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Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs, (left) and PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. after an announcement March 29 in Windsor.

## PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR SPEAKS WITH MINISTER

WINDSOR - PEO's Government Liaison Committee Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. attended an announcement by Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) on March 29 in Windsor.

Also attending the event was former GLC Vice Chair **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng. who is the PC Candidate for the Windsor-Essex riding in the upcoming provincial election.

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# GRAND RIVER CHAPTER GLP REP PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH LIBERAL LEADER

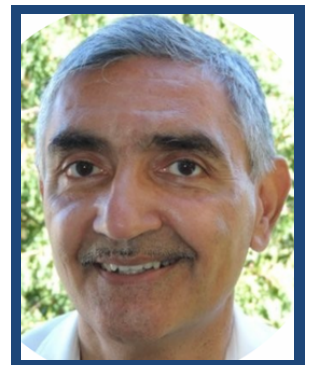


Ontario Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca** spoke at the Canadian Club of Toronto on March 30.

PEO Grand River Chapter Rep **Harmail Basi** P.Eng. attended an event for Ontario Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca** on March 30. Participants attending in-person included **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) and many other former MPPs.

During the question period that followed Mr. Del Duca's address, Mr. Basi asked what would differentiate Mr. Del Duca's party from the others in their handling of infrastructure management for public sector projects.

In response, Mr. Del Duca described the challenges surrounding procuring these projects, including the lack of investment in deferred maintenance of existing infrastructure. He pledged that any public sector projects that are advanced and sensible, particularly if they are transportation-related, will not be scrapped with an Ontario Liberal government.



Grand River Chapter Rep  
**Harmail Basi**, P.Eng.

Mr. Del Duca is a longtime supporter of PEO. During his time as Minister of Transportation, Economic Development and Jobs, he regularly met with PEO licence holders and attended PEO events.

The event, called "Ontario Under New Leadership," was an opportunity for Mr. Del Duca to share his plans for economic dignity for Ontarians if elected Premier on June 2.

In the upcoming election, he will be again seeking to represent his former constituency of Vaughan-Woodbridge, which is currently held by PC Cabinet Minister **Michael Tibollo**.

To watch the speech, see [link](#).

# MPP AND PEO PRESIDENT SPEAK AT WILLOWDALE/THORNHILL AGM



MPP **Vincent Ke**, (Don Valley North) (centre), and PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. (second from left) at the PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter AGM on April 5 with Chapter Chair **John Penarenda**, P.Eng. and PEO Councillors **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng. and **David Kiguel**, P.Eng.

**Vincent Ke**, MPP (Don Valley North) and PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., were both guest speakers at the PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter Annual General Meeting on April 5. MPP Ke provided the *GLP Weekly Times* with a copy of his remarks.

"Over many decades, you (PEO) have played a significant role in promoting public awareness of the engineering profession in the local community," said MPP Ke, who is also Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (Culture and Sport).

"We live in a time of rapid social and technological change; the need for engineers is greater now than ever before. Engineers play a vital role in ensuring our economic and societal well-being because of their ability to innovate and create new products and services."

MPP Ke has a Master's degree in engineering from Germany and has worked in the engineering field globally.

"I understand the importance of ensuring engineers are responsibly evaluated to be technically competent, based on sound professional ethics and adhere to standards of practice that are hallmarks of professional engineering," he said. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and continued service to maintaining standards of excellence and protecting the public interest."

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### MPP AND PEO PRESIDENT SPEAK AT WILLOWDALE/THORNHILL AGM

At the event, MPP Ke was able to meet with the GLP rep for his riding, **Edwin Safari**, P.Eng. Mr. Safari told the *GLP Weekly Times*, "We will be in contact for a more convenient time for him, to meet again in his office and discuss PEO matters."

In addition to MPP Ke's speech, PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng. also spoke at length on PEO's transformation plan. He highlighted PEO's successes over the last two years on making PEO a more modern regulator and more focused on activities that would both improve the licencing system and enhance PEO's responsibilities as a regulator in the public interest.

Also attending the event were PEO Councillors **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., and **David Kiguel**, P.Eng., PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**, former PEO Councillor **Noubar Takessian**, P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Amin Mali**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Chahine also spoke at length on the transformation process, giving a detailed history and background on PEO's work since 2018.

Congratulations to Chapter Chair **John Penarenda**, P.Eng., on an excellent AGM, the first to be held in person in two years.



MPP **Vincent Ke** (left) with **Edwin Safari**, P.Eng. (right) who is the GLP Rep for MPP Ke's riding at the PEO Willowdale/Thornhill AGM on April 5.

# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale) Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA) and **Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa) NDP Critic for Infrastructure, Transportation and Highways.



Hon. **Stan Cho**, MPP  
(Willowdale)

## HON. STAN CHO, MPP

Hon. **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018 as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party.

He's currently the Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA).

Prior to his election, MPP Cho worked as an auditor for Mercedes-Benz Credit. He has also been working at his family's real estate business for 14 years, the last five of which he has been managing the brokerage.

Mr. Cho has long been a supporter of PEO, including speaking in the Legislature last year to announce the fourth annual Professional Engineer's Day and discuss the value of engineers to the province.

## JENNIFER FRENCH, MPP

**Jennifer French**, MPP (Oshawa) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a member of the New Democratic Party in 2014.

MPP French is the NDP Critic for Infrastructure, Transportation and Highways, and also serves as Third Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

Prior to her election, she worked as a teacher for over 10 years in Ontario and abroad. She has been involved with the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Durham Legion Labour Council, and has been an active member of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario.

MPP French has been a guest speaker at many PEO events, including the 2018 Student Conference, the East and West Central Academy and Congress in 2017, and Lake Ontario Chapter AGM in 2017. She was also featured in the November 6, 2020 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times* when being interviewed by then-Chair of PEO's Lake Ontario Chapter, **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng.



**Jennifer French**, MPP  
(Oshawa)

# PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR SPEAKS WITH MINISTER



**Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., Hon. **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (middle) and **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. after an announcement made by the Minister on Tuesday, March 29.

WINDSOR - PEO's Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. met with Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) when he attended an announcement she made at the Tilbury North ONRoute on March 29.

The event was also attended by **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., who is a former member of the GLC, and former Chair of the Windsor-Essex Chapter. He is the newly nominated Windsor-Tecumseh PC Candidate for the 2022 provincial election.

After the announcement, Mr. Khan and Mr. Dowie both spoke with the Minister, where they discussed the role of PEO, the Government Liaison Program and the the importance of self-regulation in the engineering profession.

Minister Mulroney is also the Minister of Francophone Affairs and a former Attorney General. She made recognition of the benefits of involving GLP reps in issues of legislation, saying "It is very helpful as ministers are not subject matter experts, and bureaucrats can be biased on these matters."

Minister Mulroney was also pleased with the appointment of her new GLP rep **Dale Kerr**, P.Eng. who she believed will do a great job in the role. The Minister was introduced to Ms. Kerr as her new GLP Rep at an introductory meeting on December 3, 2021.

They also discussed Premier **Doug Ford**'s announcement of the new lithium-ion electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant coming to Windsor. The plant, which will be the first of its kind in Canada, is a \$4.9 billion joint-venture between Stellantis, the company where Mr. Khan works, and battery manufacturers LG Energy Solution.

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale/Thorndale Chapter **Roger Jones**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question: Which MPP presented GLC Chair Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng. with a certificate on March 14?**

**Answer: Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington).

**This week's question:** Which Minister provided a video speech to participants of the Young Inventors of Scarborough and Young Engineers of Scarborough Competition on March 26?



**Roger Jones**, 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](mailto:erika@brown-cohen.com) by Monday, April 11.

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

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Monday, April 11 at 6 PM - The Progressive Conservative party presents The Loyal Blue Club Spring Reception** with Education Minister **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan), **Merrilee Fullerton** MPP, (Kanata-Carleton) Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, and **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South) Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Location TBA. Tickets are \$1000. To register, click [here](#).

**Tuesday, April 12 at 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM - Canadian Club of Toronto presents Unleashing Ontario** with **Hon. Victor Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing) Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. Location: Hilton Hotel Toronto, 145 Richmond St. W. Tickets are \$115 for non-members and \$100 for members. To register, click [here](#).

**Tuesday April 12 at 6:30 PM - Brampton South PC Riding Association is hosting their 2022 Annual Fundraiser** for Treasury Board President **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South). Location TBA. Tickets are \$1000. 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.

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

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. The next issue will be published on April 15.

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