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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PREMIER APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
2. FORMER ONTARIO HEALTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTER REMEMBERED
3. LIBERAL LEADERSHIP SELECTION SET FOR MARCH 7, 2020

MPP NEWS

PREMIER APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) (left) has appointed **Amin Massoudi** (right) as his new principal secretary.

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (PC—Etobicoke North) has a new principal secretary.

Amin Massoudi is a long-time advisor to the Premier.

Prior to his appointment, he was serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff.

Mr. Massoudi worked for Mr. Ford during his time as a Toronto City Councillor, and served as the director of communications for former Toronto Mayor **Rob Ford**.

The role of principal secretary was previously held by **Jenni Byrne**, who left the post in January. She was given a full-time appointment as a member of the *Ontario Energy Board*.

Although the Ontario Legislature is not scheduled to resume until after the federal election on October 21, MPPs are meeting with constituents at local events.

Cabinet, caucus, and some committees are meeting throughout the summer.

FORMER ONTARIO HEALTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTER REMEMBERED

Former Ontario Health and Infrastructure Minister **David Caplan** passed away on July 25 in Toronto. He was 54 years old.

Minister Caplan served in the Legislature for 14 years, first as the MPP for Oriole from 1997 to 1999, then as the MPP for Don Valley East from 1999 to 2011.

Mr. Caplan was featured in the January/February 2009 issue of *Engineering Dimensions* and in several issues of *GLP Weekly* over the years, including in the photo on the right.

Toronto Star columnist **Martin Regg-Cohn**, who spoke at the PEO-OSPE Government Conference last October, [said](#) Mr. Caplan “showed me how politics was really played, and he embodied the human face of democracy.”

Mr. Caplan was remembered by family and colleagues at a July 28 service at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.



Former Ontario Health and Infrastructure Minister **David Caplan** (right) passed away on July 25 in Toronto at the age of 54. He is in the photo above with Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter’s **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., who is currently an Engineers Canada Director (left) at a 2011 reception for then-Minister Caplan.

Among those attending were former Premiers **Dalton McGuinty** and **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (LIB—Don Valley West), Interim Ontario Liberal Party Leader **John Fraser**, MPP (LIB—Ottawa South), **Michael Coteau**, MPP (LIB—Don Valley East), and **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (LIB—Scarborough—Guildwood).

His mother, **Elinor Caplan**, was a former provincial and federal minister, serving provincially as Health Minister and Chair of Management Board.

Ms. Caplan delivered the eulogy for her son, [saying](#) that “he was taken from us too early,” and continuing that “it will be impossible to fill the void. So we will focus on how lucky we are to have had him in our lives for almost 55 years.”

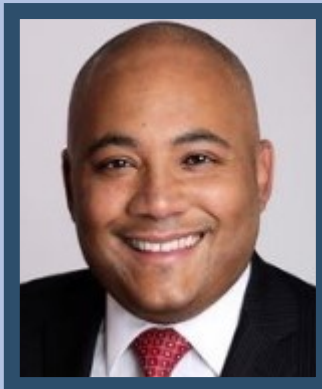
PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, who knew Mr. Caplan even before he was elected, said that he will be remembered as “a great MPP, who worked well with all sides of the legislature.”

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP SELECTION SET FOR MARCH 7, 2020

Liberal leadership hopefuls are out seeking support across the province.

Mr. Del Duca, who first announced his leadership bid on April 3, served in the cabinet of former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) as Transportation Minister from 2014 to 2018, and Economic Development and Growth Minister in 2018.

Currently, there are two other declared interested candidates in the race.



Michael Coteau, MPP (LIB—Don Valley East) (left) announced his intention to run in a Twitter [post](#) on June 16. He served as the Minister for various portfolios and is currently the critic

for Infrastructure, Energy, Labour, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

Alvin Tedjo, who ran as the 2018 provincial Liberal candidate in Oakville North—Burlington, announced his interest in pursuing the leadership on May 26.

He is a past director of government relations at Sheridan College and advisor to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

The Ontario Liberals will choose their next leader in a delegated convention on March 7, 2020. Delegates will be elected the weekend of February 8 and 9 at individual meetings in every riding in the province.

Candidates have until November 25 to register and December 2 is the deadline for individuals who wish to vote to become party members.



Ontario Liberal leadership hopeful **Alvin Tedjo** (left) at a Brampton Board of Trade event in June 2017. With him in this photo are then-MPP and Status of Women Minister **Harinder Malhi** (centre), and then-PEO York Chapter GLP Chair Daniel Liao, P.Eng., (right). This photo was featured in *GLP Weekly*.



PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (right) spoke with Ontario Liberal leadership hopeful and former Cabinet Minister **Steven Del Duca** (left) at an event on July 30 in Mississauga.

GLP NEWS

PEO REPRESENTATIVE HIGHLIGHTS WORK OF GLP AT LECTURE



PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (second right, left) spoke to a Seneca@York Government Relations class on July 17 at York University in Toronto. Mr. Brown spoke about his work in Government Relations and specifically highlighted the work of PEO and the Government Liaison Program.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** was a guest lecturer at a Seneca@York Government Relations class on July 17 at York University.

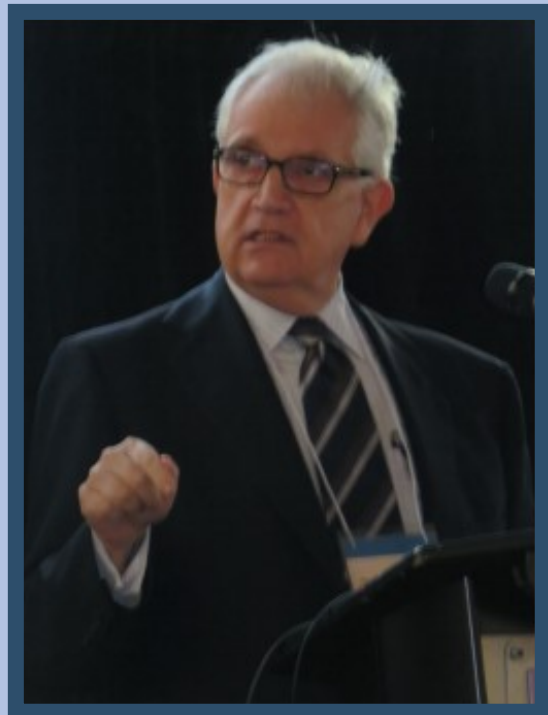
The class is taught by **Hershell Ezrin**, who was the principal secretary to former Ontario Premier **David Peterson** and served in the Privy Council Office under Prime Minister **Pierre Trudeau**.

Mr. Brown, who routinely speaks to this class on the work of professional associations, outlined the role that the PEO Government Liaison Program has played in advancing the regulation of engineering in the public interest.

One student, Saam Chacko, who is an engineer grad, reached out to Mr. Brown after the presentation.

He mentioned that he is working in the constituency office of **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (PC—Vaughan—Woodbridge), Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

Mr. Chacko offered to set up a meeting with Minister Tibollo and PEO. Mr. Brown suggested Mr. Tibollo participate in a Take Your MPP to Work Day in his riding.



Seneca@York Professor **Hershell Ezrin** was the keynote speaker at the PEO/OSPE Government Relations conference at the University of Toronto in October.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

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MPP Khanjin is above with now-Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (PC—Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) (third from left) at the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Annual General Meeting and Licence Certificate Ceremony on March 31 in Barrie. With them are (left to right): PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Director **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng., former PEO East Central Region Councillor **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor **Keivan Torabi**, P.Eng., and PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Community Outreach Director **Kevin Hughes**, P.Eng.

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PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter [livestreamed](#) parts of the event on their Facebook page.

In a [comment](#) (right), MPP Khanjin thanked the Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter for their attendance and participation.



Ms. Khanjin was first elected in 2018. She has served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks since June 29, 2018.

Prior to her election, MPP Khanjin worked for Brampton Mayor **Patrick Brown** when he was a Barrie City Councillor and later the Leader of the Ontario PC Party.

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GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

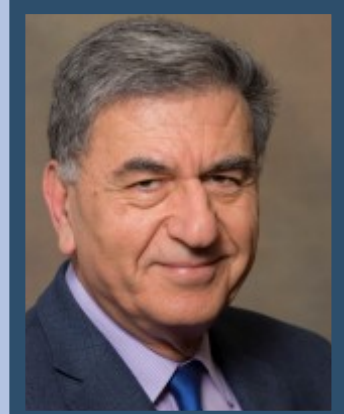
CONGRATULATIONS to former PEO East Central Region Councillor **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: *Which MPP spoke at a PEO Scarborough Chapter Licence certificate presentation ceremony on June 8?*

Answer: Aris Babikian, MPP (PC—Scarborough—Agincourt)

This week's question: *Which MPP hosted a reception on July 18 at the home of former Peel District School Board Trustee Suzanne Nurse in Brampton?*

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 by Monday, August 12. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Noubar Takessian, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

NEW! Saturday, August 10 – Community BBQ with Daisy Wai, MPP (PC – Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility from 11:30 AM to 2 PM at Richmond Green Sports Centre and Park, 1300 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4S 1M5. Attendance is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mpp-daisy-wais-community-bbq-in-richmond-hill-tickets-64824647265>

Sunday, August 11 – Annual Summer Fun Fest with Mitzie Hunter, MPP (LIB – Scarborough–Guildwood), Finance Critic at 9:30 AM at Morningside Park, 390 Morningside Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. Attendance is free. To RSVP contact: mhunter.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Friday, August 16 – Seniors' Town Hall with Joel Harden, MPP (NDP – Ottawa Centre), Accessibility and Seniors' Affairs Critic from 1 to 3 PM at the Good Companions Senior's Centre, 670 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 6L2. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: www.joelharden.ca/senior_s_town_hall

Saturday, August 17 – An Afternoon in the Islands with Steve Clark, MPP (PC– Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from 4 to 7 PM at Glen House Resort, 409 Thousand Islands Pkwy, Lansdowne, Ontario K0E 1L0. Tickets are \$150. To purchase visit: https://www.steveclark.ca/an_afternoon_in_the_islands_with_steve_clark

NEW! Thursday, August 22 – Get Some "BBQ & A" Time with Michael Tibollo, MPP (PC – Vaughan–Woodbridge), Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions from 7 to 9 PM at Fontana Primavera, 77 Woodstream Blvd, Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 7Y7. Tickets are \$500. Link to purchase: https://vaughanwoodbridge.ontariopc.ca/bbq_august_22_2019

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, Ontario, M2N 6C9. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: https://www.stanchompp.ca/mpp_stan_cho_s_community_bbq_2019

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