, starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/8tp5bR>.

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.

June 16 – Peter Tabuns MPP (Toronto-Danforth), NDP Environment and Climate Change, and Energy Critic, will host his annual Chinese Banquet Fundraiser dinner at Dim Sum King Restaurant, 421 Dundas Street West, Toronto, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$135 each. For more information, contact michael@progressivemetrics.ca.

June 17 – Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale PC Riding Association will host *Brews with Brown* with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North), PC Education Critic, at the Shawn and Ed Brewing Company, 65 Hatt St., Dundas, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$125 regularly and \$50 for students. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/1123>.

NEW! June 21 – Children, Youth Services and Women’s Issues Minister **Tracy MacCharles** MPP (Pickering-Scarborough East) will host an event with Energy Minister **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) at The Bear, 1294 Kingston Rd., Pickering, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$250. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/JhC2N5>.

June 21 – **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga), PC Research, Innovation and Transportation Critic, will host his *Ballpark & Box Seats with MPP Michael Harris* to watch the Toronto Blue Jays vs. Arizona Diamondbacks at the Rogers Centre, 1 Blue Jays Way, Toronto, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$750 each. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/1118>.

June 22 – PC Natural Resources and Forestry Critic **Todd Smith** MPP (Prince Edward-Hastings) will host a Golf Tournament at the Black Bear Ridge Golf Course, 501 Harmony Rd., Belleville, at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$250 for a single or \$1,000 for a foursome. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/1094>.

June 23 – PC Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic **Ernie Hardeman** MPP (Oxford) will host a Blue Wave dinner and silent auction with PC Leader **Patrick Brown** MPP (Simcoe North) at the South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street South, Woodstock, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/1064>.

June 24 – **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk), PC Caucus Chair and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Critic, will host his *Fifth Annual Toby Tee-Off* at Stark’s Golf Course, 60 Dedrick Rd., Port Rowan, from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$60 in advance and \$80 day of. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/1124>.

June 27 – **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga), PC Research, Innovation and Transportation Critic, will host the 2nd Annual Blue Chip Golf Classic at the Rebel Creek Golf Club, 1517 Snyder’s Rd., Petersburg, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/4e7yXg>.

July 13 – **Laurie Scott** MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock), PC Deputy House Leader, and Citizenship, Immigration, International Trade, and Women’s Issues Critic, will host her annual PC Classic Golf Tournament at Lindsay Golf and Country Club, 282 Lindsay St. South, Lindsay, starting at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$150 each and \$50 just for dinner. For more information, contact Greg Welton at (705) 328-5048 or gwelton@lindsaygm.ca.

July 21 – **Joe Dickson** MPP (Ajax-Pickering), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, will host the Ajax-Pickering-Whitby-Oshawa Charity Golf Tournament at the Deer Creek Golf Centre, 2700 Audley Rd. North, Ajax, starting at 11 a.m. For more information, contact ddickson@pearlearth.com.

August 3 – Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will host her 11th Annual Patio Party at Malaparte TIFF Bell Lightbox, 6th Floor, 350 King St. West, Toronto, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608, ext. 240, or sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

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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