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THREE MPPS SPEAK AT SUCCESSFUL PEO GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS AT PEO HEADQUARTERS



Three MPPs participated in the 2019 East Central and West Central PEO GLP Academy and Congress with representatives from 12 chapters on October 5. The three MPPs were **Sheref Sabawy** (PC—Mississauga—Erin Mills) (second from left), Opposition NDP Deputy Leader and Housing Critic **Sara Singh** (Brampton Centre) (centre), and **Gurratan Singh** (NDP—Brampton East), Attorney General Critic. For more on this story, see pages 7 and 8.

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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON CHAPTER HOSTS PC MPP FOR 'TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY'
2. PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CHAIR DINNER
3. PEO PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ON OCTOBER 29

EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER GLP CHAIR SPEAKS WITH NDP MPP AT COMMUNITY EVENT



PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (left), spoke with **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (NDP—Windsor West) (right), at a community event on October 5.

(WINDSOR) - PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., had a chance to continue his recent discussions with NDP Community and Social Services Critic **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West), at a community event in Windsor on October 5.

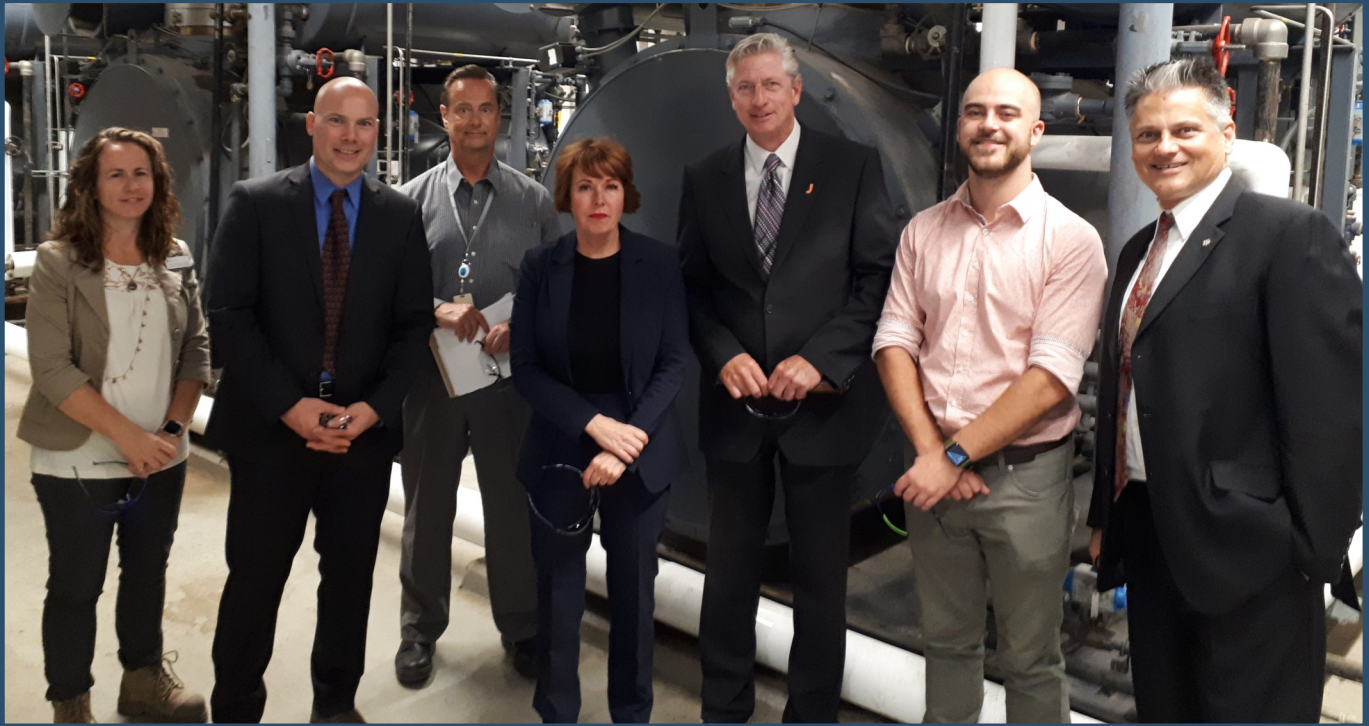
The two discussed organizing a 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' with all three NDP MPPs from Windsor, as well as the upcoming federal election.

MPP Gretzky, who was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018, has regularly participated in PEO events.

PEO Chapters, like Windsor—Essex, have found community events an excellent way to build relationships with MPPs.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

PEO HAMILTON-BURLINGTON CHAPTER HOSTS PC MPP FOR 'TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY'



Jane McKenna, MPP (Burlington) (centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, was the guest of honour at the PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' on September 23. From left to right in the photo are: PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter Chair **Julie Wedzinga**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., Joseph Brant Hospital's Facilities Manager **Andy Niendorf**, President and Chief Executive Officer **Eric Vandewall**, and Chapter Representatives **Darcy Snyder**, P.Eng., and **Ron Finnigan**, P.Eng.

(BURLINGTON) - PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter hosted a 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' with **Jane McKenna**, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, at Joseph Brant Hospital, on September 23.

This was Hamilton—Burlington Chapters first 'Take Your MPP to Work Day'.

The Chapter representatives included:

Chapter Chair **Julie Wedzinga**, P.Eng.

GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng.

Ron Finnigan, P.Eng.

Darcy Snyder, P.Eng.

The hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer **Eric Vandewall**, and Facilities Manager **Andy Niendorf**, provided an overview of the hospital's expansion project.

They both accompanied the guests on a tour through the back up generator room, the boiler room, the cooling towers, air handling system and chillers.

MPP McKenna's Constituency Office Executive Assistant **Ken Audziss**, was also in attendance.

Take Your MPP to Work Days shows MPPs the work of professional engineers in the public interest in their riding, and educate them about the role and mandate of PEO.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CHAIR DINNER



PEO Oakville Chapter attended Oakville Chamber of Commerce Annual Chair Dinner on September 25. From left to right in the photo are: PEO Oakville Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, Chapter Event Chair **Julie Dixon**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., PEO West Central Regional Councillor and GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., and Chapter GLP Co-ordinator **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng.

(OAKVILLE) - The PEO Oakville Chapter participated in the Oakville Chamber of Commerce Annual Chair's Dinner on September 25 and had the chance to speak with two local PC MPPs.

Meetings at local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce have been helpful in building PEO relationships with MPPs.

The PEO Chapter representatives included Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., Event Chair **Julie Dixon**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., and Chapter GLP Co-ordinator **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng.

MPPs they spoke with were: **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care, and **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure.

Further to the story on the Oakville Chapter Licence Presentation Ceremony (photo above right) in last week's GLP Weekly, it should be noted that **Parm Gill**, MPP (PC—Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing also attended the ceremony, as did Chapter Scholarship Sponsor **Najia Crawford**, who is MPP Crawford's spouse.



Three PC MPPs participated in Oakville Chapter Licence Presentation Ceremony on September 19.

MEETINGS WITH MPPs

PEO PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ON OCTOBER 29



Nancy Hill, P.Eng.,
PEO President



Doug Downey, MPP (Barrie—
Springwater—Oro-Medonte),
Attorney General of Ontario.

PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., will be meeting with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte), at Queen’s Park on October 29.

President Hill was sworn in as PEO President in May, and MPP Downey was appointed as Attorney General in June.

PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., and PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs, **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., will also join the two for their introductory meeting.

PEO Presidents always meet with Attorney Generals, and this will be the first time Ms. Hill is meeting with Attorney General Downey.

Minister Downey was formerly the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, and participated in PEO events in the past.

He attended a PEO Muskoka Chapter licence certificate ceremony and AGM on March 31 of this year, which was reported by the GLP Weekly.

To read that story, click [here](#).

ENGINEERS CANADA RELEASES LIST OF ENGINEERS RUNNING IN UPCOMING FEDERAL ELECTION



House of Commons

Engineers Canada has released a list of engineers running in the 2019 federal election.

The Ontario engineers running are:

- **Gordon Kubanek**, Carleton, Green Party
- **Ruben D. Marini**, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Liberal Party of Canada
- **Ann Raney**, King-Vaughan, Green Party
- **Dirka Prout**, London North Centre, New Democratic Party
- **Omar Alghabra**, Mississauga Centre, Liberal Party of Canada
- **Walter Bauer**, Newmarket-Aurora, Green Party
- **Marilyn Gladu**, Sarnia-Lambton, Conservative Party of Canada
- **Shaun Chen**, Scarborough North, Liberal Party of Canada
- **Peter Ormond**, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek, Green Party
- **Corneliu Chisu**, Pickering-Uxbridge, People's Party of Canada
- **Peter Devita**, Vaughan-Woodbridge, New Democratic Party
- **David Micalef**, Mississauga Centre, People's Party of Canada
- **Stephen T. Makk**, Simcoe-North, People's Party of Canada

To read the full release from Engineers Canada and see which engineers are running in other provinces, click [here](#).

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Sheref Sabawy, MPP (PC—Mississauga—Erin Mills) (centre), NDP Deputy Leader and Housing Critic **Sara Singh**, MPP (NDP—Brampton Centre), and NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), were guest speakers at the PEO East and West Central GLP Academy and Congress on October 5.

Three MPPs spoke at the PEO 2019 East Central and West Central GLP Academy and Congress, which took place at PEO Headquarters on October 5.

PC MPP **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga—Erin Mills), NDP Deputy Leader and Housing Critic **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), and NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), were guest speakers at the event.

The MPPs discussed how professional engineers can build better relationships with both government and opposition MPPs.

MPP Sabawy has a degree in engineering from Egypt and was an IT professional before being elected to the legislature in 2018. He advised the audience to “stay involved all the time.”

MPP Sara Singh spoke about having a meaningful interaction with MPPs, her concerns for internationally educated engineers having their credentials recognized in Canada, and the need to get more women involved in STEM.

“The best MPP is a curious MPP. It’s more impactful if the representative meeting with me is from my riding,” said MPP Gurratan Singh. He also talked about the importance of ‘Take your MPP to Work Day’, and led a 40 minute question and answer period.



MPP Sabawy spoke to the PEO GLP Academy and Congress participants on October 5.

EVENTS WITH MPPS



NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, (Brampton East) (third from right), was a guest speaker at the PEO Academy and Congress at PEO headquarters on October 5. With him in the photo (from left to right) are :PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, former PEO President **George Comrie**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO West Central Regional Councillor and GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng.

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GLP Academies and Congresses have been very helpful in both training Chapter GLP representatives and building relationships with MPPs, since the they were started in 2011.

Other speakers at the October 5 event included PEO GLP Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Also attending were PEO Councillors **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., and **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng., as well as former PEO President **George Comrie**, P.Eng., former Councillors **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., and **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng.

GLP Chairs and representatives from the 12 Chapters in the East Central and West Central regions participated including:

- **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng.
- **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng.
- **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng.
- **Rajendra Gadhvi**, P.Eng.
- **John Penaranda**, P.Eng.
- **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng.
- **Oliver Xiao**, EIT
- **Tommy Sin**, P.Eng.
- **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng.
- **Ranjit Gill**, P.Eng.
- **Tarun Biju**, P.Eng.
- **Steve Favell**, P.Eng.
- **Reza Ghiaasiaan**, P.Eng.
- **Karanjeet Singh**, P.Eng.
- **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng.
- **Jakub Saad**, P.Eng.
- **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.
- **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng.
- **Manoj Shukla**, P.Eng.
- **Jean-Paul Stephan**, P.Eng.
- **Amin Mali**, P.Eng.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which MPPs have confirmed their attendance of the PEO GLP Academy and Congress on October 5?

Answer: Sara Singh, MPP (NDP—Brampton Centre), Gurratan Singh, MPP (NDP—Brampton East), and Sheref Sabawy, MPP (PC—Mississauga—Erin Mills).

This week's question: Which PEO Chapter hosted a 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' in Etobicoke with MPP Christine Hogarth?

In last week's GLP Weekly, it identified last week's winner of GLP Trivia as **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., in London Chapter. Actually Mr. Jones is in Willowdale-Thornhill 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 by Tuesday, October 15. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Tuesday, October 15 - Toronto Board of Trade Presents Opening Ontario to Infrastructure Innovation with Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock), Minister of Infrastructure, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Arcadian Court Loft, 401 Bay Street 8th Floor. Tickets cost \$84 for members, and \$104 for non-members. For more information visit: https://www.bot.com/Portals/0/MinScott_Oct10_Flyer_2.pdf

Wednesday, October 23 - Mississauga Board of Trade Presents Breakfast with Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock), Minister of Infrastructure, from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM at BraeBen Golf Course, 5700 Terry Fox Way, Mississauga, L5V 2W2. Tickets cost \$50 for members, and \$65 for non-members. For more information visit: http://web.mbot.com/events/Breakfast-with-Honourable-Laurie-Scott-Minister-of-Infrastructure-733/details?fbclid=IwAR0HnMVy2F6c1dTzZ_ExDACbkDUg25hHE4b-ubTjOlcnQQm89EyqyF77Wk4

Wednesday, October 23 - Building Smarter Government with Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering), President of the Treasury Board, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street W, Toronto. Tickets cost \$89 for members and \$110 for non-members. For more information visit: <https://www.economicclub.ca/events/display/forthcoming-hon-peter-bethlenfalvy-president-of-the-treasury-board-addresses-the-ec>

Thursday, October 24 - Red Tape Roundtable with Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, hosted by Brampton Board of Trade, from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Location TBD. Tickets cost \$24 for members and \$34 for non-members. For more information visit: <https://www.bramptonbot.com/events/details/red-tape-roundtable-with-associate-minister-of-small-business-and-red-tape-reduction-3958>

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