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## TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. BRANTFORD-BRANT PC MPP ATTENDS PEO 'MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT'
2. NDP LABOUR CRITIC SPEAKS AT FIRST YEAR INTEGRATION CONFERENCE
3. INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR HEADING PEO REVIEW SPEAKS WITH PEO COUNCIL
4. FORMER PEO PRESIDENT NAMED CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION BY NATIONAL FEDERATION
5. PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING CLOSES NEXT WEEK

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### BRANTFORD-BRANT PC MPP ATTENDS PEO 'MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT'



**Will Bouma**, MPP (PC—Brantford Brant) (back row, second from right) participated in a 'Meet the Candidates Night' held by the PEO Brantford Chapter to introduce candidates for PEO Council on January 30. Also in the photo are (front row): PEO Brantford Chapter's **Larry Drebert**, P.Eng., London Chapter's **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., Brantford Chapter Chair **Victoria Hilborn**, P.Eng., and (back row): Brantford Chapter Vice-Chair **Edgar Fernandez**, P.Eng., former PEO Councillor **Wayne Kershaw**, P.Eng., PEO Vice President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor-at-Large **Gregory Wowchuck**, P.Eng., Toronto Humber Chapter's **Faizul Mohee**, P.Eng., former PEO Western Region Councillor **Len King**, P.Eng., and York Chapter's **Peter Cushman**, P.Eng.

(BRANTFORD) - PEO Brantford Chapter hosted a 'Meet the Candidates' night on January 30, ahead of the upcoming PEO Council election. The PEO Council candidates had a chance to chat with **Will Bouma**, MPP (PC—Brantford-Brant), who was in attendance.

Former Chapter Chair **Richard Chmura**, P.Eng., came out for the event, along with 40 other professional engineers. Mr. Chmura told GLP Weekly, "The political ones among us appreciate leaders, such as Will Bouma, with whom we can speak with candidly shoulder to shoulder."

MPP Bouma will be in attendance at the Brantford Chamber of Commerce annual MP and MPP breakfast on Friday, March 1. The event runs from 7:30—10 AM, and is located at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, N3R 7J4.

## EVENTS WITH MPPs

### NDP LABOUR CRITIC SPEAKS AT FIRST YEAR INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

(SUDBURY) - The Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO) held a 'First Year Integration Conference' for Ontario engineering students at Laurentian University in Sudbury over the February 1 to 3 weekend.

In attendance at the event was NDP Labour Critic **Jamie West**, who is the MPP for Sudbury.

He spoke to students, including VP Externals, about the importance of engaging in politics and having your voices heard.

MPP West most recently attended a Take Your MPP to Work Day with the PEO Sudbury Chapter on November 16, 2018.

Thank you ESSCO President **Ivan Zvonkov**, for sharing the story with GLP Weekly, and inviting MPP West to attend the successful conference.



Over 80 engineering students participated in the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (ESSCO) 'First Year Integration Conference' in Sudbury over the weekend of February 1 to 3. In the photo are NDP Labour Critic **Jamie West**, MPP (Sudbury) (second from the right, front row), and ESSCO President **Ivan Zvonkov** (third from the right, front row).

## PEO COUNCIL MEETING NEWS

### INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR HEADING PEO REVIEW SPEAKS WITH PEO COUNCIL



International advisor, **Harry Cayton**, addressed PEO Council on February 8 at PEO Headquarters.

PEO Council held its 524th Council meeting on February 7 and 8 at PEO Headquarters.

PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng., chaired the meeting.

**Harry Cayton**, an international advisor who is heading a comprehensive review of PEO's performance as a regulator, spoke at the 524th PEO Council meeting on February 8.

Mr. Cayton said he has had discussions with the Attorney General's office about ways in which the *Professional Engineers Act* can be improved.

He is conducting interviews with staff, Council, and committees, as well as observing regulatory committees. Mr. Cayton welcomed submissions which can be sent to [reviews@harrycayton.net](mailto:reviews@harrycayton.net).

He is expected to draft a preliminary report for April, in which PEO will be given an opportunity to fact check. A final report will be submitted to Council in June.

PEO Council also reviewed a recommendation from the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) and Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) to conduct a governance review of PEO.

The motion was tabled pending the receipt of the regulatory review from Mr. Cayton.

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# PEO COUNCIL MEETING NEWS

## PEO TASK FORCE PRESENTS FINDINGS ON MAKING LICENSURE 30% FEMALE BY 2030

PEO York Chapter's **Helen Wojcinski**, P.Eng., presented an update on the PEO 30 by 30 task force at the PEO Council meeting on February 7. She highlighted ways to increase female licensure.

Ms. Wojcinski quoted from the action plan, “It is critical that the unacceptably low number of women in the profession be regarded as not just a women-in-engineering issue, but an issue of concern for the entire engineering profession, both women and men.”

PEO Council unanimously endorsed the 30 by 30 Initiative in September 2017.

Many other regulatory items were discussed at PEO Council.

## PEO RECOGNIZES LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERS

PEO presented certificates recognizing long-term service to five councillors on February 8. Below are photos of all of the recipients receiving their recognition from PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng.



PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng., presents PEO President-Elect **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., with her years of service certificate for 25 years of service.



PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng., presents PEO VP **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng., with her years of service certificate.



PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng., presents PEO Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., with his years of service certificate.



PEO President **Dave Brown**, P.Eng., presents PEO Councillor **Serge Robert**, P.Eng., with his years of service certificate.



PEO President **Dave Brown**, P.Eng., presents PEO Councillor **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng., with her years of service certificate.

## MEETINGS WITH MPPs

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On January 14, he met Government House Leader **Todd Smith**, MPP (PC—Bay of Quinte), who is also the minister of economic development, job creation and trade and government. Minister Smith was in the Windsor-Essex area “for a round table discussion to meet with community stakeholders to discuss regulatory

and other issues on programs administered by the provincial government,” said Windsor-Essex GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng.

On January 24, Mr. Dowie also met with Children, Community and Social Services minister **Lisa MacLeod**, MPP (PC—Nepean) who is also the minister responsible for women’s issues.

Minister MacLeod was “touring the Windsor-Essex area to visit ministry-funded agencies. Mr. Dowie had the opportunity to speak with her,” said Mr. Khan.

Mr. Dowie is also a second-term councillor in the town of Tecumseh, an engineer in the city of Windsor, and a former GLP Chair for his chapter.

# FORMER PEO PRESIDENT NAMED CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION BY NATIONAL FEDERATION



City of Waterloo Councillor and former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., has been named one of four municipal “climate champions” by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This photo was retrieved from Peter Lee’s article in the Waterloo Region Record on January 24.

(WATERLOO) - Former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., has been named one of four climate champions by the Federation of Canadian municipalities.

She was quoted in the Waterloo Region Record saying, “I see a real opportunity for the region of Waterloo to be showcased across Canada with regard to our climate change efforts as a city and a region.”

She is a four- term councillor of the City of Waterloo.

Ms. Freeman will “aim to inspire and support peers taking climate action in communities from coast to coast.”

The article acknowledged her as PEO President from 2010—2011, as well as a professional engineer. She is also a former chair of the PEO Regional Councillors Committee that had responsibility for oversight of the PEO Government Liaison Program for a number of years.

Congratulations to Ms. Freeman on this great recognition!

# PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING CLOSES NEXT WEEK



PEO Council election voting will close next week, on Friday, February 22. There are 17 candidates vying for six positions. Voting is open to all licence holders and can be done easily online or by phone (1-888-492-4763).

Here are the 2019 Candidates:

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

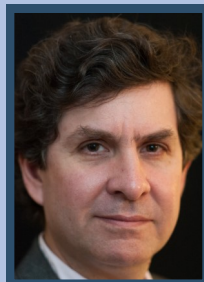
## **VICE PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES (One-year term, all members vote)**



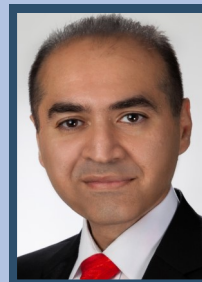
**Nick Colucci**  
P.Eng., BAsC,  
MBA. FEC



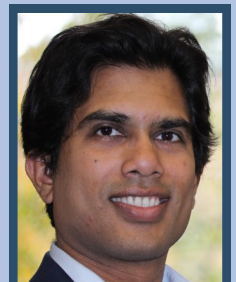
**Marisa Sterling**  
P.Eng., FEC



**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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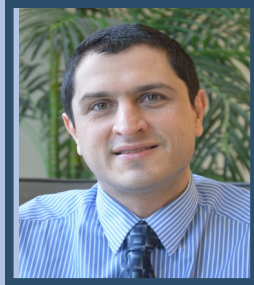
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### EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



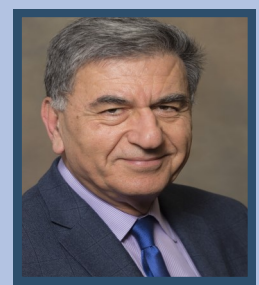
**Babak Ashraghy**  
P.Eng., M.Eng.



**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

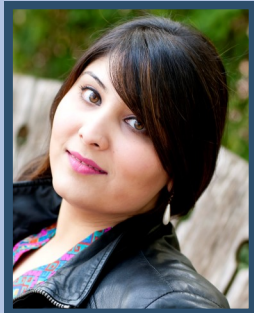


**Stela Stevandic**  
P.Eng., FEC

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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!**

## GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to **Santiago Vera**, VP of Finance and Administration for Engineering Student Societies Council of Ontario (ESSCO) for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** *Who were the two MPPs that attended the North Bay Academy and Congress on January 26?*

**Answer:** *Finance Minister Vic Fedeli and NDP Deputy Leader John Vanthof*

**This week's question:** *Who did PEO announce as their new registrar?*

### **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, February 25, alongside the new question. ***You may only win once in a four-week span.***



ESSCO VP of Finance and Administration **Santiago Vera**, is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Saturday, February 16—Lunar New Year** event hosted by Vincent Ke, MPP (PC—Don Valley North). The event runs from 2—4 PM at 130 Yorkland Boulevard, North York, M2J 1R5.

**Sunday, February 17—Family Day Skate** hosted by Natalia Kusendova, MPP (PC—Mississauga Centre), and MPP Kaleed Rasheed (PC—Mississauga East—Cooksville). The event runs from 1:30—3PM at Mississauga Valley Community Centre, 1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd, Mississauga, L5A 3R8. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2Gtq2IR>

**Sunday, February 17 —Family Day Meet & Greet** hosted by Kevin Yarde, MPP (NDP—Brampton North) and MPP Sara Singh (NDP—Brampton Centre). This event runs from 2—4 PM at Terry Miller Recreation Centre, Room #2, 1925 Williams Parkway, Brampton, L6S 2L3. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2SG1TFH>

**Monday, February 18—Free Family Skate** hosted by Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP (PC—Mississauga-Lakeshore). The event runs from 1—2:30 PM and is located at Clarkson Community Centre, 2475 Truscott Drive, Mississauga, L5J 2B5. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2SBCywu>

**Monday, February 18—Free Family Skate** hosted by Doug Downey, MPP (PC—Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) and Andrea Khanjin MPP (Barrie-Innisfil). The event runs from 1—3 PM and is located at Holly Community Centre, 171 Mapleton Avenue, Barrie, L4N 8T6. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2HTzqrw>

**Wednesday February 27—Toronto PC Leader's Dinner** with Premier Doug Ford (PC—Etobicoke North). The event runs from 5:30—9 PM, and is located at Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, M9W 1J1. Tickets are \$1250 per individual. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2BvTfQ4>

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