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Also in the photo are Milton Regional Councillor Colin Best (fifth from left) and Oakville Chapter's volunteer-at-large Rainer Arocena, P.Eng., treasurer Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng. (third from left), GLP member Mazen AbuOmar, P.Eng., GLP chair Sohail Naseer, P.Eng., webmaster Mehri Mansouri, P.Eng., Education Committee member Zohreh Vakili, P.Eng., GLP Committee member Andrew Grant, P.Eng., and secretary & privacy officer Fred Datoo, P.Eng.

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#### TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

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- 2. PEO RELEASES FINAL REPORT ON GOVERNANCE
- 3. PEO PRESIDENT AND NDP MPP PARTICIPATE IN OSPE WOMEN'S FORUM
- 4. PREMIER NAMES 31 MPPs AS PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS

#### **NEWS**

## FORMER MINISTER CONTINUES CAMPAIGN FOR ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

(VAUGHAN) — Former Ontario Minister **Steven Del Duca** has been campaigning for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party. Mr. Del Duca first announced his bid to lead the party on April 3.

First elected in 2012, Mr. Del Duca 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.

The Liberals held their 2019 annual general meeting from June 7 to 9 in Mississauga, where they confirmed they would choose their next leader in a delegated convention.

Mr. Del Duca has been a strong supporter of PEO throughout his years in government.

In the photo he is with PEO York Chapter member **Simon Hum**, P.Eng. (left), and **Mona Jano** at a Liberal event for Thornhill on June 19.

Mr. Del Duca is part of a field of three candidates including former



Former Ontario Transportation and Economic Development and Growth Minister **Steven Del Duca** (right) at the federal Liberal nomination meeting for Thornhill on June 19 at Fontana Gardens in Vaughan.

With him are PEO York Chapter member **Simon Hum**, P.Eng. (left) and **Mona Jano**.

Ontario minister and current Don Valley East MPP **Michael Coteau** (see last week's <u>issue</u> for more on his candidacy). Also declared is **Alvin Tedjo**, 2018 candidate for Oakville North—Burlington and former director of government relations for Seneca College.

The new leader will replace interim leader John Fraser, MPP (Ottawa South).

#### **EVENTS WITH MPPs**

## TWO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN NDP CONVENTION



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (second row, second from right) attended the 2019 Ontario New Democratic Party Convention held from June 14 to 16 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Also in the photo above is **Bhutila Karpoche**, MPP (NDP—Parkdale—High Park), Mental Health and Addictions Critic (second row, third from right).

(HAMILTON) — PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. attended the 2019 Ontario New Democratic Party Convention held from June 14 to 16 in Hamilton.

Also participating was **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., who is a director of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), as well as a former chair of the PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair.

The engineers had a chance to meet and speak with several Toronto NDP MPPs including:

- Jill Andrew, MPP (Toronto—St. Paul's), Culture Critic
- Jessica Bell, MPP (University—Rosedale), Transit Critic
- Faisal Hassan, MPP (York South—Weston), Youth Engagement Critic
- Bhutila Karpoche, MPP (Parkdale—High Park), Mental Health and Addictions Critic
- Marit Stiles, MPP (Davenport), Education Critic

Ms. Karpoche was the guest speaker at the PEO/OSPE Government Relations Conference last October at the University of Toronto.

She was first elected to the legislature in 2018 as the first MPP of Tibetan descent.

#### **PEO NEWS**

#### PEO RELEASES FINAL REPORT ON GOVERNANCE



International advisor to the UK-based Professional Standards Authority (PSA) **Harry Cayton** completed his final report on the regulatory performance of PEO. The report was submitted to Council and made public on June 27. Mr. Cayton is shown above (right) speaking about his report on health professional regulation in British Columbia on April 11 in Victoria.

At their 528th meeting, PEO Council reviewed a final report and its recommendations on the external regulatory performance of PEO. The report was conducted by **Harry Cayton**, an international advisor to the United Kingdom-based Professional Standards Authority (PSA), and his team in collaboration with PEO staff, volunteers, and stakeholders.

Mr. Clayton is familiar with regulatory matters in Ontario, having previously led a gap analysis for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. **Deanna Williams**, a key member of the team, has held senior policy positions within the Ministry.

PSA is an independent body accountable to the U.K. parliament which was enacted in 2002 to oversee the work of regulatory bodies governing health professionals. They have since become recognized for setting standards of regulatory review, being contracted by regulators in Ontario, British Columbia, and Australia.

In early 2019, Mr. Clayton held a series of meetings with PEO staff and external stakeholders in Toronto including the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and **Irwin Glasberg**, Assistant Deputy Attorney General for Policy, Agency and Tribunal Relations.

Mr. Clayton measured the performance of PEO against the *Professional Engineers Act*, which governs the engineering profession in Ontario, and PSA standards.

Council accepted the report in its entirety and an action plan is now being developed.

The full <u>report</u> was released on June 27. It provides 15 recommendations on how PEO can improve its regulatory performance. An advance copy was given to Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (PC—Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte).

#### **PEO NEWS**

#### TWO PEO COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO EXECUTIVE



PEO held its 528th Meeting of Council on June 20 and 21 at the PEO Council chambers at their headquarters in Toronto.

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PEO Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointed (LGA) Councillors **Iretomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng., (top photo) and **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., (second photo) were appointed to the Executive Committee. Ms. Olukiyesi was elected as the appointed Vice President of PEO Council.

Stepping down from Council were LGA Appointees **Michael Chan**, P.Eng., (third photo), **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng. (second photo from bottom) and **Lew Lederman**, QC, (bottom photo).

Mr. Chan and Mr. Kirkby were active members of the PEO Government Liaison Committee and their participation will be missed.

Notable motions passed included:

- Past President Dave Brown, P.Eng. moved to accept the recommendations in the report, A Review of the Regulatory Performance of Professional Engineers Ontario.
- Vice President Christian Bellini, P.Eng. moved a motion to implement the recommendations from the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Scott Johnson
- Councillor **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng. updated Council on the operationalization of the PEAK (Practice Evaluation and Knowledge) program
- President-Elect Marisa Sterling, P.Eng. moved a motion to acknowledge
   Indigenous land at all PEO activities











# PEO PRESIDENT AND NDP MPP PARTICIPATE IN OSPE WOMEN'S FORUM



PEO President Nancy Hill, P.Eng. (right) and Catherine Fife, MPP (NDP—Waterloo), Jobs, Employment, Research and Innovation Critic (centre right) attended Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) 17th Annual Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Forum on June 18 in Kitchener.

Also in the photo above are Waterloo City Councillor **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng, former PEO President (centre left) and Waterloo engineer **Stephanie McTague**, P.Eng. (left). PHOTO CREDIT: Catherine Fife's Twitter

(KITCHENER) — PEO President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. and **Catherine Fife**, MPP (NDP—Waterloo) attended the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) 17th Annual Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Forum on June 18 in Kitchener.

Also participating was Waterloo City Councillor and former PEO President Diane Freeman, P.Eng.

The conference, titled *It's Time We Build*, was presented by OSPE's Women in Engineering Advocacy Champions Task Force (WE ACT).

It focused on the importance of developing strategies to empower women in STEM to succeed in their careers and brought together professional engineers, engineering graduates, public figures, and thought leaders.

Ms. Fife was first elected in 2012 and has been re-elected two times since. She is currently the NDP Critic for Jobs, Employment, Research and Innovation.

## PREMIER NAMES 31 MPPs AS PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) has named new Parliamentary Assistants with 11 being appointed for the first time and five taking on new roles.

The 31 Parliamentary Assistants are listed (in alphabetical order) on the next four pages:



Robert (Bob) Bailey, MPP (Sarnia—Lambton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Government and Consumer Services



Toby Barrett, MPP (Haldimand— Norfolk), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Agriculture and Food) (PREVIOUSLY Natural Resources and Forestry)



Will Bouma, MPP (Brantford—Brant), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (NEW)



Stan Cho, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance (PREVIOUSLY Treasury Board)



Stephen Crawford, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure (NEW)



Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP (Mississauga—Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (Internal Audit) (NEW)



Amy Fee, MPP (Kitchener South— Hespeler), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services (Children and Autism)



Parm Gill, MPP (Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing) (NEW)



Mike Harris, MPP (Kitchener— Conestoga), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (NEW)



Christine Hogarth, MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General (Community Safety) (PREVIOUSLY Municipal Affairs and Housing)



Belinda Karahalios, MPP (Cambridge), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General (Correctional Services) (PREVIOUSLY Children, Community and Social Services)



Vincent Ke, MPP (Don Valley North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Culture and Sport)



Andrea Khanjin, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



Robin Martin, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health



Gila Martow, MPP (Thornhill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs



Jim McDonell, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Affairs)



Jane McKenna, MPP (Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour



Norman (Norm) Miller, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs



Sam Oosterhoff, MPP (Niagara West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education



Billy Pang, MPP (Markham-Unionville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Tourism) (NEW)



Lindsay Park, MPP (Durham), Parliamentary Assistant to the **Attorney General** 



Michael Parsa, MPP (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (PREVIOUSLY Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)



Randy Pettapiece, MPP (Perth-Wellington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Rural Affairs)



David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities



Jeremy Roberts, MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services (Community and Social Services) (NEW)



Donna Skelly, MPP (Flamborough-Glanbrook), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Job Creation and Trade)



Dave Smith, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha), Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministers of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Indigenous Affairs (NEW)



Nina Tangri, MPP (Mississauga— Streetsville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Economic Development) (NEW)



Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP (Scarborough—Rouge Park), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation (NEW)



Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP (Oakville North—Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care



Daisy Wai, MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (NEW)

#### **EVENTS WITH MPPs**

#### PEO REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS PRIDE PARADE

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** participated in the 2019 Toronto Pride Parade on June 23 and had a chance to speak with MPPs including:

- Christine Elliott, MPP (PC—Newmarket—Aurora), Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- Chris Glover, MPP (NDP—Spadina—Fort York), Colleges and Universities Critic
- John Fraser, MPP (LIB—Ottawa South), Interim Ontario Liberal Leader

Also participating were Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, MP (Papineau), Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, MPP (Hamilton Centre), Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, MPP (Guelph), and many other public officials.

Mr. Brown had a chance to once again thank Minister Elliott for her long-time support of PEO and her participation in two PEO Candidate Colleges and other events.



Christine Elliott, MPP (PC—Newmarket—Aurora), Deputy Premier and Minister of Health marched in the 2019 Toronto Pride Parade on June 23. PHOTO CREDIT: Christine Elliott's Twitter

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## THREE MPPs AND PEO COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATE IN OAKVILLE CHAPTER SUMMER EVENT



PEO Oakville Chapter held their Annual Picnic and BBQ on June 23 at the Kelso Conservation Area in Milton.

In the photo are (left to right): PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Past Chair **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., **Effic Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (PC—Oakville North—Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care, PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Oakville Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., PEO West Central Region Councillors **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng., and **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Chapter Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (PC—Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, Chapter GLP Committee Member **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., Chapter Secretary & Privacy Officer **Fred Datoo**, P.Eng., Former Chapter Chair **Edward Gerges**, P.Eng., Chapter Member **Nancy Gerges**, Chapter Event Chair **Julie Dixon**, P.Eng., and Chapter GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng.

(MILTON) — Three MPPs participated in the PEO Oakville Chapter's annual summer event on June 23 at the Kelso Conservation Area in Milton, organized by Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., her executive team, and volunteers.

The MPPs, who have all met with PEO in the past, were

- Stephen Crawford, MPP (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure
- Parm Gill, MPP (Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP (Oakville North—Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care

Over 150 Oakville Chapter members attended the event, which provided an opportunity for the MPPs to connect and ask questions about PEO.

Also participating were PEO West Central Region Councillors **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng., and **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., as well as PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and former Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. Mr. Turnbull is also the current GLC Chair.

In addition, the event was attended by **Pam Damoff**, MP (Oakville North—Burlington), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, who is a former Oakville Town Councillor, as well as Milton Ward 1 Regional Councillors **Colin Best** and **Zeeshan Hamid**, and Milton Ward 3 Town Councillor **Rick Di Lorenzo**.

#### **GLP TRIVIA CONTEST**

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

**Question:** Which MPP attended a dinner for the Iranian Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi on June 1 in Richmond Hill?

**Answer:** Michael Parsa, MPP (PC—Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board

This week's question: Which MPP was appointed as Ontario's new Attorney General on June 20?

<u>Join the Contest:</u> Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau** at <u>ichau@peo.on.ca</u> by Monday, July 1. **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!** Monday, July 1 – The People's Picnic with Mitzie Hunter, MPP (LIB – Scarborough–Guildwood), Finance Critic from 11 AM to 3 PM at Queen's Park, 111 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Attendance is free. For more information visit: <a href="https://twitter.com/MitzieHunter/status/1144583072958033920">https://twitter.com/MitzieHunter/status/1144583072958033920</a>

**NEW! Tuesday, July 2 – An Evening with Jeremy Roberts**, MPP (PC – Ottawa West–Nepean), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services from 5 to 7 PM at 34 Summitview Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K2M 2V9. Tickets are \$200. To purchase visit: <a href="https://www.ownpc.ca/elliott\_2jul2019">https://www.ownpc.ca/elliott\_2jul2019</a>

**NEW! Saturday, July 13 – Beaches–East York Provincial Liberal Association Summer BBQ** from 3 to 5 PM at 86 MacLean Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 3A2. Tickets are \$50. To purchase visit: <a href="https://ontarioliberal.ca/event-registration/?">https://ontarioliberal.ca/event-registration/?</a>

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NEW! Tuesday, July 16 – Women's Business Connections presents Networking Breakfast with Marie-France Lalonde, MPP (LIB – Orléans) from 7:15 to 9 AM at Distinctive Bathrooms and Kitchens, 2035 Lanthier Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K4A 3V3. Tickets are \$22 online and \$25 at the door. To purchase visit: <a href="https://bookwhen.com/wbcorleans#focus=ev-s5wl-20190716073000">https://bookwhen.com/wbcorleans#focus=ev-s5wl-20190716073000</a>

**NEW!** Wednesday, July 24 – Summer BBQ with Christine Hogarth, MPP (PC – Etobicoke–Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at 195 Norseman Street, Toronto, Ontario, M8Z 6A4. Attendance is free. To RSVP visit: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mpp-christine-hogarths-summer-barbecue-tickets-64233749875#tickets">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mpp-christine-hogarths-summer-barbecue-tickets-64233749875#tickets</a>

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