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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER ATTENDS PEO ALGONQUIN CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(PETAWAWA) - Hon. John Yakabuski MPP (PC—Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke), Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (centre left), attended the PEO Algonquin Chapter’s Annual General Meeting on February 8.

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MEETINGS WITH MPPs

PEO LAKEHEAD CHAPTER MEETS WITH LONG TIME MPP



PEO Lakehead Chapter representative **Garth Grunerud**, P.Eng., (left) met with **Michael Gravelle** MPP (LIB—Thunderbay - Superior North) (right) in Thunder Bay on March 14.

(THUNDER BAY) - **Garth Grunerud**, P.Eng., member of the PEO Lakehead Chapter met with **Michael Gravelle** MPP (LIB—Thunder Bay—Superior North) on March 14.

Mr. Gravelle is the long-time MPP for the riding.

First elected in 2003, he served as Minister of Northern Development and Mines from 2013 until 2018, and as the Minister of Natural Resources from 2011 until 2013.

As the Minister of Northern Development and Mines in 2007, and in 2009, he took on the additional responsibility as Minister of Forestry.

Mr. Gravelle is currently the Liberal Critic for Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

Mr. Grunerud spoke with him about PEO.

He also briefed him about recent Chapter events and activities.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO YORK CHAPTER HOSTS LICENCE CEREMONY WITH MINISTER AND PARLIMENTARY ASSISTANT

(WOODBIDGE) - PEO York Chapter held its Winter Licence Certificate Presentation Ceremony at Paramount Eventspace on February 23.

Participating in the event were two MPPs: **Hon. Michael Tibollo** (PC—Vaughan - Woodbridge), Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and **Michael Parsa** (PC—Aurora - Oak Ridges - Richmond Hill).

Mr. Parsa is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Small Business).



Hon. Michael Tibollo MPP (PC—Vaughan - Woodbridge), Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (left, first photo) and **Michael Parsa** MPP(PC—Aurora - Oak Ridges - Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (left, second photo) with **Hannah Ehteman**, P. Eng., Chapter GLP Director at the York Chapter Winter Licence Certificate Ceremony held on February 23.

They presented three Project of the Year Awards, for small, medium and large projects, to do outreach to the community.

Chapter GLP Director **Hannah Ehteman**, P.Eng., said, “With such a large engineering presence in the community, the Engineering Project of the Year Award acts as York Chapter’s platform to build new or deepen existing relationships with both high-tech companies and related businesses, as well as elected officials in the region, ultimately highlight the engineering profession in the community.”

EVENTS WITH MPPs

MPP PARTICIPATES WITH PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER IN NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH EVENT

(OAKVILLE) - PEO Oakville Chapter organized an event with an MPP and over 300 parents and student attendees at a Catholic secondary school on March 2. **Effie Triantafilopoulos** MPP (PC—Oakville North - Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, handed out prizes to participants.



Effie Triantafilopoulos MPP (PC—Oakville North Burlington) (right) with winners of the design challenge and left to right are Chapter Vice Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., Education Committee Chair **Sarah Majlesi**, P.Eng., and Oakville Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng.

Also attending were **Pam Damoff** MP (LIB—Oakville North - Burlington), Oakville Councillor **Tom Adams** and the following executives from the Oakville Chapter: Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., Vice Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., and GLC Member and Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.

Students had a chance to ask engineers questions about their profession and the regulatory issues they encounter.

The event was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, who partnered with FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotic Team 3161. FIRST is a non-profit that aims to engage youth in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Pam Damoff MP (LIB—Oakville North - Burlington) (third from left) and Oakville Councillor **Tom Adams** (centre) attended the Engineering Month Event with Oakville Chapter, which took place on March 2. Others in the photo are (from left to right): Chapter GLP Chair **Sohail Nasser**, P.Eng., Treasurer and PEO GLC Member **Jeffery Lee**, P.Eng., Education Committee Chair **Sarah Majlesi**, P.Eng., Chapter Chair **Parisa Mahdian**, P.Eng., and **Roger Balech**, Lead Mentor.



PEO CHATHAM CHAPTER TO HOST WESTERN REGION GLP ACADEMY IN MAY



PEO Western Region GLP Academy will be held in Chatham in May.

(CHATHAM) - The 2019 PEO Western Region GLP Academy will be held in the historic downtown district of Chatham on May 11. The meeting will take place at the Retro Suites Hotel. Each Western Region Chapter will be asked to send their GLP representatives for a full day of government relations training.

Local MPPs such as Transportation Minister **Jeff Yurek** (PC — Elgin - Middlesex - London), **Rick Nicholls** (PC — Chatham-Kent-Leamington) and International Trade Critic **Taras Natyshak** (NDP — Essex) are being invited to attend and speak.

Updates will be given on current issues at Queen's Park and a review of MPP and Minister responsibilities will be discussed, in addition to the other GLP training.

PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs, **Jeannette Chau** P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, will both present during the day.

This is the first time Chatham will be hosting the Western Region GLP Academy.

In past years, Western Region GLP meetings have been held in Cambridge, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Collingwood and Goderich.



Minister of Transportation **Jeff Yurek** (PC—Elgin - Middlesex -London)



Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls** (PC—Chatham - Kent - Leamington)



International Trade Critic **Taras Natyshak** (NDP—Essex)

EVENTS WITH MPPs

MINISTER ATTENDS PEO ALGONQUIN CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Hon. John Yakabuski MPP (PC—Renfrew - Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke), Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (right) spoke and presented licence certificates and awards of recognition at the PEO Algonquin Chapter Annual General Meeting. With him in the picture are Chapter Chair **Uditha Senaratne**, P.Eng., (left) and Chapter Vice Chair and GLP Chair **Bob Radenovic**, P.Eng., (centre), who was given a Five Year Volunteer Certificate.

(PETAWAWA) - **Hon. John Yakabuski** MPP (PC—Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke), Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry attended PEO Algonquin Chapter's Annual General Meeting on February 8.

Following the dinner reception, Minister Yakabuski presented four new engineers with their licences. They were: **Qingwu Chen**, P.Eng., **Aneesh John**, P.Eng., **Etienne Lessard**, P.Eng., and **Michael Wellend**, P.Eng. The Minister also presented the Chapter Vice Chair and GLP Chair **Bob Radenovic**, P.Eng., with a Five Year Volunteer Certificate.

The event also featured a technical talk with **Hank Andres**, P.Eng., Senior Project Manager with the Ontario Clean Water Agency. Mr. Andres provided an overview and key findings of a 2018 facility optimization study at the Petawawa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Question: *Who is the incumbent President of PEO?*

Answer: David Brown, P.Eng.

This week's question: *Which PEO Chapter participated in an event with the Environment Minister recently?*

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



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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Monday, March 25—Etobicoke-Lakeshore PC Association Reception for **Christine Hogarth** MPP (PC — Etobicoke - Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with former Federal Minister **Peter MacKay**, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **Christine Elliott** MPP (PC—Newmarket), **Robin Martin** MPP (PC — Eglinton-Lawrence), and **Doug Downey** MPP (PC — Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. The event will start at 6 PM at the Albany Club, 91 King Street East, Toronto, M5C 1G3. Individual tickets are priced at \$500. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2U9hPxx>

Thursday, March 28—Empire Club of Canada will host **Finance Minister Vic Fedeli** MPP (PC — Nipissing), at 12 PM at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front Street W, Constitution Hall Section 105-106, Toronto, M5V2W6. Individual tickets for members are priced at \$95. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2XsuWMj>

Wednesday, April 3—The East Coast Kitchen Party will be hosted by **Hon. Lisa MacLeod** MPP (PC — Nepean), Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, with guests **Hon. John Yakabuski** MPP (PC — Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke), Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and **Sam Oosterhoff** MPP (PC — Niagara West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education. The event will be from 6 to 8 PM at the Duke of York, 39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, M5R 1B2. Individual tickets are \$300. Link to Purchase: <https://bit.ly/2tEUKr1>

NEW! Wednesday, April 10—An Evening with Monte McNaughton MPP (PC—Lambton - Kent - Middlesex), Minister of Infrastructure, at Albany Club, 91 King St. East, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Sponsored by the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex PC Association. Tickets are \$500. Link to purchase: www.lkmpc.ontario.ca/april10

NEW! Sunday, April 14—Bettenga An Larcusi at Posta Fundraiser for Rudy Cuzzetto MPP (Mississauga—Lakeshore) with Michael Tibollo MPP (PC—Vaughan - Woodbridge) Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sports, at Posta Italbar Cucina, 31 Lakeshore East, Port Credit, from 1 to 4 PM. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$35 for 16yrs and under. For further information contact Rudy Cuzzetto at rudy@rudycuzzetto.ca, or call (416) 277-9432. Tickets could be purchased online or filled out forms could be mailed to Mississauga—Lakeshore PC Association, P.O. Box 52602, Turtle Creek, Mississauga, L5J 4S6.

NEW! Tuesday, April 16—Canadian Club Post Budget Speech with Finance Minister Vic Fedeli MPP (PC—Nipissing) from 7:15 to 9 AM, at the Marriott Downtown, CF Toronto Eaton Centre, 525 Bay Street, Toronto. Subscriber tickets are \$85-\$95.

Thursday, April 25—Leadership in a Turbulent World – Annual Pearson Centre Gala will be co-chaired by former Ontario Minister **Sandra Pupatello** and former MP **Paul Zed** at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, 8th floor, Toronto from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Honourees will be **Hassan Yussuff**, President of the Canadian Labour Congress and **Margaret McCain**, former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Individual tickets are \$350. Link to purchase: <https://bit.ly/2T3UeB6>

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