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FIVE ENGINEERS ELECTED AS TRUDEAU WINS MINORITY GOVERNMENT



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won a minority government in this week's Federal election. Five engineers were elected across Canada, including two in Ontario. For more on this story, see page 7.

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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

- 1. PEO'S MATTHEW NG WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED
- 2. PEO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS ONTARIO MINISTER
- 3. ENGINEER PARTICIPATES IN EVENTS WITH THREE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES
- 4. ONTARIO FINANCE MINISTER TO PRESENT FALL ECONOMIC UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 6

EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO COUNCILLOR MEETS ATTORNEY GENERAL AT RECEPTION

PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson Kouakou**, LLB, had a chance to speak with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (PC— Barrie—
Springwater—Oro- Medonte), at a reception on October 9.

It was held at Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP law firm and celebrated the election of the first black president of the Canadian Bar Association.

Councillor Jackson Kouakou provided the Minister with an update on the work of PEO Council and the regulatory review. She also mentioned the increased number of women in Council.

Minister Downey, who was appointed in June 2019, was formerly the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, and has regularly participated in PEO events.

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



PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson Kouakou**, (right), spoke with Attorney General **Doug Downey** MPP at a reception on October 9.

NEWS

PEO'S MATTHEW NG WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED



Long-time PEO Chapter Manager **Matthew Ng**, P.Eng. (left), passed away on October 21. In this photo he is with PEO Councillor **Wayne Kershaw**, P.Eng. (right), at a PEO Order of Honour Gala, where Mr. Ng was recognized for his contribution to the profession.

Long-time PEO Chapter Manager Matthew Ng, P.Eng., passed away on October 21.

He will be long remembered as a great engineer, a wonderful family man and strong supporter of PEO and the GLP. In fact he had responsibility for oversight of the program between 2007 to 2011.

He was quoted as saying: "You will find kinship like no other when you volunteer for a PEO Chapter... I found that kinship 15 years ago."

He received the Order of Honour in 2008 and was a PEO London Chapter volunteer when the GLP started.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** said "he was terrific to work with and will be missed."

Our condolences to his family.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

PEO WEST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS ONTARIO MINISTER



PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng. (right), attended the *Opening Ontario to Infrastructure Innovation* event with Minister of Infrastructure **Laurie Scott**, MPP (PC—Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock) (left), on October 15.

PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han**, P.Eng., had a chance to attend the *Opening Ontario to Infrastructure Innovation* event, hosted by Toronto Region Board of Trade, with Minister of Infrastructure **Laurie Scott**, MPP (PC—Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock), who was guest speaker at the event on October 15.

Minister Scott outlined the launch of a new unsolicited proposals program, which allows the private sector to submit innovative infrastructure proposals. The Minister also answered questions from the audience.

Also attending was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** who introduced Ms. Han to Minister Scott.

Ms. Han and Mr. Brown spoke to the Minister about PEO and its work in the regulation of the engineering profession.

Minister Scott has attended a number of PEO Queen's Park days and has demonstrated a long-time interest in PEO.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

ENGINEER PARTICIPATES IN EVENTS WITH THREE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES

PEO GLP Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. (top right), had a chance to meet three Ontario Liberal Party Leadership candidates at two recent events.

He met Mitzie Hunter, MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood) (top left), and Michael Coteau, MPP (Don Valley East) (centre right), at the Willowdale Women's Liberal Club's Garden Party on September 8.

He also got the chance to meet former MPP **Steven Del Duca** (bottom right) at the Don Valley North Liberal nomination election on September 12.

Ms. Hunter, Mr. Coteau, and Mr. Del Duca are three of the five candidates for the Party leadership which will be decided in Mississauga on March 7.

The three candidates have always been very supportive of PEO and its role as the regulator of professional engineering in the province.







ENGINEERS CANADA NEWS

ONTARIO FINANCE MINISTER TO PRESENT FALL ECONOMIC UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 6



Finance Minister **Rod Phillips**, MPP (Ajax) (centre), with former Metro Toronto Chairman **Paul Godfrey**, P.Eng. (right), and **Donald Johnson**, Canadian philanthropist (left), at a Canadian Club of Toronto event on October 10.

Finance Minister Rod Phillips, MPP (Ajax), will present his fall economic update on November 6.

He announced the date during a speech to the Canadian Club of Toronto on October 10 to 500 business and community leaders at the Hilton Toronto Hotel.

He told the audience:

"We are, without question, living in uncertain times. A hard, no deal Brexit is pending, the U.S.-China trade war continues unabated, protectionism is gaining strength globally (and) Governments in Canada and in other G7 countries are going deeper into debt at a time of relative prosperity."

Attending the event were some of his PC colleagues in the legislature including **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Uxbridge-Pickering), President of the Treasury Board, **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale), Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Phillips, **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, and **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills).

Also attending were NDP Deputy Leader **Sara Singh,** MPP (Brampton Centre), and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown had a chance to thank both MPP Sabawy and MPP Sara Singh for speaking at the PEO GLP Academy and Congress on October 5.

ENGINEERS CANADA NEWS

TWO ONTARIO ENGINEERS ELECTED IN FEDERAL ELECTION





Omar Alghabra, P.Eng., MP (Liberal—Mississauga Centre) (left), and Marilyn Gladu, P.Eng., MP (Conservative—Sarnia-Lambton) (right), were both re-elected in the October 21 elections.

PEO would like to congratulate the five engineers elected to Parliament in the October 21 elections.

Elected in Ontario were **Omar Alghabra**, P.Eng., MP (Liberal—Mississauga Centre), and **Marilyn Gladu**, P.Eng., MP (CPC—Sarnia-Lambton).

The other three engineers elected to Parliament are:

- Sukh Dhaliwal, Surrey-Newton, Liberal Party of Canada
- Steven Blaney, Bellechasse-Les Etchemins-Lévis, Conservative Party of Canada
- Marc Garneau, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Westmount, Liberal Party of Canada

A total of 13 professional engineers ran across Canada as candidates. The engineers ran for five parties - three for the Liberals, four for the Green Party, one for the Conservatives, and two for the NDP. A complete list of the federal engineer candidates can be found at Engineers Canada's federal election website: https://engineerscanada.ca/news-and-events/news/engineers-running-in-2019-federal-election

The election saw the return of a Liberal minority government with a 157 seats led by Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**. The Conservatives under **Andrew Scheer** won 121 seats. The BQ under **Yves-Francois Blanchet** won 34 seats. The NDP under **Jagmeet Singh** won 24 seats. The Green Party under **Elizabeth May** won 3 seats. One independent was also elected.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to Hamilton-Burlington Chapter Chair **Mike Bell,** P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which PEO Chapter hosted a 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' in

Etobicoke with MPP Christine Hogarth?

Answer: PEO Kingsway Chapter

This week's question: Which Minister will PEO President Nancy Hill,

P.Eng., meet with on October 29?

<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, October 28. **You may only win once in a four-week span.**



Mike Bell, P.Eng., is the winner of the last GLP Trivia contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, October 26 - Annual Pumpkin Party with Monique Taylor, MPP (NDP--Hamilton Mountain), from 1 PM to 3 PM at T.B. McQuesten Community Park, 1199 Upper Wentworth St, Hamilton. For more information visit: https://www.facebook.com/events/tb-mcquesten-park/mpp-monique-taylors-annual-pumpkin-party/2366935313622282/

Thursday, October 31 - The World in One Province with Lisa MacLeod, MPP (PC—Nepean), Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, hosted by Economic Club of Canada, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Omni Kind Edward Hotel, 37 King St E, Toronto. Tickets cost \$89 for members and \$110 for non-members. For more information visit: https://www.economicclub.ca/events/display/minister-macleod-the-world-in-one-province?fbclid=lwAR0 ZTVOjhT1il3in2fE4c8l27m-s4Z7U PzdZgLcEfV7qqqkurhE5JnUzl

Tuesday, November 12 - In Conversation with Minister Mulroney, MPP (PC—York Simcoe), Minister of Transportation, hosted by the Brampton Board of Trade, from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM at Garden Banquet and Convention Centre, 8 Clipper Court, Brampton. Tickets cost \$35 for members and \$55 for non-members. For more information visit: https://www.bramptonbot.com/events/details/in-conversation-with-minister-mulroney-minister-of-transportation-3954

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