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**FINANCE MINISTER ATTENDS TWO NORTH BAY PEO EVENTS**

Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing) (right) spoke at two PEO events in North Bay on January 25 and 26. With him in this photo are PEO Interim Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., (left), and PEO President-Elect **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. For more, see pages 2,3, and 4.

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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

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## GLP NEWS

### FINANCE MINISTER AND NDP DEPUTY LEADER ATTEND NORTH BAY ACADEMY



Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) (front, second from the left) and NDP Deputy Leader **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming—Cochrane) (front right) were guest speakers at the North Bay Academy and Congress on January 26 with others in attendance. See page 3 for more on this story.

### FINANCE MINISTER AND NDP DEPUTY LEADER ATTEND NORTH BAY ACADEMY

(NORTH BAY) - Representatives of seven PEO chapters gathered in North Bay on January 26 for the 2019 PEO Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress. They looked at ways to better relationships with PEO chapters and their local MPPs.

The meeting was hosted by North Bay Chapter GLP Chair **John Severino** P.Eng.

Speakers and special guests included:

- Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing)
- NDP Deputy Leader **John Vanthof**, MPP ( Timiskaming—Cochrane)
- PEO Northern Region Councillor **Ramesh Subramanian**, P.Eng.
- **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs
- **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant

Mr. Fedeli and Mr. Vanthof both spoke and took questions for over thirty minutes each. They both joined everyone for lunch, and had a chance to meet with all the participants.

Representing chapters were:

- North Bay— GLP Chair **John Severino**, P.Eng., and GLP representative **Janet Han**, P.Eng.
- Algoma— GLP Chair **Marc Pilon**, P.Eng.
- Porcupine/Kapuskasing— GLP representatives **Nazanin Omrani-Moghaddam**, EIT, and **Evan Saunders**, EIT
- Sudbury— GLP Chair **Mehwish Obaid**, P.Eng., and GLP representative **Alice Bom**, P.Eng.
- Lake of the Woods— GLP Chair **Rick Perchuk**, P.Eng., and GLP representative **Biman Paudel**, P.Eng.
- Lakehead— GLP representative **David Perrier**, P.Eng.,
- Algonquin— GLP Chair **Bob Radenovic**, P.Eng., and former PEO Councillor **Paul Ballantyne**, P.Eng.

Also participating was PEO Government Liaison Committee member **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng.

Sessions included tips on ways to build relationships with MPPs, an analysis of key members in the new provincial government and opposition, Northern Region MPPs, an outline of available tools and resources, GLP guidelines and activities, and a discussion on a new proposal for expanding the GLP structure. The day concluded with the opportunity for each chapter to make a presentation on past achievements and future goals.

Thank you to all those who attended, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this a great weekend!

### PEO NORTH BAY CHAPTER HOLDS SYMPOSIUM ON SMART CITIES



PEO President-Elect **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., and Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), were two of the guest speakers at the 49th Professional Engineers Day Symposium held in North Bay on January 25. Others in the photo include (from left to right) Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Vice-Chair **Tibor Turi**, P.Eng., Nipissing MP **Anthony Rota**, Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists President-Elect **Kim Pickett**, C.E.T, North Bay Mayor **Al McDonald**, and OACETT Near North Chapter Vice-Chair **Sean Wilson**, C.E.T. Photo retrieved from PEO Executive @JanetCreation and re-tweeted by @PEO\_HQ.

(NORTH BAY) - Over 150 professional engineers, and others, participated in a Smart Cities Symposium in North Bay on January 25.

Guest speakers included PEO President-Elect **Nancy Hill** P.Eng., and Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing). The theme of the event was “Smart Cities—A Revolutionary concept in urban and design and planning that uses the power of information to better manage resources.”

President-Elect **Hill** was quoted in the North Bay Nugget:

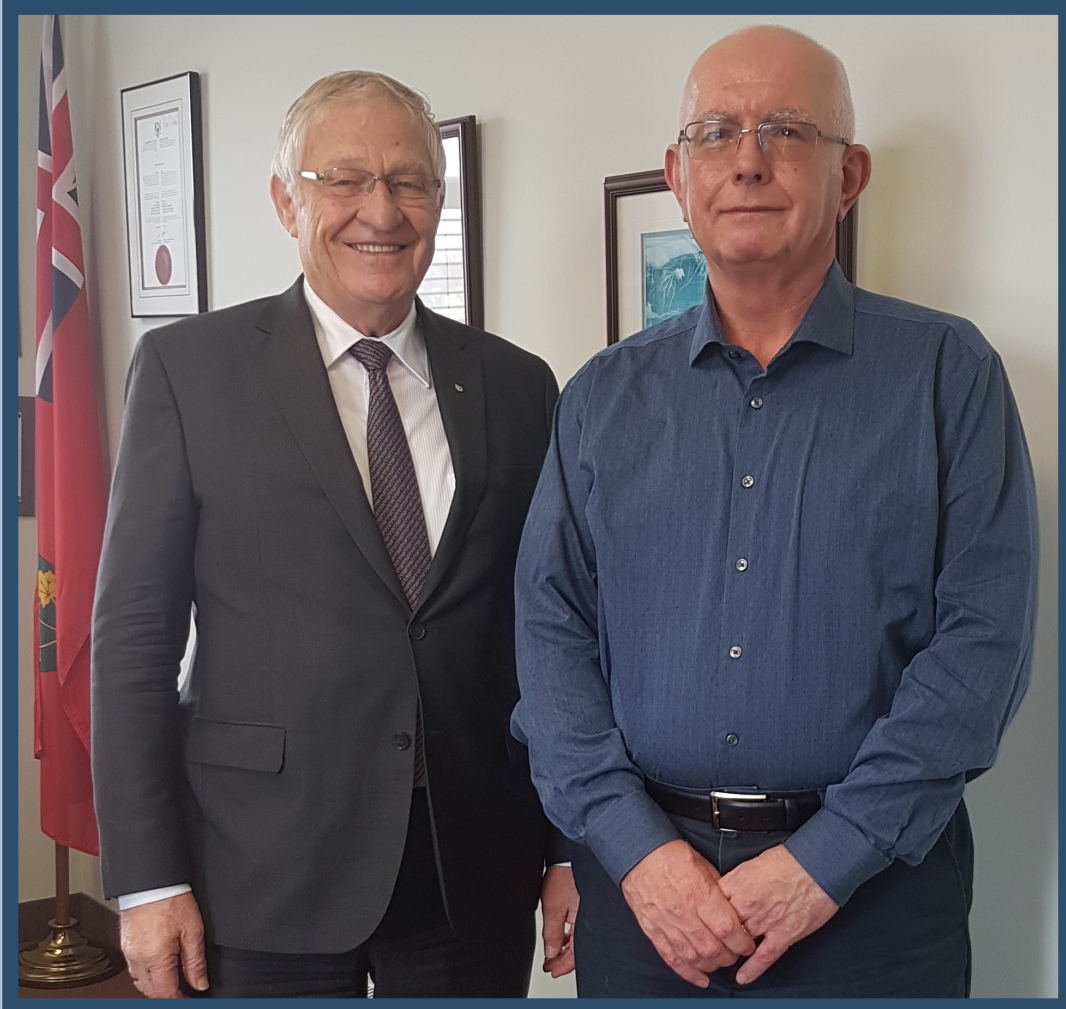
*“The Engineering behind Smart Cities is yet another example of the role PEO licence holders play in Ontario communities: creating safe and quality infrastructure, raising living standards, and creating wealth, jobs, and opportunities for citizens,”* she said.

Also participating were: Nipissing MP **Anthony Rota**, North Bay Mayor **Al McDonald**, Interim Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P. Eng., Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Vice-Chair **Tibor Turi**, P.Eng., OACETT President-Elect **Kim Pickett**, C.E.T, and Near North Chapter Vice-Chair **Sean Wilson** C.E.T.

The symposium was part of the 49th Annual Professional Engineers Day in North Bay.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO LONDON CHAPTER MEETS WITH MINISTER



PEO London Chapter GLP representative **Joe Adams**, P.Eng., (right) met Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Minister **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford) in Woodstock on January 25.

(WOODSTOCK) - PEO London chapter GLP representative **Joe Adams**, P.Eng., met with the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs **Ernie Hardeman**, MPP (Oxford) in Woodstock on January 25.

Mr. Adams and Minister Hardeman discussed the purpose and function of PEO, as well as the regulatory review that PEO is currently undertaking, and upcoming chapter activities and participation in the next licence presentation ceremony.

Minister Hardeman noted that the current provincial government is interested in risk and value based regulations.

Minister Hardeman was first elected in 1985, and was one of the first MPP's PEO met with when the Government Liaison Program was launched in 2005.

The meeting with Minister Hardeman was one of three meetings the London Chapter held in January.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### PEO LONDON CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN OPEN HOUSE WITH NDP DEPUTY OPPOSITION HOUSE LEADER

(LONDON) - PEO London Chapter GLP Chair **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., and London Chapter GLP representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., met with **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe) at her New Year's Open House at the Nelson Plaza in London on January 16.

MPP Armstrong is the NDP Deputy Opposition House leader, and Home Care and Long Term Care Critic.

Since her election in 2011, MPP Armstrong has met with PEO on several occasions including Take Your MPP To Work Days, and many other events.



PEO London Chapter GLP Chair **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., (left), and London Chapter GLP representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., (centre) met with Deputy Opposition House Leader **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London -Fanshawe) at her New Year's Open House on January 16.

### PEO LONDON CHAPTER MEETS NDP CRITIC



London Chapter GLP representative **Raul Moraes** P.Eng., (right) met with Economic Development Critic **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London-West) at her New Year's Levee on January 24.

(LONDON) - PEO London Chapter GLP representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., met with **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West) at her New Year's Levee in London on January 24.

The two discussed MPP Sattler participating in the London Chapter's next presentation ceremony.

MPP Sattler has spoken in the legislature on PEO issues, and has participated in a PEO organized all candidates debate in the 2013 by-election, where she was first elected.

# PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 22



PEO began its 2019 council elections last week. Voting is open to all licence holders and can be done easily online or by phone (1-888-492-4763). The deadline to vote is February 22.

Here are the 2019 Candidates:

## **PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES** **(One-year term, all members vote)**

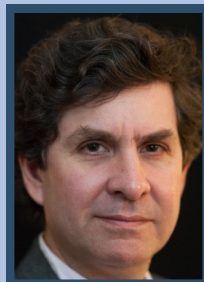
## **VICE PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES** **(One-year term, all members vote)**



**Nick Colucci**  
P.Eng., BAsC,  
MBA. FEC



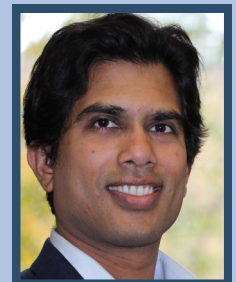
**Marisa Sterling**  
P.Eng., FEC



**Christian Bellini**  
P.Eng., FEC



**Peter Cushman**  
P.Eng.



**Faizul Mohee**  
PhD, P.Eng., PMP

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## COUNCILLOR-AT LARGE CANDIDATES

(Two to be Elected, Two-Year Term, All Members Vote)



**Sandra Ausma**  
PhD, P.Eng.



**Daryoush Mortazavi**  
PhD, P.Eng.



**Leila Notash**  
PhD, P.Eng., FEC

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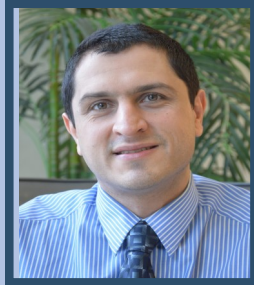
## REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

### EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



**Babak Ashraghy**  
P.Eng., M.Eng.



**Amin Mali**  
PhD, P.Eng.



**Arthur Sinclair**  
P.Eng.



**Noubar Takessian**  
P.Eng., FEC

### WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



**Vivender Adunuri**  
P.Eng.



**Wayne Kershaw**  
P.Eng., FEC



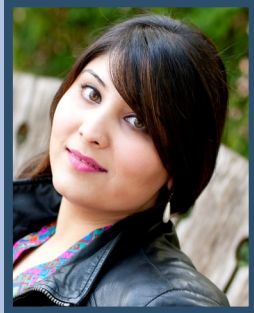
**Stela Stevandic**  
P.Eng., FEC

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**WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:**

**(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)**



**Juwairia Obaid**  
P.Eng., MAsc



**Warren Turnbull**  
P.Eng., FEC

**COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION:**

**Eastern Region Councillor**  
**(Two-Year Term)**

**Northern Region Councillor**  
**(Two-Year Term)**



**Randall Walker**  
P.Eng.



**Ramesh Subramanian**  
PhD, P.Eng., FEC

**Congratulations to Mr. Walker and Mr. Subramanian!**

**Good luck to all the remaining candidates.**

**Everyone is encouraged to watch the election debates**

**which were conducted on January 7, 8, and 9. See them at**

**([http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php?ci\\_id/32782&la\\_id/1.htm#AllCanMeetings](http://www.peo.on.ca/index.php?ci_id/32782&la_id/1.htm#AllCanMeetings)),**

**PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!**

# PEO WINS CONVICTION OF UNLICENSED INDIVIDUAL AND COMPANY

An individual and company, both located in Ontario, have been convicted of breaching the *Professional Engineers Act*.

The Ontario Court of Justice ruled on January 12 that **Mohammed Hasan Abuzour** and **Geotech Engineering Corporation** were guilty of using the word ‘engineering’ in their name, without the required consent. The parties were fined a total of \$18,500.

**Nick Hambleton**, associate counsel, regulatory compliance, represented PEO on the case.

In May 2017, Geotech Engineering Corporation was incorporated in Ontario without the consent of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) to use “engineering” in their corporate name.

Between June 2017 and September 2017, PEO advised Geotech and Abuzour, in writing, of its objection to the use of “engineering” in their corporate name without the required consent.

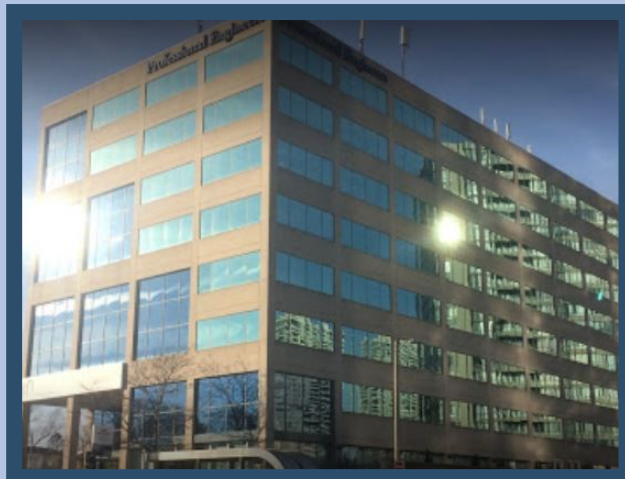
Members of the public can search the directory of practitioners to check whether an individual is licensed or a firm holds a certificate of authorization (C of A) at [www.peo.on.ca](http://www.peo.on.ca). To report unlicensed individuals and unauthorized companies, contact PEO’s enforcement hotline at :

**416-840-1444 OR 1-800-339-3716** ext. 1444

The option to email is also available, and can be reported at : [enforcement@peo.on.ca](mailto:enforcement@peo.on.ca)

PEO advises that “It is always best practice to ensure whether an individual is licensed, or a firm holds a certificate of authorization.”

For full details, please see the press release sent out by [PEO on January 24](#).



## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to former PEO Lakehead GLP Chair, and past Chapter Chair **Zack White** P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** *How many stories were in the 2018 GLP Weekly Year in Review?*

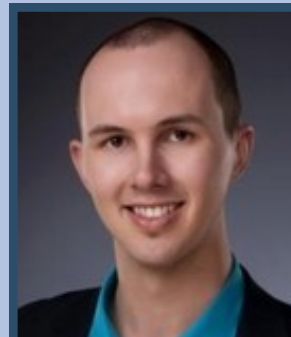
**Answer:** 40

**This week's question:**

*When is the deadline to vote in PEO Council Elections?*

### 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 January, 28. The first person to answer correctly will be featured in the *GLP Weekly*, alongside the new question. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Former PEO Lakehead Chapter GLP Chair, and past Chapter Chair **Zack White**, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**NEW! Saturday February 9—New Year's Holiday Levee** hosted by Stan Cho MPP (Willowdale). The event runs from 3:30-6:30PM, and is located at North York Civic Centre Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge Street, North York, ON, M2N 5W4. Link to register: <https://www.stanchompp.ca/lunar19>

**NEW! Monday February 18—Free Family Skate** hosted by Rudy Cuzzetto MPP (Mississauga-Lakeshore). The event runs from 1:00-2:30PM and is located at Clarkson Community Centre, 2475 Truscott Drive, Mississauga, ON, L5J 2B5. Link to register: [https://www.cuzzetto.com/free\\_family\\_day\\_skate?fbclid=IwAR2MXysdBN8JYvAXGTP9b0QePpdp0rtjPsboNEr22Fkt47DUF-XlxJZY-M](https://www.cuzzetto.com/free_family_day_skate?fbclid=IwAR2MXysdBN8JYvAXGTP9b0QePpdp0rtjPsboNEr22Fkt47DUF-XlxJZY-M)

**NEW! Monday February 18—Free Family Skate** hosted by Doug Downey MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) and Andrea Khanjin MPP (Barrie-Innisfil). The event runs from 1:00-3:00PM and is located at Holly Community Centre, 171 Mapleton Avenue, Barrie, ON, L4N 8T6.

Link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/join-us-for-a-free-family-day-skate-tickets-55594656113?aff=erellivmlt#tickets>

**Wednesday February 27—Toronto PC Leader's Dinner** with Premier Doug Ford. The event runs from 5:30—9:00PM, and is located at Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, ON, M9W 1J1. Tickets are \$1250 per individual. Link to register:

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ontariopc/pages/7273/attachments/original/1546979768/2019\\_Toronto\\_Leader's\\_Dinner\\_Registration\\_Form\\_2\\_27\\_19.pdf?1546979768](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ontariopc/pages/7273/attachments/original/1546979768/2019_Toronto_Leader's_Dinner_Registration_Form_2_27_19.pdf?1546979768)

**Friday March 1—Brantford Chamber of Commerce hosts Annual MP and MPP Breakfast.** MPP Will Bouma (Brantford-Brant) will be in attendance. The event runs from 7:30-10:00AM, and is located at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, ON, N3R 7J4.

If you have any comments, additions or questions about *The GLP Weekly* please do not hesitate to call or email:  
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