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PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS PC MPP COMMUNITY EVENT



PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Co-coordinator **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. (left), and Chapter Treasurer, **Edward Gerges**, P.Eng. (second to left), attended a community event on September 14 hosted by **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville–North Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care (centre). Also in the photo is **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering–Uxbridge), President of the Treasury Board (second to right). For more on this story, see page 6.

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- **5. PC AND NDP MPPs TO SPEAK AT PEO GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 5**

EVENTS WITH MPPs

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

(WINDSOR) - PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., had a chance to speak with NDP Community and Social Services Critic **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West), at a community event in Windsor on September 8.

The two discussed the importance of the PEO Government Liaison Program and agreed to plan a 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' with all three NDP MPPs from Windsor in the coming weeks.

The Windsor-Essex Chapter organized a 'Take your MPP to Work Day' with Ethics and Accountability Critic **Taras Natyshak**, MPP (NDP—Essex), on November 7, 2018.

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

The third Windsor MPP is **Percy Hatfield** (NDP—Windsor West), who was recognized by PEO in 2018 for his support for professional engineers in the public interest.



PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (left), speaks with **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (NDP—Windsor West) (right), at a community event on September 8.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER ATTENDS PROJECT SPACES EVENT WITH NDP MPP

PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng., attended an event with **Chris Glover**, MPP (NDP—Spadina-Fort York), on September 18.

MPP Glover, who is the Official Opposition Critic for Colleges and Universities, was speaking at an event hosted by Project Spaces.

Ms. Aftab spoke to MPP Glover about her work as a professional engineer and thanked him for attending the East Toronto Chapter licence ceremony last year.

Since being elected in June 2018, MPP Glover has been a regular participant in PEO activities.

These events are important for building relationships with MPPs, and helping them understand PEO's responsibilities as a regulator of the profession in the public interest.



PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Nadia Aftab**, P.Eng. (left), spoke to **Chris Glover**, MPP (NDP—Spadina-Fort York), Colleges and Universities Critic (right), at a community event hosted by Project Spaces on September 18.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

ENGINEERS PRESENTED WITH ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS BY MPPS



PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng. (right), and PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (left), met with **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (PC—Mississauga Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (Internal Audit) (centre), at the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards on September 19 in Mississauga.

(MISSISSAUGA) - Mississauga professional engineers have been recognized with Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng., and **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., PEO Manager of Government Liaison Programs, were both recognized for their community involvement and impact at an awards ceremony in Mississauga on September 19, as well as several other professional engineers.

Mr. Shankar and Ms. Chau also had a chance to speak with a number of MPPs including **Rudy Cuzzetto**, MPP (PC—Mississauga Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (Internal Audit).

Also attending were PC MPPs **Nina Tangri** (Mississauga—Streetsville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Deputy Government Whip **Kaleed Rasheed** (Mississauga East—Cooksville), **Natalia Kusendova** (Mississauga Centre), **Deepak Anand** (Mississauga Malton), and **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga—Erin Mills).

The event, which was held at the Payal Banquets & Convention Centre, celebrated the contributions of over 100 local volunteers.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

NEW ONTARIO LEGISLATURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME INTERNS SELECTED FOR 2019/2020



PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** (centre left) was invited to speak with the 2019-2020 Ontario Legislature Internship Programme interns on September 18. **Jim Coyle**, former Toronto Star Queen's Park columnist (centre right), was also guest speaker that day.

Ten new interns have been selected for the Ontario Legislature Intern Programme (OLIP). PEO is a sponsor of the programme.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**, was invited to meet with the interns on September 18.

Mr. Brown spoke on his experiences working with PEO and MPPs at the Ontario Legislature.

Jim Coyle, former Toronto Star Queen's Park columnist, was also invited by Mr. Brown, and had the chance to speak about his experiences as a journalist.

PEO representatives regularly participate in the annual OLIP reception at Queen's Park. Each OLIP intern works with two MPPs, one on the government side, and one on the opposition side, each for the period of four months.

PEO plans to once again host the interns in the spring at PEO headquarters.

OLIP was established in 1975, is administered by the Canadian Political Science Association, and supported by a financial grant from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER ATTENDS PC MPP COMMUNITY EVENT



PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Co-ordinator **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. (centre), and GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng. (right), attended a community event on September 14 hosted by **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (PC—Oakville North-Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care (left).

(OAKVILLE) - Four members of the PEO Oakville Chapter participated in a community event hosted by **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville – North Burlington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care, on September 14.

The PEO delegation included Chapter GLP Co-ordinator **Mazen Abu Omar**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., GLP Co-coordinator **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and Treasurer **Edward Gerges**, P.Eng.

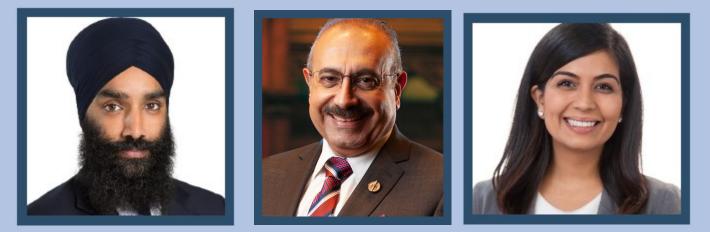
The MPPs in attendance were Finance Minister **Rod Phillips** (Ajax), **Peter Bethlenfalvy** (Pickering—Uxbridge), President of the Treasury Board, **Stephen Crawford** (Oakville), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, **Rudy Cuzzetto** (Mississauga—Lakeshore), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board, and **Robin Martin** (Eglinton—Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health.

The Chapter had the chance to speak with MPPs about PEO and its regulatory role for the engineering profession.

In addition, both MPP Crawford and MPP Triantafilopoulos agreed to attend the Oakville Chapter fall License Presentation Ceremony on September 19.

NEWS

PC AND NDP MPPs TO SPEAK AT PEO GLP ACADEMY AND CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 5



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

Three MPPs have agreed to speak at the 2019 East Central and West Central PEO GLP Academy and Congress taking place at PEO Headquarters on October 5.

Official Opposition Deputy Leader and NDP Housing Critic **Sara Singh**, MPP (Brampton Centre), NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), and PC MPP **Sheref Sabawy** (Mississauga—Erin Mills), have confirmed their attendance.

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

The participants will include GLP Chairs and representatives from the 13 Chapters in the East Central and West Central regions.

Earlier this year, then Finance Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), now Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, was guest speaker at the PEO Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress in North Bay. Also speaking that day was NDP Deputy Leader **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming—Cochrane).



The PEO East Central and West Central GLP Academy and Congress will be held at PEO Headquarters in Toronto on October 5.

In May, Deputy Speaker **Rick Nicholls,** MPP (PC—Chatham-Kent—Leamington), was the guest speaker for the Western Region GLP Academy and Congress in Chatham.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO London Chapters **Manish Dalal**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which MPP attended the Annual PEO Brampton Chapter Summer Event on August 18?

Answer: NDP Deputy Leader Sara Singh, MPP (Brampton Centre).

This week's question: Which MPP spoke at the PEO Student Conference in Ottawa on September 14?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Jeannette Chau at ichau@peo.on.ca by Monday, September 30. You may only win once in a four-week span.



Manish Dalal, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, September 28 – Coffee with Aris Babikian, MPP (PC—Scarborough—Agincourt), from 10 AM to noon, at McDonald's, 2936 Finch Avenue East, Scarborough, M1W 2T4. Attendance is free.

Sunday, September 29 – First Annual BBQ with Christina Mitas, MPP (PC—Scarborough—Centre), from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Thompson Memorial Park, 1005 Brimley Road, Scarborough, M1P 3E8. Attendance is free. For more information visit: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/1005-brimley-rd-scarborough-on-m1p-3e8-canada/mpp-christina-mitas-first-annual-bbg/2445370895784029/</u>

Saturday, October 5 – 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon with Deepak Anand, MPP (PC—Mississauga— Malton), from 1 PM to 4 PM at Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School, 7640 Anaka Drive, Mississauga, L4T 3H7. Attendance is free. For more information visit: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> events/484182945767722/

NEW! Thursday, October 10 - The Canadian Club of Toronto Presents Finance Minister Rod Phillips, MPP (PC—Ajax), from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM at the Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond Street West. Tickets are \$100 including lunch. For more information visit: <u>https://www.canadianclub.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?</u> id=3486#purchase

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