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## FORMER PEO VP MEETS PREMIER AND MINISTER AT EASTERN ONTARIO EVENT

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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER PASSES AWAY
2. ENGINEERS MEET MINISTERS AND MPPs AT MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA
3. PEO LONDON CHAPTER EXECUTIVE MEMBER ATTENDS NDP MPP EVENT

## NEWS

### FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER PASSES AWAY



Former Deputy Premier and Minister **Bette Stephenson** passed away on August 20 at the age of 95.

Former Deputy Premier and Education Minister **Bette Stephenson** passed away on August 20, just three weeks after her 95th birthday. During her time in government, she was a part of the Cabinet that brought in major changes to the *Professional Engineers Act* in 1984.

First elected to the Legislature in 1975, Ms. Stephenson represented the riding of York Mills.

She served as the Labour Minister from 1975 until 1978, as Education Minister from 1978 to 1985, and as both the first female Deputy Premier and Treasurer in 1985. During her time in the Legislature, she nominated PEO President-Elect **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. to work in the Legislature as a page.

Before entering politics, Ms. Stephenson served as the first female president of the Ontario and Canadian Medical Associations.

After retiring from politics in 1987, Ms. Stephenson was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1992 for her “exceptional contributions to society throughout her career.” She was also awarded the Order of Ontario in 1999.

Ms. Stephenson was remembered this week by the Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North).

The Premier sent his condolences to her family and [said](#) that Ms. Stephenson was a “trailblazer” with “too many firsts to list” and that “her contributions to the worlds of medicine, government, and her community will live on for generations to come.”

**Steve Paikin**, host of TVO’s *The Agenda* wrote a [tribute](#) to Ms. Stephenson three weeks earlier.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

# ENGINEERS MEET MINISTERS AND MPPs AT MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA

(OTTAWA) — Engineers participated in the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)'s annual conference from August 18 to 21 at the Shaw Convention Centre in Ottawa.

Engineers included Tecumseh Town Councillor **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., and Township of Scugog Councillor **Ian McDougall**, P.Eng.

Mr. Dowie is a founding member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee, and is a past Essex-Windsor GLP Chair.

Speakers at the event included Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North), Opposition Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (NDP—Hamilton Centre), Interim Liberal Leader **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph), as well as **Steve Clark**, MPP (PC—Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Deputy Premier **Christine Elliott**, MPP (PC—Newmarket—Aurora), Minister of Health.

Also attending was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Dowie and Mr. McDougall all had a chance to meet and speak with many of the Ministers and MPPs, including **Jim McDonnell**, P.Eng., MPP (PC—Stormont—Dundas—Glengarry, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

He is the only engineer sitting in the Legislature.

Mr. Brown also had a chance to speak with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (PC—Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) about meeting with PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. in the coming weeks.



Tecumseh Town Councillor **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng. (right) had a chance to speak with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (PC—Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) at the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)'s annual conference on August 20 in Ottawa.



Tecumseh Town Councillor **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng. (centre) met and spoke with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) (right) and **Lisa MacLeod**, MPP (PC—Nepean), Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport at an AMO reception hosted by Minister MacLeod on August 18.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO LONDON CHAPTER EXECUTIVE MEMBER ATTENDS NDP MPP EVENT



PEO London Chapter Executive Member **Ayodeji Abiola**, P.Eng. (left) met and spoke with **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (NDP—London West), Economic Development Critic (right) at an event on August 18 at The Green in London.

(LONDON) — PEO London Chapter Executive and GLP Member **Ayodeji Abiola**, P.Eng. met and spoke with **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (NDP—London West) at an event August 18 at The Green in London.

Mr. Abiola, who is a mechanical engineer, told *GLP Weekly* that MPP Sattler had accepted London Chapter’s invitation to their licensing ceremony on November 21 and looks forward to seeing them there.

Ms. Sattler was first elected in 2013 and has been re-elected two times since. She is currently the Opposition Critic for Economic Development.

Prior to her election to the Ontario Legislature, she was a Thames Valley District School Board Trustee for 13 years.

Ms. Sattler, who has been a long-time supporter of PEO, spoke out in support of the repeal of the Industrial Exception in the *Professional Engineers Act* in 2017.

She thanked Mr. Abiola for attending and sent her best regards to the PEO London Chapter.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER REPS ATTEND LIBERAL MPP EVENT



PEO Scarborough Chapter Secretary **Rajendra Gadhvi**, P.Eng. (left) and GLP Representative **Mathew Adekunle**, EIT (right) attended the community event of **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (LIB—Scarborough—Guildwood) on August 14 at the Boys and Girls Club in Scarborough.

Two engineers attended the community event of **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (LIB—Scarborough—Guildwood) on August 14 at the Boys and Girls Club in Scarborough.

They were PEO Scarborough Chapter Secretary **Rajendra Gadhvi**, P.Eng. and GLP Representative **Mathew Adekunle**, EIT.

Also attending the event were **John McKay**, MP (LIB—Scarborough—Guildwood), former Ontario Cabinet Minister **Brad Duguid**, and former Toronto Mayor **Barbara Hall**.

At the event, MPP Hunter announced her intention to run for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party. In addition, **Michael Coteau**, MPP (Don Valley East), former Transportation and Economic Development Minister **Steven Del Duca**, and 2018 Oakville North—Burlington Liberal candidate **Alvin Tedjo** are also running to lead the party.

Ms. Hunter was first elected in 2013 and has been re-elected two times since. She previously served as the Associate Minister of Finance from 2014 to 2016 and as Education Minister from 2016 to 2018.

She has been a long-time supporter of PEO and their regulatory activities across the province.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### FORMER PEO VP MEETS PREMIER AND MINISTER AT EASTERN ONTARIO EVENT



Former PEO Vice-President and Councillor **Chris Roney**, P.Eng. (left) and his wife **Tammy** (second from left) spoke with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) (second from right) at an event on August 17 in Lansdowne with **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (right). Also in the photo is retired local engineer **Gerald Roney**, P.Eng., (centre).

(LANSDOWNE)— Former PEO Vice-President and Councillor **Chris Roney**, P.Eng. met and spoke with Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) at an event hosted by **Steve Clark**, MPP (PC—Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on August 17 in Lansdowne.

Mr. Roney is also a former President of Engineers Canada.

Also participating were **Jeremy Roberts**, MPP (PC—Ottawa West—Nepean), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, former Ontario Minister and Senator **Bob Runciman**, **Michael Barrett**, MP (CON—Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), as well as retired local engineers **Gerald Roney**, P.Eng. and **Joe Burke**, P.Eng.

A number of Minister Clark's staff and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also attended. Chris Roney and Mr. Brown had a chance to speak with the Premier, Minister Clark, and MPP Roberts about PEO's regulatory work.

Premier Ford encouraged Mr. Roney and Mr. Brown to follow up with his and Minister Clark's office on PEO recommendations.

Mr. Clark met with PEO last year, and has been very supportive of their role in regulating engineering in the public interest.

## WILLOWDALE MPP TO SPEAK AT UPCOMING GLP ACADEMY



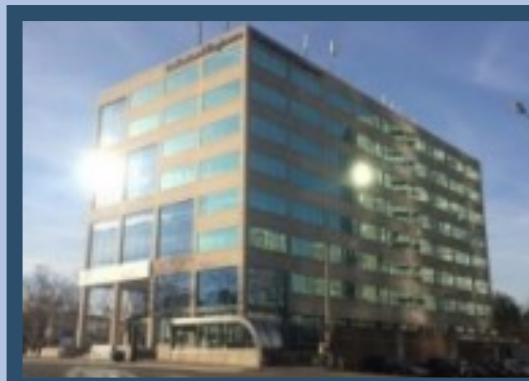
**Stan Cho**, MPP (PC—Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance (third from left) has accepted PEO's invitation to speak at its 2019 East and West Central Region GLP Academy and Congress on October 5 at PEO headquarters in Toronto. Mr. Cho is shown above with members of PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter at a meet-and-greet event on June 27 in Willowdale.

**Stan Cho**, MPP (PC—Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance is expected to speak at PEO's 2019 East and West Central Region GLP Academy and Congress.

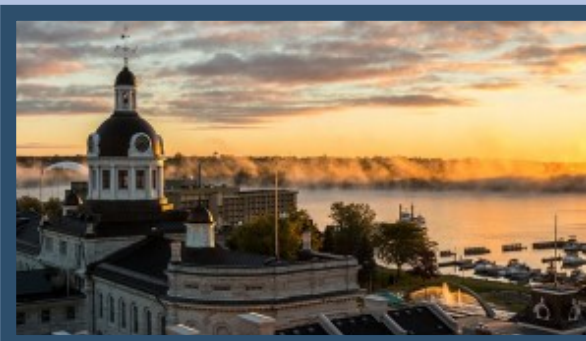
The event will be held on October 5 at PEO headquarters in Mr. Cho's riding of Willowdale. Each chapter is allowed to send two representatives, from each of the six chapters in the East Central Region and the seven chapters in the West Central Region.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had a chance to speak with MPP Cho at the 2019 Association of Municipalities Ontario conference in Ottawa. Mr. Cho expressed his interest to participate in and speak at the event.

As covered in the last [issue](#) of GLP Weekly, dates have also been set for the upcoming Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress, which will be hosted by the Kingston Chapter. The event will be held for the seven chapters of PEO Eastern Region (with each allowed to send two representatives) on Saturday, November 23 in Kingston.



PEO headquarters in Willowdale.



Kingston, Ontario

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

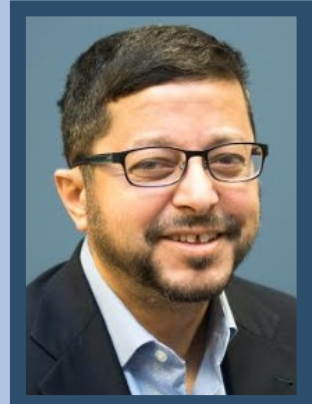
CONGRATULATIONS to Oakville Chapter GLP Coordinator **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which MPP hosted a community BBQ on July 27 at Stroud Arena in Innisfil?

**Answer:** **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie—Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

**This week's question:** Which MPP hosted an event on August 1 at Springbank Park in London, attended by PEO London Chapter?

**Join the Contest:** Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau** at [jchau@peo.on.ca](mailto:jchau@peo.on.ca) by Monday, August 26. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



**Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Sunday, August 25 – Community BBQ with Stan Cho**, MPP (PC – Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance from 12 to 3 PM at Mitchell Field Park, 89 Church Ave, Toronto M2N 6C9. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: [https://www.stanchompp.ca/mpp\\_stan\\_cho\\_s\\_community\\_bbq\\_2019](https://www.stanchompp.ca/mpp_stan_cho_s_community_bbq_2019)

**NEW! Wednesday, August 28 – Thunder Bay Social with Opposition Leader Andrea Horwath, MPP (NDP – Hamilton Centre) and the Ontario NDP Caucus** at 7 PM at Red Lion Smokehouse, 16 Cumberland Street South, Thunder Bay P7B 2T2. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: <https://www.ontariondp.ca/thunder-bay-social-andrea-horwath-ontario-ndp-caucus>

**Thursday, August 29 – Coffee with Aris Babikian**, MPP (PC – Scarborough—Agincourt) from 10 AM to 12 PM at McDonald's, 3305 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto M1T 3K2. Attendance is free. For more information visit: <https://www.toronto.com/events/9528120--coffee-with-your-mpp-aris-babikian/>

**NEW! Sunday, September 8 – BBQ with Roman Baber**, MPP (PC – York Centre) from 12 to 3 PM at Downsview Park (Keele and Downsview Park Blvd. Entrance), 70 Canuck Avenue, Toronto, M3K 2C5. Attendance is free. For more information call: 416-630-0080

**Tuesday, September 10 – Breakfast with Faisal Hassan**, MPP (NDP – York South—Weston), Youth Engagement Critic from 8 to 9 AM at 5 Bartonville Avenue East, Toronto, M6M 2B1. Attendance is free. To register visit: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/urbanarts-community-arts-council/events/breakfast-with-the-minister-of-immigration-in-support-of-urbanarts/>

**NEW! Saturday, September 21 – Summer End Party with Kaleed Rasheed**, MPP (PC – Mississauga East—Cooksville) from 11 AM to 3 PM at Mississauga Valley Community Centre, 1275 Mississauga Valley Boulevard, Mississauga, L5A 3R8. Attendance is free. For more information visit: [facebook.com/events/mississauga-valley-community-centre/mpp-rasheeds-summer-end-party/2642140529151692/](https://facebook.com/events/mississauga-valley-community-centre/mpp-rasheeds-summer-end-party/2642140529151692/)

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