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# PEO COUNCIL HOLDS LAST MEETING OF THE TERM BEFORE AGM



Current PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.

PEO Council held their 546th meeting on April 8. It was chaired by President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng.

Items covered at the meeting included:

- An update from Mr. Bellini on his activities in recent weeks, including a meeting he had with the Ontario Human Rights Commissioner on March 7 to discuss the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Exploratory Working Group (AREWG).
- CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. updated Council on the plans for the upcoming strategic workshop May 12 and 13.
- President-elect **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. gave an update on plans for PEO's Centennial celebration.
- **Kelly Reid**, P.Eng. provided the Council with the Engineers Canada Directors report.
- Council agreed to re-nominate **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng. to serve a further two-year term as an Engineers Canada director from Ontario commencing at the 2023 Engineers Canada Annual Meeting of Members, conditional on her being chosen as President-Elect at the May 2022 EC Board Meeting.
- An update on the AREWG from Councillor **Lisa MacCumber**, P.Eng.
- Councillor **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng. also gave a report on 2022 Council elections issues.
- Reports from the four governance committees (Audit and Finance Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, Human Resources and Compensation Committee and Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee) by their respective Committee Chairs.
- Approval by Council of a release of a new pre-start health and safety review guideline.

# PEO GLP REP HAS CALL WITH MINISTER



PEO Thousand Islands Chapter Rep **Andrew Melchers**, P.Eng. (bottom right) in a virtual meeting with Hon. **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands).

BROCKVILLE - PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP Rep **Andrew Melchers**, P.Eng. recently met with Hon. **Steve Clark** (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes). Mr. Clark is the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Mr. Melchers spoke to Mr. Clark to introduce himself as the new GLP Rep for his riding. The previous rep was the late **Ray Linseman**, P.Eng. who was a good friend of the PEO GLP and the Minister. In fact, Mr. Linseman was one of the founding members of the GLP. The Minister remembered him fondly.

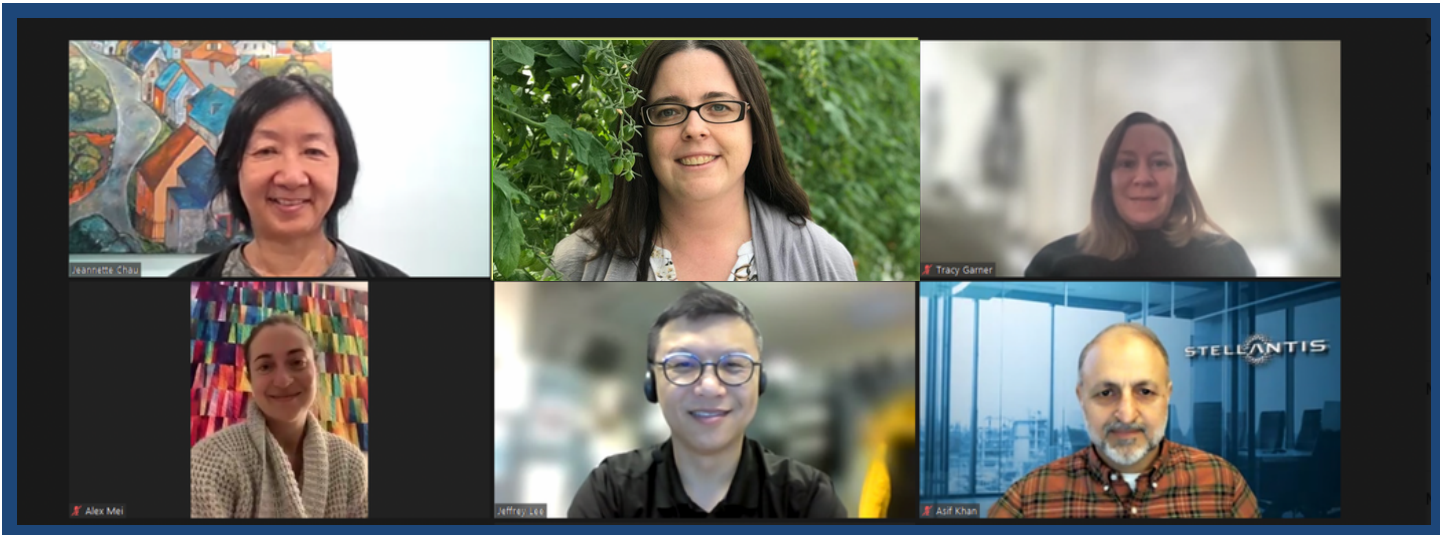
Minister Clark has regularly met with PEO leadership. He was guest speaker at the PEO Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress in November 2019.

He was also interviewed for the PEO Government Relations Conference in November 2020 by Government Liaison Committee member **Alex Weryha**, P.Eng.

He was first elected as MPP for the riding of Leeds-Grenville in a 2010 by-election. He has been re-elected three times, including his most recent re-election in 2018 under the riding's new name, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes.

In 1982, he made national headlines when he was elected Mayor of Brockville at 22 years old, earning him the title of Youngest Mayor of Canada at the time. He served in the position for three terms, during which time he was also President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

# PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETS TO REVIEW RISK ASSESSMENT



**Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. (top left), **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. (top middle), **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. (top right), **Alex Weryha**, P.Eng. (bottom left), **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. (bottom middle), and **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (bottom right) at the PEO Government Liaison Committee meeting April 14.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee met on April 14. The meeting was chaired by **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. It was the final meeting for past chair **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng. who was required to step down from the chairmanship as PEO Councillors are no longer allowed to serve on the GLC.

Meeting participants included Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. as well as **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., **Alex Weryha**, P.Eng, Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**. Regrets came from student rep **Shawn Yanni**.

Ms. Hilborn is being presented with a certificate of appreciation for her work and was thanked by the committee.

The committee also reviewed:

- A risk assessment chart, and discussed creating a potential GLP Code of Conduct
- Dos and don'ts regarding the provincial election
- An update from student rep Shawn Yanni on recent activities of the Engineering Students Societies Council of Ontario (ESSCO).

It was agreed to consider listing GLP riding reps by region in upcoming issues of the *GLP Weekly Times*.

# CEO/REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER ALMOST 30 YEARS AT PEO



PEO CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. (left) with **Mitzie Hunter**, MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) (third from left), Mr. Zuccon's spouse, **Carmen** (second from right), then-PEO Councillors **Qadira Jackson** (second from left), **Tomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng. (third from right), and **Arthur Sinclair**, P.Eng. (behind) and Ms. Olukiyesi's spouse, **Omoniyi Olukiyesi** (right) at the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala on November 16, 2019.

The *GLP Weekly Times* would like to congratulate PEO's CEO and Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng. on the announcement of his retirement, which will take place in June.

Mr. Zuccon oversaw several initiatives to revamp the organization. He kickstarted the transformation with an external regulatory performance review in 2019 that pinpointed areas in need of improvement. PEO made various changes following the review, including:

- Introduction of a mandatory continuing professional development program to maintain professional engineering standards of education, competence and conduct. The program is slated to go into effect in January 2023.
- Reconsideration of the 12 months of required experience for Canadian engineers to qualify for licensure, and how it can be revised to uphold public safety while also reflecting the interests of more licence applicants, including those trained overseas.
- Implementation of an anti-racism and anti-discrimination working group to tackle any discrimination and racism issues in PEO.
- Upgrading the engineering licensing processes to an electronic format to simplify and expedite the application and licence process.

Mr. Zuccon was first appointed interim Registrar in February 2018 and was formally appointed as CEO/Registrar in February 2019. Prior to his appointment, he spent 23 years working for the regulator, 15 of which were spent as a member of the senior management team. Over the years, Mr. Zuccon has participated in many GLP meetings and events. For a link to the full announcement, see [here](#).

# MINISTERS AND MPPS RETURN TO IN-PERSON RECEPTIONS



**Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade spoke at the Canadian Club of Toronto on April 12.

Ministers and MPPs have renewed their outreach to stakeholders and constituents in recent days. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** had a chance to attend four events with Ministers and MPPs on behalf of PEO this week, including:

- The Loyal Blue Club Spring Reception with Education Minister **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King-Vaughan) Community and Social Services Minister **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton) and Environment, Conservation and Parks Minister **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South)
- A **Natalia Kusendova**, MPP (Mississauga Centre), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs reception with Transportation and Francophone Affairs Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe)
- Canadian Club Toronto lunch with Cabinet Chair **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Reception with Treasury Board President **Prabmeet Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South)

At each event, Mr. Brown was able to speak with Ministers and MPPs. In particular, he thanked Minister Fedeli for participating in two PEO North Bay Chapter events in March.

To view Minister Fedeli's speech, go to this [link](#).

# ENGINEERS CANADA SALUTES FEDERAL BUDGET FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

OTTAWA - Engineers Canada has released a statement on the April 7 federal budget that we thought would be of interest to *GLP Weekly Times* readers. It said, in part:

Engineers Canada is pleased to see the federal government's continued commitment to investing in infrastructure, building Canada's net-zero economy, and fostering innovation as laid out in [Budget 2022: A Plan to Grow Our Economy and Make Life More Affordable](#).

"The engineering profession stands ready to assist as Canada continues its economic recovery and as the government seeks to achieve the country's net-zero future," said **Gerard McDonald**, CEO of Engineers Canada. "Engineers Canada is pleased to see Budget 2022's investments in key economic areas that directly impact the engineering profession."

In its pre-budget submission, Engineers Canada recommended that the federal government kickstart the economy through the acceleration of projects promised in the *Investing in Canada Plan* program. We are pleased to see Budget 2022's significant focus on growing a strong and resilient economy, and the

government's intention to accelerate the deadline for provinces to fully commit their remaining funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. These measures will help ensure that federal funding for infrastructure can continue to support transformative infrastructure projects across Canada.

Engineers Canada also called on the federal government to continue investing in green infrastructure as an economic recovery strategy, as well as to deliver on Canada's climate commitments. We are encouraged by the budget's proposal to broaden the role of the Canadian Infrastructure Bank (CIB) that invests in private-sector-led infrastructure projects that will accelerate Canada's transition to a low-carbon economy. The CIB will continue to invest in public transit, broadband, trade, and transportation, all sectors in which engineers play an integral role.

The full statement can be found [here](#).



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance **Chrystia Freeland** presented the federal budget on April 7.

# MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *GLP Weekly Times* features Hon. **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton) Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) NDP Critic for Community and Social Services.

## HON. MERRILEE FULLERTON, MPP



Hon. **Merrilee Fullerton**,  
MPP (Kanata-Carleton)

Hon. **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party in 2018.

She is currently the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. She previously served as the Minister of Long-Term Care, as well as of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Prior to her election, MPP Fullerton practiced medicine for over 30 years. She has been actively involved in various health care associations, including holding memberships in the City of Ottawa Board of Health and Local Health Integration Network, and has served in advisory roles for the Ontario Medical Association and Canadian Medical Association.

She spoke with former PEO Councillor and Chapter Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. in January 2020 at her New Year's Levee just prior to the lockdown.

## LISA GRETZKY, MPP

**Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) was first elected to the Ontario Legislature as a member of the New Democratic Party in 2014.

MPP Gretzky is the NDP Critic for Community and Social Services. She previously served as her party's Critic for three other portfolios - Homelessness, Education, and Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Prior to her election, she was an entrepreneur with her own special event and wedding planning business, and was twice-elected School Board Trustee for the Greater Essex County Board and also served as vice-chair of the Greater Essex County District School Board.



**Lisa Gretzky**, MPP  
(Windsor West)

MPP Gretzky has a long-time interest in PEO and regularly speaks with Windsor-Essex Chapter's **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. who is now Vice-Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.



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PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., will preside over the meeting and provide his report, followed by President-elect **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., and CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., who will both be providing remarks.

The proceedings will be available exclusively over a live webcast in "listen mode". Licence holders participating in the event will be able to submit questions online during the AGM as well as make submissions in advance.

Related documents will be available prior to the event including member submissions, 2021 AGM minutes and audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

To participate in the AGM, including voting on business brought before the meeting, licence holders must have a device with an internet connection for the full duration of the meeting. To register with the ability to vote, participants must register with their name, email address and licence number registered with PEO.

Registration is open now and will close at 9 a.m. EDT on April 28. Licence holders hoping to participate in the event must register in advance at [this link](#).

Details about the AGM, including submission guidelines, will be available at [this link](#).

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng. for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

**Question:** Which Minister provided a video speech to participants of the Young Inventors of Scarborough and Young Engineers of Scarborough Competition on March 26?

**Answer:** Hon. **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North)

**This week's question:** Which MPP was guest speaker at the PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter Annual General Meeting on April 5?



**Santosh Gupta**, 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 25.

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

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Friday, April 22 at 7 PM - Campaign Kickoff Fundraiser** with **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East), **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) and Federal NDP Leader **Jagmeet Singh**. Location: Queen's Manor, 2 Auction Lane, Brampton. Tickets are \$150. To register, click [here](#).

**Wednesday, April 27 at 5 - 7 PM - Don Valley West Liberal Association Fundraiser** for their new **Candidate Stephanie Bowman** with former Premier **Kathleen Wynne**, MPP (Don Valley West). Location: Private residence. Tickets are \$400 for one, \$700 for two. To register for the event, click [here](#).

**Wednesday, April 27 at 6 PM - The Nepean PC Riding Association** is hosting **An Evening with Hon. Lisa Macleod**, MPP (Nepean) Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. Location: Toronto, ON. Tickets are \$1000. To register, click [here](#).

**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](#).

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 29.

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