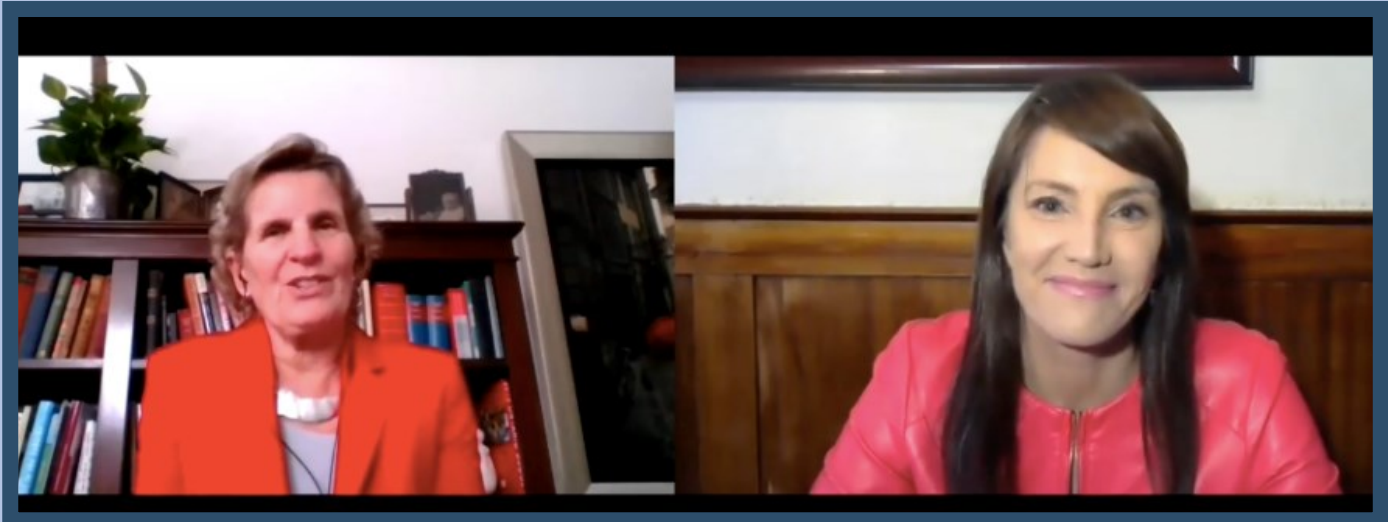




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PEO PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED ON WOMEN IN ENGINEERING BY ONTARIO'S 25TH PREMIER

Ontario's 25th Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) (left) interviewed PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. (right) on December 1. The two spoke about the 31st Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, involving the tragic death of 14 women, 12 of which were engineering students. MPP Wynne and President Sterling also spoke about PEO's 30 by 30 Initiative, to have 30% of newly licensed engineers be women by the year 2030.

For more on this story, see page 5.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 90,000 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.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The final issue of GLP Weekly for 2020 will be published next week on December 18.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER ATTENDS ONLINE EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL
2. THREE LOCAL MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY
3. OVER 30 PARTICIPATE IN PEO GLP CHAIRS QUARTERLY CALL

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM WORKS

PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng. participated in an online event with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) on December 3 (see page 3). It is important for PEO Chapters to maintain local relationships with MPPs. The profession's work with the Attorney General is extremely important, as the Ministry has oversight for the *Professional Engineers Act*.

The PEO Oakville Chapter held a licence ceremony on November 28 (see page 4). They invited local elected officials to participate. Continuing to involve MPPs in Chapter activities allows them to stay informed about everything that is happening at PEO and will help build an even stronger understanding.

PEO NEWS



PEO Council at an in person meeting in February.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT PROCLAIMED BY PROVINCE

PEO has published to their website, information about amended regulations that have been proclaimed by the Ontario government.

Changes to regulation 941 under the *Professional Engineers Act* was approved by PEO Council in September.

As of December 7, 2020 the amended version states:

- the test the Registrar shall apply (“may grant” changes to “shall issue”) for giving a provisional licence to someone who qualifies. The qualifications for a Provincial Licence are set out in the Act and the Regulation remain unchanged.

Six other changes were made to the Act, which primarily involved updating language to be consistent with new terminology.

To read the official update on the PEO website, click [here](#).

EVENTS WITH MPPS

PEO SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CHAPTER ATTENDS ONLINE EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL



Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) (second from the left) at a PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter Licence ceremony on November 9, 2019. Also attending was **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie-Innisfil), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (third from the left).

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) was the guest speaker at an online event hosted by the Empire Club of Canada on December 3.

Participating from PEO was Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter GLP Chair **Greg Merrill**, P.Eng.

The Ministry of the Attorney General has oversight for the *Professional Engineers Act* and therefore the profession's consistent relationship with the Minister of the day has always been crucial.

"(Minister) Downey's comments were very interesting," said Mr. Merrill. "Specifically detailing his efforts to bring Ontario's legal system into sync with current technology, including considerable online access."

Attorney General Downey held a formal meeting with PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng., CEO/ Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. and Manager, Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. on October 27.

He has also had a long time relationship with the PEO Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter. He attended both their Annual General Meeting and two Licence Ceremonies in March and November of 2019.

It is important for PEO Chapters to use online events and platforms to stay connected with their MPPs. It's a great way to stay informed about Queen's Park news and to ensure PEO stays top of mind with government, even in a virtual setting.

To watch the entire event, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOPnLVRqq7A>

EVENTS WITH MPPS

THREE LOCAL MPPS PARTICIPATE IN PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER LICENCE CEREMONY



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



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

(OAKVILLE)- The PEO Oakville Chapter hosted an online licence ceremony on November 28.

The following elected officials participated and shared remarks:

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



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“I want you to know my office here in Oakville is here to serve you and the Oakville Chapter of the PEO,” said MPP Crawford.

PEO Vice-President **Darla Campbell**, P.Eng. was the keynote speaker. She spoke about PEO leadership and engineers taking a leading role in society.

MPs **Pam Damoff**, (Oakville North-Burlington), **Adam VanKoverden**, MP (Milton) also participated via video remarks. Minister of Public Service and Procurement, **Anita Anand**, MP (Oakville) will be sending out congratulatory certificates.

PEO Western Regional Councillors **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng. and **Lisa MacCumber** also participated. PEO Oakville Chapter’s Chair **Norbert Lee**, P.Eng., Vice-Chair **Sohail Naseer**, P.Eng., Treasurer **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., Certificate and Events Chair **Pouya Pishgah**, P.Eng., Innovation Chair **Pavan Metha**, P.Eng. and GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. were also in attendance.

Congratulations to all the new licence recipients!

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



Ontario's former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**,
MPP (Don Valley West)

Ontario's 25th Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) conducted a seven minute interview with PEO President **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. on December 1, which was posted on all of MPP Wynne's social media channels.

MPP Wynne opened the interview by remembering the 14 female victims of the Montreal Massacre and made reference to the 31st Anniversary, which was on December 6.

She introduced President Sterling by saying, "I have known Marisa for a number of years...But I really know her through her involvement as an engineer with the Professional Engineers Ontario."

When asked about efforts to recruit more women to the engineering field, President Sterling said:

"There's been tremendous progress in terms of women's advancement and possibilities in engineering. Today, our numbers have gone up. We are seeing over 40% (at the University of Toronto) of women come in to the first year classes. And we are seeing that our graduation rates are getting closer to 40% too."

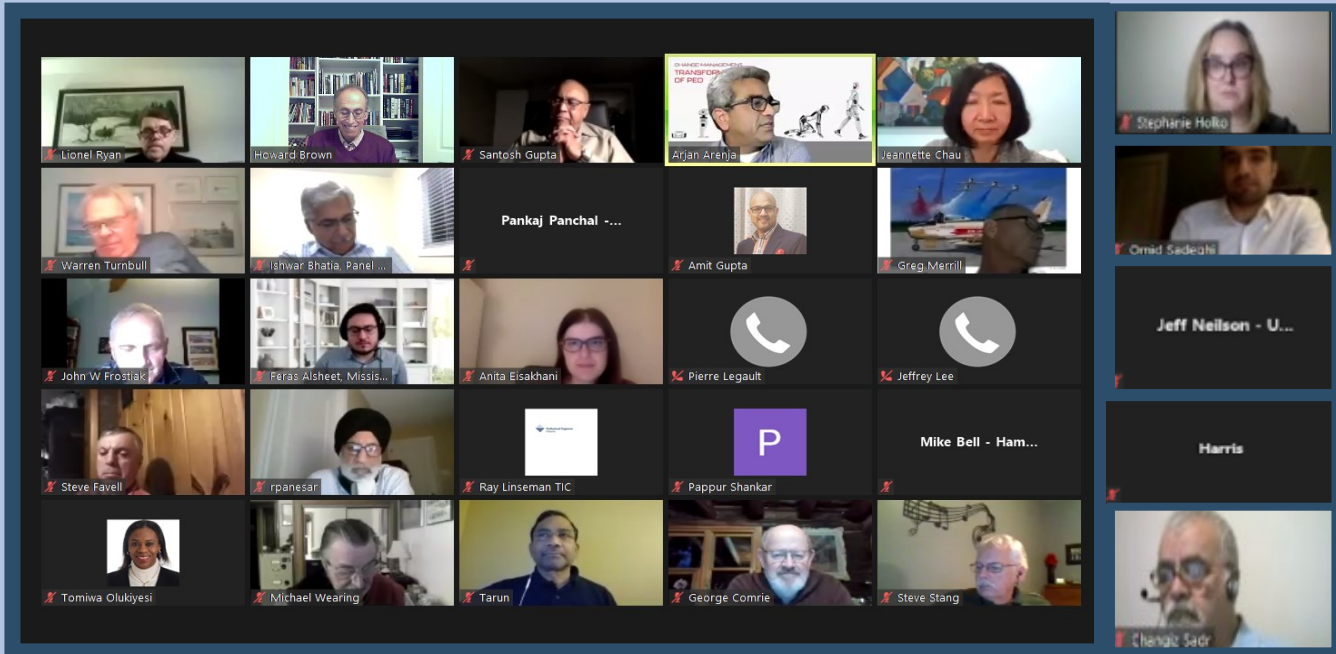
They spoke about systemic issues that still exist for women in the profession, while they are studying as well as in the workforce.

President Sterling also briefed MPP Wynne on the work PEO is doing with the 30 by 30 Initiative, which hopes to have 30% of newly licensed engineers be women by the year 2030.

MPP Wynne said, "You have to take some credit for some of those advancements that have happened in engineering. So I want to thank you and say congratulations."

To watch the entire interview, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/KathleenWynneOntario/videos/837110107103966/>

OVER 30 PARTICIPATE IN PEO GLP CHAIRS QUARTERLY CALL



PEO GLP Chapter Chairs participated in an online quarterly call on December 3.

The PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) Chapter Chairs from across the province held their quarterly call on December 3.

The meeting was chaired by PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair and PEO Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng. and attended by almost 30 PEO GLP Chapter Chairs.

Other participants included former PEO President **George Comrie**, P.Eng., GLC Chair and PEO Councillor **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Engineers Canada Director and GLC member **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng. and former PEO Councillor **Tomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng.

Discussed were:

- GLP Winter MPP Talking Points
- An overview of GLP activities, presented by PEO, Manager of Government Liaison Programs, **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng.
- GLP Chapter representative recruitment process
- The 2020 PEO Government Relations Conference

The next call will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

*Correction: The December 4, 2020 GLP Weekly issue, which was published on December 7, incorrectly identified PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi** (photographed above) as a P.Eng., when he is in fact an EIT.

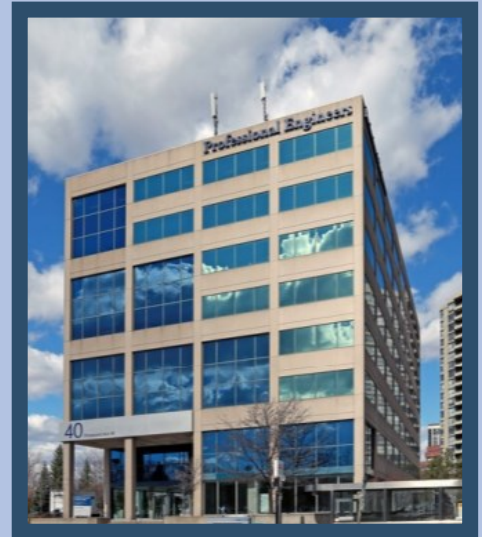
GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

This week's question: Which Engineers Canada Director participated in an online event with Ontario's Transportation Minister on November 25?

There was no winner of last week's question, so GLP Weekly has chosen a new question.

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at jchau@peo.on.ca by Monday, December 14.

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



ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Saturday—Coffee with your MPP hosted by **Faisal Hassan**, MPP (York-South Weston), NDP Critic for Youth Engagement from 3 to 4 PM. To join visit: <https://www.facebook.com/FaisalHassanNDP/>

Saturday, December 12—Virtual Chili Cook with **Taras Natyshak**, MPP (Essex), NDP Critic for Ethics and Accountability at 6 PM. Tickets are \$50. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3oAohMI>

Tuesday, December 15 – Access to Justice Town Hall with NDP MPPs **Gurratan Singh** (Brampton East), Attorney General Critic, **Teresa Armstrong** (London-Fanshawe), Chief Opposition Whip and Home Care and Long-Term Care Critic and **Jamie West** (Sudbury), Labour Critic from 7:00-8:30 PM. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3mWXODL>

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MPPs DURING COVID-19

At this time, GLP Weekly will not be sharing any upcoming in-person 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. MPPs are still receiving and sending emails, taking calls, conducting meetings remotely, and happy to connect.



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