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ONTARIO CABINET APPROVES REGULATORY AMENDMENTS FOR CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STARTING IN JANUARY

Beginning in January 2023, Ontario engineers will be required to participate in a mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) program to annually maintain their licence. This follows approval of Ontario Regulation 353/22 by PEO's Council on April 8, 2022, and by the Ontario Cabinet on April 19.

The mandatory CPD program will be based on PEO's current, optional Professional Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK) program, which was introduced in March 2017. As of January 2023, all PEO licence holders (both practising and non-practising) will be required to comply with the program to meet their professional obligations to stay current.



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"Implementing a mandatory CPD program is an important part of upholding PEO's regulatory mandate and affirms to the profession, our stakeholders and the public that PEO is committed to establishing, maintaining and enhancing standards of engineering practice in Ontario," said PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., FEC in a press release on April 22. "On behalf of PEO Council, I would like to thank staff at the Ministry of the Attorney General and at PEO for their co-operation and support in developing this important regulation."

More information can be found by contacting the PEO professional development group at:

- peopeak@peo.on.ca.
- (416) 840-1117, or by extension 1117 when calling (416) 224-1100 or toll-free 1 (800) 339-3716.

Information on the PEAK program is available online at <https://www.peopeak.ca> or <https://www.peo.on.ca/licence-holders/peak>.

To read the full press release, [click here](#).

PEO GLP REPS SPEAK WITH NDP MPPS AT BRAMPTON EVENT



NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) speaking on April 22 with PEO Brampton Chapter's GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., and Treasurer **Ranjit Gill**, P.Eng., as well as Grand River Chapter Rep **Harmail Basi** P.Eng.

BRAMPTON - NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East) kicked off his campaign by hosting an event last week in Brampton. Guests attending included Ontario NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) and NDP National Leader, **Jagmeet Singh**, MP, who is MPP Singh's brother.

Also in attendance were PEO Grand River Chapter Rep **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., PEO Brampton Chapter's GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., and Treasurer **Ranjit Gill**, P.Eng. and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Each of the PEO representatives had a chance to speak with each of the elected representatives.

Attending these events has been very helpful in providing MPPs with knowledge on PEO's mandate as the regulator of the profession in the public interest.

NDP Attorney General Critic **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East) (right) and PEO Grand River Chapter Rep **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng. (left)



P.ENG. WINDSOR-TECUMSEH CANDIDATE SHARES THOUGHTS ON UPCOMING ELECTION

WINDSOR - PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng recently met with Windsor-Tecumseh PC Candidate **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng. and was able to discuss the upcoming Ontario election with him.

Mr. Dowie is currently a Councillor for the Town of Tecumseh and a staff engineer for the City of Windsor. He is also a former recipient of the G. Gordon M. Sterling Engineering Intern award for PEO. He has previously served as Chair of the PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter.

Following the announced retirement of the only engineer in the Legislature MPP **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), Mr. Dowie is one of the only engineers running in the upcoming election. If you know of an engineer running, please let us know.

Here is an excerpt from the discussion between Mr. Khan and Mr. Dowie:

"As the Ontario PC candidate for Windsor--Tecumseh in the coming Ontario election, I'm excited to throw my iron (ring) into the fire and offer engineering know-how and problem solving abilities to Queen's Park. Who would have thought that this would eventually culminate in various opportunities such as hosting events with the Minister of Transportation.

During my career I've had the privilege to spend a significant portion of my PEO volunteerism with the Government Liaison Program, including serving with the Government Liaison Committee. I've attended partisan events, fundraisers and sat down with MPPs at their office. I've even hosted a multi-partisan campaign college for engineers on behalf of PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter.

In my many discussions with Cabinet Ministers and MPPs, all recognize PEO's Government Liaison Program and particularly the regulatory efforts of Howard Brown working on our behalf."



Windsor-Tecumseh Progressive Conservative Candidate **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng.

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Windsor-Tecumseh Progressive Conservative Candidate **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng. (right) speaking with Attorney General **Doug Downey** at Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in August 2019.

"It's been a true delight to see the GLP program prosper locally, being led by Asif Khan, P.Eng. where the Take Your MPP To Work Day has become a beloved opportunity among our local elected officials.

For engineers considering a career in politics, I can attest to the continuing sense of privilege to be serving and representing my existing constituents as Councillor in the Town of Tecumseh since 2014, and the enthusiasm inherent with achieving an opportunity to help so many more constituents navigate their government services and to help make people's lives better.

With less than two months remaining until election day, it will be a simultaneously busy and rewarding chapter of my career and I can't wait to see what comes next."

NOTE - PEO and the Government Liaison Program do not endorse any candidate or parties. Our main goal is to build relationships with all to let them know PEO as the regulator of the engineering profession in Ontario.

NEW GLP REP MEETS WITH MPP AT FIRST CONSTITUENCY MEETING IN TWO YEARS



MPP **Vincent Ke** (right) with **Edwin Safari**, P.Eng. (left) who is the GLP Rep for MPP Ke's riding, at a meeting the two had at the MPP's office on April 15.

Vincent Ke, MPP (Don Valley North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (Culture and Sport) hosted a meeting with his riding's GLP Rep, **Edwin Safari**, P.Eng. at his office on April 15.

At the meeting, which took one hour, the two discussed engineering regulation and licensing, as well as the roles of the various engineering organizations in Ontario.

Mr. Ke and Mr. Safari had previously met at the PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter AGM on April 5, where the MPP was a guest speaker. At that meeting, Mr. Ke discussed the significant role PEO has played in promoting the engineering profession to the public over the years. He also acknowledged the value of self-regulation.

Also attending the meeting was PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



MPP Ke with PEO Willowdale/Thornhill licence holders at the Chapter's AGM on April 5.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North) Minister of Colleges and Universities and **Laura Mae Lindo**, MPP (Kitchener Centre) NDP Critic for Colleges and Universities, and Anti-Racism.

HON. JILL DUNLOP, MPP



Hon. **Jill Dunlop**, MPP
(Simcoe North)

Hon. **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party in 2018.

She is currently the Minister of Colleges and Universities. She previously served as the Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues.

Prior to her election, MPP Dunlop taught at Georgian College. She grew up in a heavily political household. Her father, former MPP **Garfield Dunlop**, served in the Simcoe North riding from 1999 to 2015, and her mother **Jane Dunlop**, is Deputy Mayor of the Town of Severn.

She has been supportive of PEO in the past, and was a guest speaker at the annual PEO Student Conference hosted by the University of Toronto Engineering Society on September 25, 2021.

LAURA MAE LINDO, MPP

Laura Mae Lindo, MPP (Kitchener Centre) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a member of the New Democratic Party in 2018.

MPP Lindo is the NDP Critic for Anti-Racism as well as Colleges and Universities. She previously served as her party's Critic for Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Prior to her election, she was Director of Diversity and Equity at Wilfred Laurier University. She holds both a Master's and a PhD in Education from York University.

In March 2021, MPP Lindo was featured in *Engineering Dimensions* after she was interviewed by PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. She also attended a Chinese New Year event at the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre on January 19, 2020, where she met with Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse** P.Eng.



Laura Mae Lindo, MPP
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Minister Tangri has met with PEO many times and has attended multiple Mississauga Chapter events in the past, including PEO-sponsored all party candidates events, the first of which she attended in 2007.

Most recently, on November 15, 2021 she met with PEO Mississauga Chapter representatives **Ariej Ibrahim**, P.Eng., and **Rudy Voytek**, P.Eng, as well as PEO Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and **Howard Brown**, PEO Government Relations Consultant.

This was an important opportunity to raise PEO's profile to the Premier and its role in regulating the practice of engineering in Ontario.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter's **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which MPP was guest speaker at PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter Annual General Meeting on April 5?

Answer: Vincent Ke, MPP (Don Valley North)

This week's question: Which Minister had a virtual call with his new GLP rep recently, and made national headlines in 1982 when he was elected Mayor of his hometown of Brockville at 22 years old?



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

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Erika Murray at erika@brown-cohen.com by Monday, May 2.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, April 30 at 6 - 8 PM - Meet and Greet with Percy Hatfield, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh). Location: Riverside Sportsmen Club - 10835 Riverside Drive East, Windsor. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).

Friday, May 6 at 12 - 2 PM - A Virtual Pink Tea Conversation: Women, Sexuality & Rights with the Hon. **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West). Location: online. Tickets are \$5.25. To register, [click here](#).

Saturday, May 14 at 2 - 4 PM - A Celebration of the Retirement of Kathleen Wynne, MPP (Don Valley West). Location: Leaside Memorial Community Gardens - 1073 Millwood Rd, Toronto. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).

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 May 6.

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