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CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Five MPPs provided video greetings. They were **Jeremy Roberts**, MPP (Nepean), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, **Goldie Ghamari**, MPP (PC-Carleton), Chair of the Standing Committee on General Government, **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), Liberal Attorney General Critic, **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orléans), Liberal Municipal Affairs and Housing Critic and **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), Liberal House Leader. **Joel Harden**, MPP (Ottawa Centre), NDP Critic for Accessibility and Persons with Disabilities (left) joined the event by phone. Here he is with PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. at an event in August 2019.

For more on this story, see page 3.

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.

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Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on March 19, 2021.

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

1. PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC
2. PEO GLP CHAIRS HOST QUARTERLY CALL

PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

The PEO Ottawa Chapter hosted their Annual General Meeting on February 24, where six MPPs delivered greetings (see pages 1 and 3). It is important to continue inviting MPPs to PEO events in order to maintain the relationship and allow MPPs to be apart of ongoing Chapter activities.

The quarterly PEO GLP Chairs call was held on March 3 with all the GLP reps from their respective Chapters (see page 5). These calls ensure that PEO's representatives have adequate training on positioning and messaging, as well as relevant information to continue connecting with MPPs.

SECTOR NEWS

500 EVENTS BEING HELD ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR NATIONAL ENGINEERING MONTH



March is National Engineering Month.

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Five hundred events are being held this month in celebration of National Engineering Month.

In Ontario, they include:

- Children's STEM Activity in London
- Technology and Career Panel in Toronto
- Ethics Panel in Oshawa
- Bridge Building Contest led by the PEO Quinte Chapter

To view the full calendar, click [here](#).

EVENTS WITH MPPS

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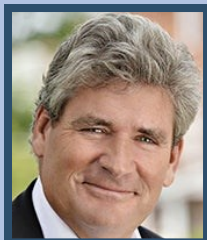
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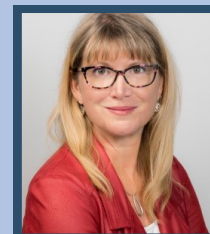
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John Fraser MPP
(Ottawa South),
Liberal House
Leader



Lucille Collard,
MPP (Ottawa-
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Attorney
General Critic



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- **John Fraser**, MPP (Liberal-Ottawa South), House Leader, Health and Long-term Care, Intergovernmental Affairs and Seniors Affairs and Accessibility Critic
- **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), Liberal Attorney General, Women's Issues, Solicitor General and Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
- **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Liberal-Orléans), Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation and Infrastructure, Government and Consumer Services and Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Critic

Joel Harden, MPP (Ottawa Centre), NDP Critic for Accessibility and Persons with Disabilities tuned in live for the meeting and shared a greeting as well.

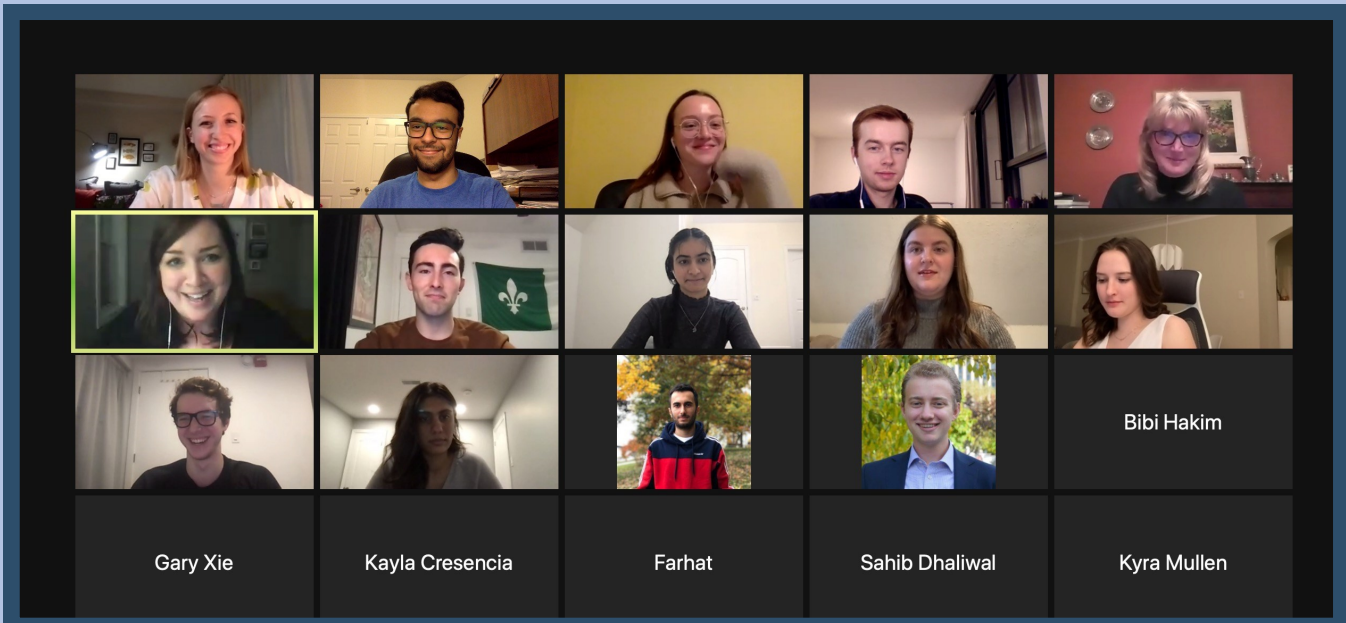
Each MPP has met with representatives from the Chapter in the past and is familiar with the work of PEO as a regulator.

It is important to continue inviting local MPPs to participate in Chapter events such as Annual General Meetings, Licence Ceremonies and other virtual discussions.

It allows MPPs to stay informed about the work of each Chapter and helps maintain strong relationships.

EVENTS WITH MPPS

PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC



PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. (not pictured) attended an event hosted by the University of Ottawa on March 5 in celebration of International Women’s Day.

Participating on the call were Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) (top row, right) and London North Centre Liberal Candidate **Kate Graham** (second row, left).

(OTTAWA) - PEO Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. attended an event where Liberal Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) was a guest speaker on March 5.

Mr. Bhatia shared with GLP Weekly that the event he attended was “about how MPPs can advise young women to seek political positions.”

He also exchanged notes with MPP Collard during the event on behalf of the PEO Ottawa Chapter.

He used this opportunity to once again thank her for attending the Chapter’s Annual General Meeting on February 24.

MPP Collard spoke at the PEO Government Relations Conference in November 2020 and she held a formal meeting with PEO in October 2020.

It is important for PEO licence holders to continue tuning in for events hosted by Ministers and MPPs.

Not only does it allow PEO to stay in their top of mind, but it makes for great conversation when you have the chance to speak to an MPP at other local or PEO events.

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EVENTS WITH MPPS

FORMER PREMIER HOSTS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT



Canada's first female engineer **Elsie MacGill** (right).

PHOTO CREDIT: Historica Canada

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended an International Women's Day event hosted by former Premier Kathleen Wynne, MPP (Don Valley West) on March 7.

During MPP Wynne's event, there were several conversations had about trailblazers in politics and other industries. A discussion was had about Canada's first female engineer, **Elsie MacGill**.

In 1938, she became chief aeronautical engineer of Canadian Car & Foundry (Can Car). There, she headed the Canadian production of Hawker Hurricane fighter planes during the Second World War.

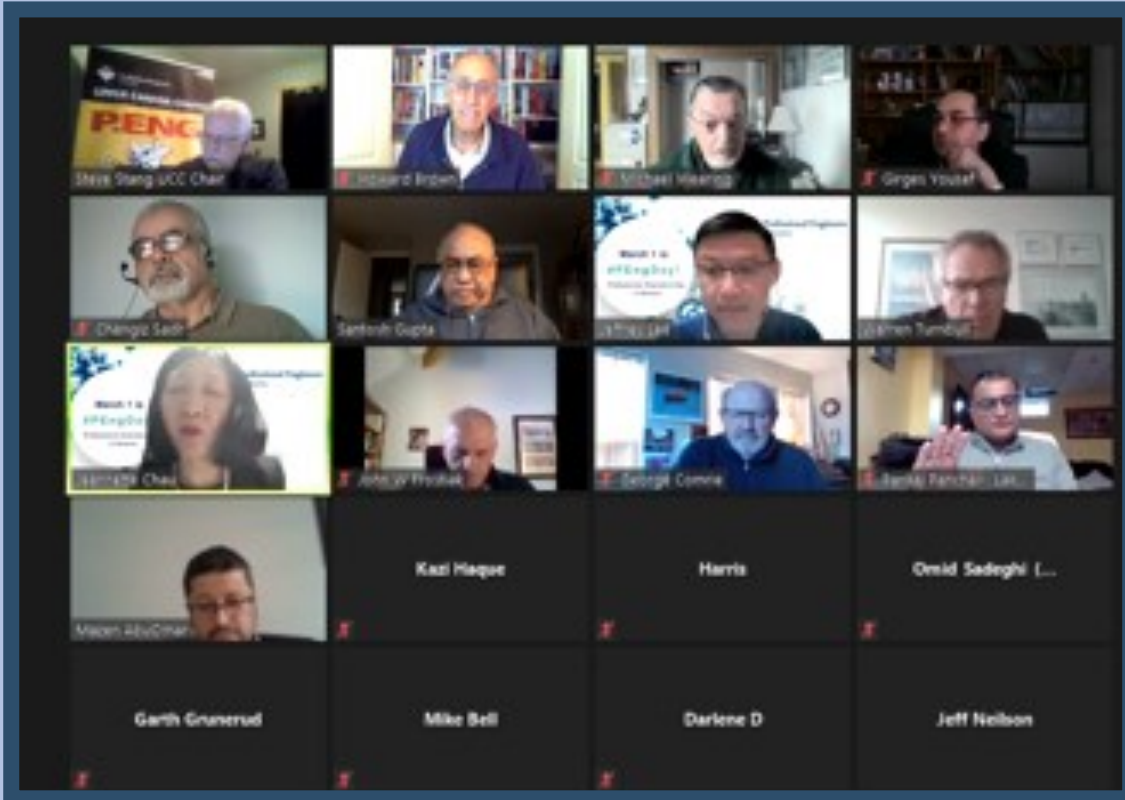
MPP Wynne has a long time relationship with PEO and has met with representatives on several occasions. She was the first female Premier of Ontario.



In honour of International Women's Day former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West) hosted an event.

To watch the entire event, click [here](#).

PEO GLP CHAIRS HOST QUARTERLY CALL



PEO GLP Chapter Chairs met virtually for their quarterly call on March 3.

The PEO GLP Chapter Chairs held their first quarterly meeting of the year on March 3. The meeting was chaired by PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice-Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng.

Participating were PEO's Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., Chatham Chapter GLP Chair **Haris Ahmadzai**, P.Eng., Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., Manager of Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., former president and Etobicoke Chapter representative **George Comrie**, P.Eng., Niagara Chapter GLP Chair **Darlene Daigle**, P.Eng., North Bay Chapter GLP Chair **Danielle Demers**, P.Eng., Kingsway Chapter GLP Chair **Steve Favell**, P.Eng., Lake of the Woods Chapter GLP Chair **John Frostiak**, P.Eng., Lakehead Chapter GLP Chair **Garth Grunerud**, P.Eng., Scarborough Chapter GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., Kingston Chapter representative **Kazi Haque**, P.Eng., Upper Canada Chapter GLP Chair **Jeff Neilson**, P.Eng., Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., Algonquin Chapter GLP Chair **Bob Radenovic**, P.Eng., East Toronto Chapter GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT, Engineers Canada GLC representative **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., Scarborough Chapter representative **Martin Sheet**, P.Eng., Upper Canada Chapter Chair **Steven Stang**, P.Eng., PEO Councillor and former GLC Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P.Eng., Peterborough Chapter GLP Chair **Michael Wearing**, P.Eng. and Toronto Humber Chapter representative **Girges Yousef**, P.Eng.

Also attending was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**,

Topics of discussion included: GLP Rep Selection updates, Regional GLP Academies/Training sessions for everyone involved in the GLP, GLP Activity Report update, 2021 Activity Planning and GLP and GLC Updates.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Question: What is the name of PEO's newly-elected President-Elect?

Answer: Nick Colucci, P.Eng.

This week's question: Which MPP rose in the Legislature this year to announce Professional Engineers Day?

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, March 15.

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



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

ONLINE MPP EVENTS

Every Friday—Virtual Coffee Hour with **Teresa Armstrong**, MPP (London-Fanshawe), NDP Children and Youth Critic from 3 to 4 PM. To register visit <https://www.teresaarmstrong.com/coffeehour>

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

Tuesday, March 16— 'An Evening with PC Leader' Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) from 6 to 7 PM. Tickets are \$1,650. To register email matthew.landry@revgenpfr.com

Thursday, March 18—An Evening with Greg Rickford, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River), Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Indigenous Affairs from 6 to 7 PM. The event is available to Platinum Club Members only. To register email matthew.landry@revgenpfr.com

Tuesday, March 30—15th Anniversary Celebration of Lisa MacLeod, MPP (Nepean), Minister of Sport, Tourism, Heritage and Culture Industries from 6 to 8 PM. Other guest speakers include **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe), Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs, **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and former PC Party Leader **Tim Hudak**. Tickets range from \$750-\$1500. To register click [here](#).

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

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