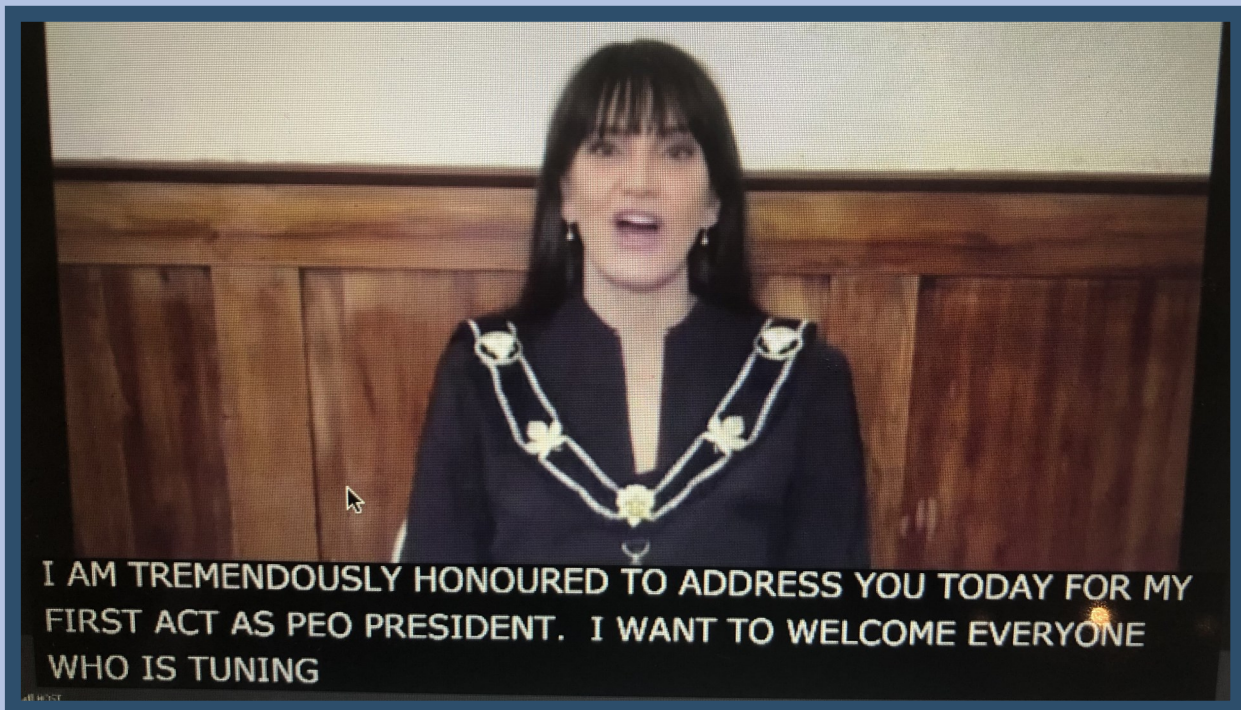




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PEO SWEARS IN 101ST PRESIDENT VIRTUALLY

Over 400 PEO members attended the 98th Annual General Meeting on May 30 virtually. **Marisa Sterling, P.Eng.**, was sworn in as the new President. She is only the eighth woman to lead the organization. To watch Ms. Sterling's full address, click [here](#). Coverage from Construct Connect, announcing her swearing in and virtual address can be found [here](#). For a recap of the AGM, see pages 3 - 6.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 89,000 licence and certificate holders, and regulates and advances engineering practice in Ontario to protect the public interest. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on June 12, 2020.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO COUNCIL MAKES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2. PEO WEST TORONTO, YORK AND BRAMPTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIRS PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE TOWN HALLS WITH MPPS
3. NEW GLC MEMBER SHARES HER INSIGHT ON THE GLP

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

This issue provides a recap of PEO's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Council meeting. Three GLP Chapter Chairs also participated in a few of the online town halls that MPPs hosted over the last week. GLP Weekly also interviewed PEO Brantford Chapter Chair, and newly appointed GLC member, **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., who shared her opinion on the value of the GLP.

PEO NEWS

FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERS CANADA



Danny Chui, P.Eng. President-Elect,
Engineers Canada.

Former PEO Councillor and Engineers Canada Director **Danny Chui**, P.Eng., was elected President of Engineers Canada for the 2020-2021 term.

Engineers Canada is the voice of the profession of professional engineering at the federal level. The organization works with provincial and territorial associations that regulate engineering in the public interest.

Mr. Chui has:

- been a Fellow of Engineers Canada since 2009
- served as a PEO West Central Regional Councillor for seven terms
- volunteered with the PEO Mississauga Chapter for a number of years, prior to joining Council
- received a PEO 25 year service awards for his years of volunteer service to the organization
- served as a PEO Engineers Canada Director

Congratulations to Mr. Chui on this great accomplishment!



OVER 400 PEO MEMBERS ATTEND FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL AGM

PEO hosted its 98th Annual General Meeting on May 30.

Over 400 members participated online.

This was the largest number of attendees at a PEO AGM in over a decade.

Reports were presented from :

- Then President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng.
- CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng

Seven member submissions were presented and voted on, and three passed. They were:

- [ISO-9001 Certification](#) - proposed by **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng.
- [Regional Town Hall Meetings](#) - proposed by **Peter DeVita**, P.Eng.
- [Digital Seals](#) - proposed by **Tiberiu Preda**, P.Eng.

Mr. Linseman is the former GLP Chair for the PEO Thousand Islands Chapter.

Mr. DeVita is a PEO Past President.

Mr. Preda is a new PEO member.

To conclude the AGM:

- Outgoing Councillors were thanked for their service
- **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., was sworn in as President. To listen to her full address, click [here](#).
- The rest of the PEO 2020-2021 Council was introduced and sworn in as well



PEO Headquarters in Toronto.



PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.



PEO Past President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng.

PEO 2020-2021 COUNCIL SWORN IN

As reported on pages 1 and 3, PEO hosted their 98th Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually on May 30. The PEO 2020-2021 Council was sworn in.

Congratulations to all the new Councillors! To read their individual bios, click [here](#).

EXECUTIVE



Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., FEC
President



Christian Bellini, P.Eng., FEC
President-elect



**Nancy Hill, P.Eng., LLB, FEC,
FCAE**
Past President



Darla Campbell, P.Eng.
Vice President (elected)



Arjan Arenja, P.Eng., MBA
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Michael Chan, P.Eng., FEC
Councillor-at-Large



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., MBA
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng.
*Vice president (appointed), East
Central Region Councillor*

COUNCILLORS-AT-LARGE



Michael Chan, P.Eng., FEC
Councillor-at-Large



Sandra Ausma, PhD, P.Eng.
Councillor-at-Large



Leila Notash, PhD, P.Eng., FEC
Councillor-at-Large

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PEO 2020-2021 COUNCIL SWORN IN

REGIONAL COUNCILLORS



Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng.
*Vice president (appointed), East
Central Region Councillor*



Randy Walker, P.Eng., FEC
Eastern Region Councillor



Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., FEC
Eastern Region Councillor



Peter Cushman, P.Eng.
East Central Region Councillor



**Ramesh Subramanian, PhD,
P.Eng., FEC**
Northern Region Councillor



Luc Roberge, P. Eng., FEC
Northern Region Councillor



Wayne Kershaw, P.Eng., FEC
Western Region Councillor



Peter Broad, P.Eng., FEC
Western Region Councillor



Warren Turnbull, P.Eng., FEC
West Central Region Councillor



Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng.
West Central Region Councillor

COUNCILLORS APPOINTED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL



Arjan Arenja, P.Eng., MBA
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., MBA
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Robert Brunet, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Todd Bruyere, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Andy Dryland, C.E.T.
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



**Qadira C. Jackson Kouakou, BA,
BSW, LLB**
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Iretomiwa Olukiyesi, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*



Sherlock Sung
*Lieutenant Governor-in-Council
Appointee*

PEO COUNCIL MAKES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

On May 30, following the AGM, PEO Council held its 534th meeting and made a number of appointments:

- PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., is the new Council Meeting Chair.
- Councillor **Ramesh Subramanian**, P.Eng., is the new Chair of the Regional Councillors Committee (RCC).
- Councillor **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng., is the new Appointed Vice President.
- Councillors **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., and **Michael Chan**, P.Eng. were elected to the Executive Committee. Other Executive Committee members include President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., Past President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., Elected Vice President **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., and Appointed Vice President **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng.
- Councillors **Luc Roberge**, P.Eng. and **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., were elected to the Human Resources Committee. Other committee members include President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., and Past President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng.

Council also endorsed the following appointments to the Finance, Audit, Legislation and OSPE-PEO Joint Relations Committees:

- Councillors **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng., **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., and **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng., and Vice President (Appointed) **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng. to the Finance Committee.
- Councillors **Robert Brunet**, P.Eng., **Michael Chan**, P.Eng., **Luc Roberge**, P.Eng. and **Sherlock Sung**, P.Eng., to the Audit Committee.
- Councillors **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng., **Chantal Chiddle**, P.Eng., **Wayne Kershaw**, P.Eng., **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng., and **Sherlock Sung**, P.Eng., President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., and President-Elect **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., to the Legislation Committee.
- Vice President (Elected) **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng., Councillor **Luc Roberge**, P.Eng., President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., and CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., to the OSPE-PEO Joint Relations Committee.

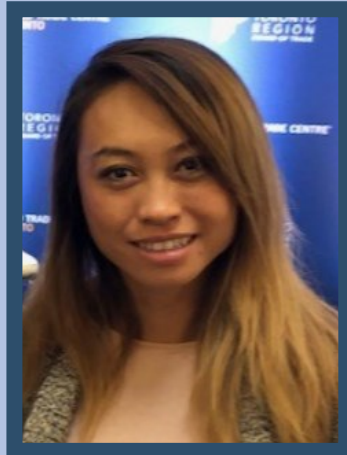
ONLINE EVENTS WITH MPPs

PEO WEST TORONTO, YORK AND BRAMPTON CHAPTER GLP CHAIRS PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE TOWN HALLS WITH MPPs

PEO GLP Chapter Chairs continued to participate in online town halls with MPPs last week.



Faisal Hassan, MPP (York-South Weston), NDP Youth Engagement Critic.



Janet Han, P.Eng., PEO West Toronto GLP Chair

NDP Youth Engagement Critic **Faisal Hassan, MPP** (York-South Weston), hosted an online town hall on May 23.

PEO's West Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Janet Han, P.Eng.**, joined the call.

Finance Minister **Rod Phillips, MPP** (Ajax) and Government Whip **Lorne Coe, MPP** (Whitby) also hosted an online town hall on May 25, as did Opposition House Leader **Gilles Bisson, MPP** (NDP-Timmins) on June 1.



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



Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction



Anita Eisakhani, P.Eng., PEO York Chapter GLP Chair



Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng., PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair

Daisy Wai, MPP (Richmond Hill), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility hosted a virtual town hall on May 27. Joining her for the call was **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP** (Brampton South), Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction.

Participating was PEO's York Chapter GLP Chair **Anita Eisakhani, P.Eng.**, and Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.**

Following the call, Ms. Eisakhani and Mr. Panesar sent notes to their respective MPPs, thanking them for hosting the online town hall and sharing information about PEO. Ms. Eisakhani received a reply.

NEW GLC MEMBER SHARES HER INSIGHT ON THE GLP

Below is a June 2nd interview with PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. She is the newly appointed Government Liaison Committee representative for the Advisory Committee on Volunteers.

1. What is your experience dealing with the political process?

Before my involvement with the GLP, I was only an observer and voter in the political process. I have always been interested in getting more involved in the process, because I understand that our elected officials have a major impact on our day to day lives.

GLP provided me with an opportunity to both understand the process, ask the simple questions and better understand the effective ways to interact with my local MPP. Since my involvement with the GLP, I have connected with my local MPP for activities related to both PEO and other local events.

I have found that these interactions help me promote the role of the engineering regulator within my community.

2. Why did you get interested in government liaison activities at PEO?

As a public servant, I have seen the impact (positive and negative) of government on Ontario's citizens and understand the importance of ensuring that PEO maintains a strong and supportive relationship with its government partners. I see the GLP as having a strong role in building and maintaining these relationships –particularly with MPPs outside the GTA.

I also saw an opportunity to better understand the motivators for PEO volunteers involved in the GLP. Volunteers tend to be younger and from across Ontario, as compared to other volunteer roles within PEO. As Chapter Chair, I have found this segment of PEO's membership hard to reach, and I hope to learn more about activities which may encourage them to be more involved in their local Chapter.

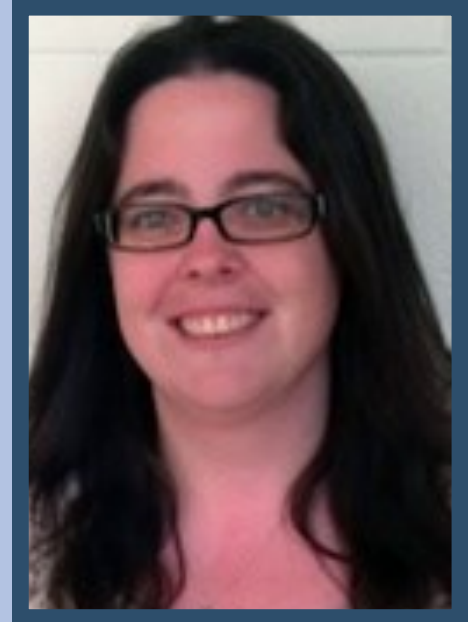
3. What do you think the biggest challenges are for the GLP?

GLP is challenged to determine its role as PEO continues to refocus on its regulatory role. GLP needs to compare its role to groups in other regulatory bodies and determine how other bodies balance the need for MPP relationships and the need to focus on a core regulatory role.

GLP also needs to be willing to question how its current activities fit within the regulatory role and be able to articulate their value.

4. What do you think the biggest opportunities are for the GLP?

GLP allows an opportunity for PEO to build stronger relationships with our government partners. It also provides new opportunities for volunteers who want to support their local community and better understand the role of politics in their everyday life.



PEO Brantford Chapter Chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., is the newest appointment to the Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

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: What is the name of the new PEO Councillor who was interviewed in the May 15 issue of GLP Weekly?

Answer: Rob Brunet, P.Eng.

This week's question: What are the names of the three PEO GLP Chapter Chairs that participated in online MPP town halls, as reported in the May 29 GLP Weekly issue?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at ichau@peo.on.ca by Monday, June 8.

You may only win once in a four-week span.



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

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MPPs DURING COVID-19

At this time, the PEO GLP Weekly will not be sharing any upcoming events, in order to encourage PEO licence holders to practice social distancing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This does not mean they will no longer have opportunities to engage with MPPs that they have built relationships with.

They can use this time to follow what MPPs are doing via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and other regular and social media.



MPPs are still receiving and sending emails, taking calls, conducting meetings remotely, and happy to connect.

Some MPPs are hosting online town halls to hear from their constituents. If your MPP is hosting one, this would be a good way to stay current on ongoing issues in the riding and the province.

If you have any comments, additions or questions about *The GLP Weekly* please do not hesitate to call or email:
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