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PEO NEWS

PEO COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW REGISTRAR

Long time PEO deputy registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., has been named the new registrar of PEO.

PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng., made the announcement on behalf of PEO Council on February 5. Mr. Zuccon has worked with PEO for 23 years in a variety of senior capacities, including 15 years as a member of the senior management team. He has served as both deputy registrar for tribunals and regulatory affairs, as well as for standards and regulations. He is also former director of professional affairs and manager of external relations. Mr. Zuccon holds both a masters and a bachelors degree of applied science in mechanical engineering from the University of Toronto.



New PEO registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., (centre) at a Queen's Park reception with **Jim McDonell**, MPP (PC—Stormont–Dundas–South-Glengarry) P.Eng., (left) and PEO President **David Brown**, P.Eng., on November 27, 2018.

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH MILTON PC MPP

(MILTON) – PEO Oakville Chapter had a productive meeting with **Parm Gill**, MPP (PC—Milton) at his constituency office on February 1. Participating in the meeting were the chapter’s Vice-Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and Secretary **Fred Dattoo**, P.Eng. Mr. Lee is also a member of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

MPP Gill works closely with the Ministry of the Attorney General in his capacity as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice Policy.

During the meeting with MPP Gill, the PEO representatives introduced PEO, explaining its role as a regulator for the 87,500 professional engineering licence and certificate holders in Ontario, and for companies requiring certificates of authorization for engineering work. They also advised MPP Gill of PEO’s mandate regarding the public interest and “making our modern society possible,” said Mr. Lee. The process by which engineers obtain designation and licensure was also discussed.

They presented MPP Gill with GLP info notes, the new GLP MPP postcards, and a copy of the PEO GLP Weekly that featured him. The chapter representatives thanked him for providing congratulatory certificates to PEO’s new licence recipients in his riding this past September and January. They also invited him to the upcoming National Engineering Month event at their chapter, as well as other upcoming events. The PEO delegation encouraged him to participate in a future Take Your MPP To Work Event.



Parm Gill, MPP (PC—Milton) met with Oakville Chapter’s (from left to right): secretary, **Fred Dattoo**, P.Eng., GLP Chair, **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., Vice-Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., and treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., at his constituency office on February 1.

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

BRAMPTON MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO LICENCE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

(BRAMPTON) - The PEO Brampton Chapter held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and licence certificate presentation at the Brampton Golf & Country Club on January 25.

The guest speaker was **Kevin Yarde**, MPP (Brampton North). He is the NDP Critic for Community Safety and Correctional Services.

MPP Yarde, who is also the Deputy Opposition Whip, presented certificates to 20 new licensees. Newly elected PEO Brampton chapter Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., told GLP Weekly that MPP Yarde, “spoke about the contribution of engineers in the development of the province, as well as society.”

In December 2018, Mr. Panesar also met with MPP Yarde at his constituency office.

Max Morrow, P.Eng., and **Amity Lam**, P.Eng., were presented with pins for 20 and 25 years respectively, for their volunteerism to PEO and the Brampton chapter.



Kevin Yarde, MPP (NDP—Brampton North) (centre) with PEO Brampton Chapter Vice-Chair **Desmond Gomes**, P.Eng., (left) and Chapter Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., (right) at the chapter’s AGM and licence certificate ceremony on January 25.

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EVENTS WITH MPPs



Kevin Yarde, MPP (NDP—Brampton North) was the guest speaker at the PEO Brampton Chapter on January 25 (back row, fifth from the right). With him in the photo are 20 new licence certificate holders: (in no particular order) : **Sema Gagan Bhateja**, P.Eng., **Davinder Partap Singh Lahil**, P.Eng., **Md Monjur Rahman**, P.Eng., **Safia Khan**, P.Eng., **Aishwarya Saxena**, P.Eng., **Karun Vij**, P.Eng., **Awad Sardar M I Khan**, P.Eng., **Kalpesh Kumar M Ghandi**, P.Eng., **Dhruv Verma**, P.Eng., **Aditya Prashar**, P.Eng., **Chandika Samynathan**, P.Eng., **Manish Prakash**, P.Eng., **Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu** **Hardik M K Modi**, P.Eng., **Ravneet Singh**, P.Eng., **Jimmy Pravin Solonki**, P.Eng., **Tauseef Iqbal Punjwani**, P.Eng., **Manisha Ahuja**, P.Eng., **Jiharkumar V Patel**, P.Eng., and **Branothayan Satkunathasan**, P.Eng.



PEO Brampton Chapter elected a new executive on January 25. Some of the executives from the chapter included: Chapter Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., Vice-Chair **Desmond Gomes**, P.Eng., Secretary **Niveen Guindy**, P.Eng., Treasurer **Ranjit Gill**, P.Eng., and former Chair **Max Marrow**. Other board members include **Amity Lam**, P.Eng., **Satyendra Bhavsar**, P.Eng., **Nilima Gandhi**, P.Eng., and **John Arvanitis**, P.Eng.

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

ENGINEERS MEET LIBERAL FINANCE CRITIC AT SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY EVENT



Cathy Grant P.Eng., (left) and **Scott Grant**, P.Eng., (right) met Finance Critic **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Liberal—Scarborough – Guildwood), at a community event on February 2.

Two professional engineers participated in a community event with Liberal Finance Critic **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) at the Royal Canadian Legion in Scarborough on February 2.

Scott Grant, P.Eng., and **Cathy Grant**, P.Eng., who have just moved to Scarborough, met MPP Hunter at the event, which was hosted by **Bill Blair**, MP (Liberal—Scarborough Southwest). MP Blair is also the Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction.

MPP Hunter is a former Minister of Education and Associate Minister of Finance.

She is a regular participant in the Scarborough chapter activities, and has met with PEO representatives in the past.

Mr. Grant is the former president of Professional Engineers Government of Ontario. Both Mr. and Ms. Grant have worked in the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for over 30 years.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in the event, and introduced the Grants to MPP Hunter, Minister Blair, and other dignitaries including former Toronto mayor, **Art Eggleton**, and former federal minister **Maria Minna**.

PEO COUNCIL ELECTION VOTING WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 22



PEO Council election voting will close on 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)**

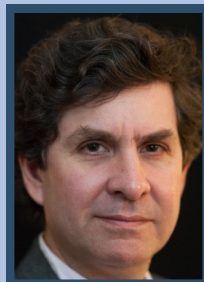
VICE PRESIDENT ELECT CANDIDATES **(One-year term, all members vote)**



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



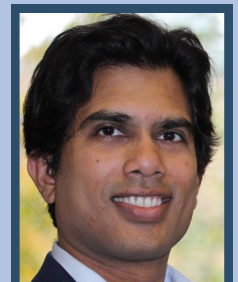
Marisa Sterling
P.Eng., FEC



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

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES:

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

(Two-Year Term, Members in Region Vote)



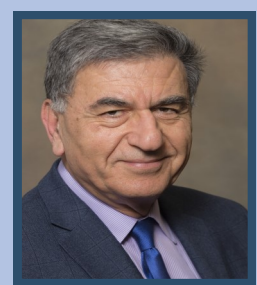
Babak Ashraghy
P.Eng., M.Eng.



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

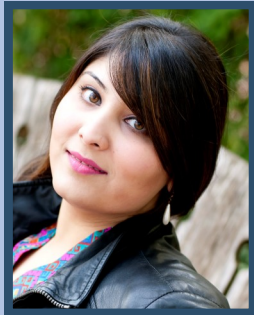


Stela Stevandic
P.Eng., FEC

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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),

PEO members are encouraged to stay informed, and vote!

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Sudbury Chapter GLP Chair **Mehwish Obaid**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

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

Answer: *February 22*

This week's question:

Who were the two MPPs that spoke at the PEO North Bay Academy and Congress on January 26?

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, February 11, alongside the new question. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



PEO Sudbury chapter GLP-Chair **Mehwish Obaid**, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, February 9—New Year's Holiday Levee hosted by Stan Cho MPP (PC—Willowdale). The event runs from 3:30—6:30 PM, and is located at North York Civic Centre Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge Street, North York, M2N 5W4.

Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2UHxOCE>

NEW! Saturday, February 9—Skating Party hosted by MPP Bhutila Karpoche (NDP—Parkdale—High Park) and Trustee Robin Pilkey. This event runs from 2—4 PM at Sorauren Park, 289 Sorauren Ave, Toronto, M6R 2G4.

Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2MUaWxj>

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

NEW! Sunday, February 17- Family Day Skate hosted by MPP Natalia Kusendova (PC— Mississauga Centre), and MPP Kaled 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>

NEW! Sunday, February 17, 2019—Family Day Meet & Greet hosted by MPP Kevin Yarde (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>

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