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PEO Government Liaison Program Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., chaired a meeting of the GLC on May 14. Here he is (top, right) with members of PEO Oakville Chapter meeting with then-Oakville MPP **Stephen Crawford** (top, centre) in August 2021.

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PARTY LEADERS ENGAGE IN SECOND PROVINCIAL ELECTION DEBATE



The four party leaders (from left to right) PC's **Doug Ford**, NDP's **Andrea Horwath**, Liberal's **Steven Del Duca** and Green's **Mike Schreiner** at the second provincial election debate on May 16. PHOTO CREDIT: CTV News

The provincial party leaders kicked off another busy week on the campaign trail as they took each other on with the second Ontario election debate. It was moderated by **Steve Paikin** of TVO and **Althia Raj** from the *Toronto Star*.

Mr. Paikin is a former recipient of the PEO President's Medal. On March 1, he moderated a panel to kick off National Engineering Month with then PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng and other Canadian Engineering leaders.

The day also coincided with Professional Engineers Day, which was first declared by the province of Ontario in 2018. It was the first time that a profession was given a day named in its honour.

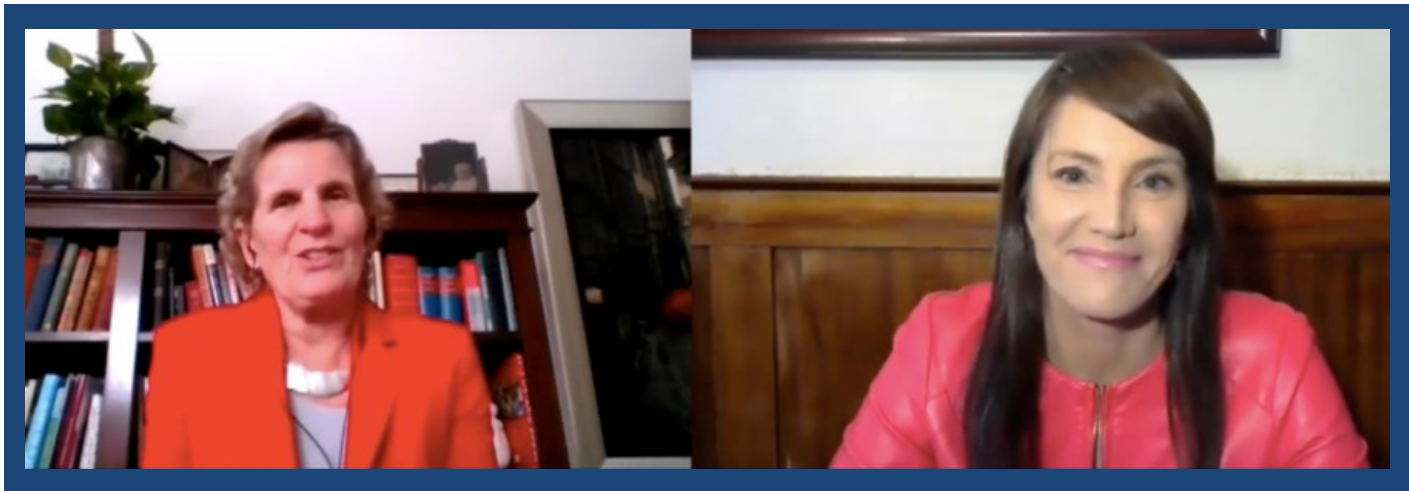
The four main party leaders are:

- **Doug Ford** - PC
- **Andrea Horwath** - NDP
- **Steven Del Duca** - Liberal
- **Mike Schreiner** - Green

The election will take place on June 2. Advance polls are available as of May 19 to May 28. For information on where you can vote at advance polls and who the candidates are in your riding, go to the [Elections Ontario website](#).

It is important for GLP representatives to stay informed on the political landscape to better interact with public office holders.

FORMER ONTARIO PREMIER RETIRES



Ontario's former Premier **Kathleen Wynne** (left) was interviewed by PEO past-president **Marisa Sterling** P.Eng. (right) in December 2020. The two discussed women in engineering, the anniversary of the tragic Montreal Massacre, and PEO's 30 by 30 initiative.

The retirement party for former Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne** was held at the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens in Toronto on May 14.

Ms. Wynne was a longtime supporter of PEO who often participated in East Toronto Chapter events. Most recently, she was featured at the chapter's AGM in Feb 2022 where she spoke about the importance of PEO's government liaison activities.

She was also interviewed by PEO past-president **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng. for the December 2020 issue of the *GLP Weekly Times*. The two discussed the significance of women in the engineering profession, the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, and PEO's 30 by 30 initiative.

Ms. Wynne's active interest in GLP activities has been important, as having an MPP advocate who understands PEO's goals is beneficial.

Ms. Wynne made Canadian history as not only the first female Premier of Ontario, but also the first openly gay Premier in Canada. She served as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and Premier from 2013 to 2018. She has held her seat in the Legislature until now.

She was first elected to the Legislature in the 2003 general election as a member of the Liberal party.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, Ms. Wynne worked extensively in the education field. She was employed as a tutor, as an English as a second language teacher, and also as a mediator, where she implemented conflict resolution programs in over 60 Ontario schools in the 1990s. She also served as president of the Toronto Institute of Human Relations.

PEO COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS MADE



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.
*Audit and Finance
Committee Chair*



Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.
*Governance and
Nominating Committee
Chair*



Luc Roberge, P.Eng.
*Human Resources and
Compensation
Committee Chair*



Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng.
*Regulatory Policy and
Legislation Committee
Chair*

PEO Council met on May 4. The meeting was chaired by President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., who was appointed Council Chair that day. Councillors were also appointed at the meeting for PEO's four committees. They are listed below:

Audit and Finance Committee

Lorne Cutler, P.Eng. (Chair)
Robert Brunet, P.Eng.
Nick Colucci, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Roydon Fraser, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Paul Mandel
Pappur Shankar, P.Eng.
Sherlock Sung
Randy Walker, P.Eng.
Vaj Banday, P.Eng.

Human Resources and Compensation Committee

Luc Roberge, P.Eng. (Chair)
Christian Bellini, P.Eng.
Nick Colucci, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Andy Dryland, C.E.T.
Roydon Fraser, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Scott Schelske, P.Eng.

Governance and Nominating Committee

Arjan Arenja, P.Eng. (Chair)
Christian Bellini, P.Eng.
Nick Colucci, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Roydon Fraser, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.
Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.
George Nikolov, P.Eng.
Greg Wowchuk, P.Eng.

Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee

Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng. (Chair)
Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.
Jim Chisholm, P.Eng.
Nick Colucci, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Roydon Fraser, P.Eng. (ex-officio)
Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng.
David Kiguel, P.Eng.
Dana Montgomery, P.Eng.
Leila Notash, P.Eng.

FORMER PEO COUNCILLOR ELECTED TO OSPE BOARD



Former PEO Councillor Dr. **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng. (left) has been elected to the OSPE Board of Directors and Dr. **Marilyn Powers**, P.Eng., has been elected as OSPE President and Chair of the Board.

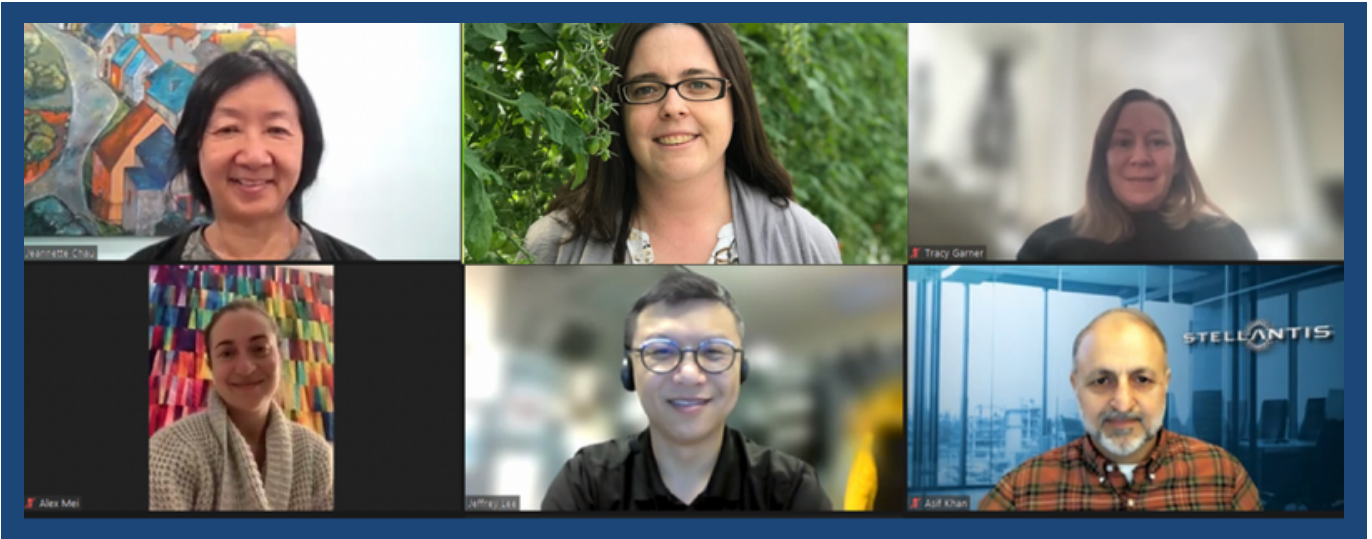
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) held its Annual General Meeting virtually on May 9, where they announced the results of the Board of Directors election. The new OSPE President and Board Chair is Dr. **Marilyn Powers**, P.Eng. She is also currently the Director of Academic Technology Integration & Innovation at Mohawk College. Dr. Powers holds a Ph.D. and a Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Calgary, and earned her undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Waterloo.

Also elected to the board was former PEO Councillor Dr. **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng. Dr. Ausma served as a PEO Councillor for the Northern Region and an Executive member of PEO Sudbury Chapter from 2012 to 2014, as PEO Vice President from 2013 to 2014, and Councillor-at-Large from 2019 to 2021. She holds a Ph.D. in Land Resource Science and a Master's in Biological Engineering from University of Guelph, and earned her Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Waterloo.

In her candidate statement, Dr. Ausma spoke about the importance of teamwork between the regulators, saying: "I strongly believe that OSPE and PEO need to face the future arm-in-arm, united as we overcome future challenges to the profession."

OSPE and PEO have co-sponsored a number of initiatives including the Government Liaison Annual Conferences of 2011, 2016, and 2018.

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PEO Government Liaison Committee representatives **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 a GLC Meeting on April 14.

The PEO Government Liaison Committee met on May 14. The meeting was chaired by GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng. from Oakville Chapter.

With the possible election of as many as 30 to 40 new MPPs in the June 2 election, the GLC is working hard to ensure that MPPs will have the benefit of better knowing their representatives and the mandate of PEO. This will also give reps the chance to reinforce PEO's role as the regulator of professional engineering in Ontario.

Included on the agenda were reports from the GLP Manager on government liaison activities and a report on GLP engagement training and succession.

Current GLC members include Mr. Lee, **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. from Windsor-Essex Chapter and **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. from East Toronto Chapter, both representing GLP reps, **Alex Weryha**, P.Eng., representing EITs, and **Shawn Yanni** representing students.

The Government Liaison Committee was set up in 2011 as an oversight body for the program period. Currently, there are 124 representatives for each of the 124 ridings. In the past few months, GLP reps have met with a number of Ministers and MPPs, and look forward to continuing their goal to ensure every MPP understands PEO's responsibility as the regulator of professional engineering in Ontario in the public interest.

It is important for GLP reps to stay informed on what is happening with MPPs so that they can communicate with them on PEO's mandate.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Samuel Jacob**, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Who was the guest speaker at PEO's 100th Annual General Meeting on April 30?

Answer: Attorney **Doug Downey**, (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte)

This week's question: Which MPP, who is also a P.Eng., will be retiring as of June 2?

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 Friday, May 27.

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



Samuel Jacob, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

SAMPLE EVENTS

Monday, May 23 - Long Weekend Celebration with NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**.

- **9:30 AM** - Kingston and the Islands. Location: Parking lot of candidate Mary Rita Holland's Office, 797 Princess Street, Kingston. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).
- **11:30 AM** - Belleville. Location: TBA. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).
- **2 PM** - Peterborough-Kawartha. Location: TBA. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).
- **4:15 PM** - Ajax. Location: Campaign Office of candidate Christine Santos, 7-18011 Harwood Ave N, Ajax. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 - 9 PM - Building our Ontario Liberal Black Caucus with **Mitzie Hunter**, Liberal candidate for Scarborough-Guildwood. Location: Diner's Corner, 678 Yonge St. Toronto. Cost: \$400. To register, [click here](#).

Wednesday, May 25 at 10 - 12 PM - Transport Futures: Provincial Election Transport Debate with **Jessica Bell**, NDP candidate for University-Rosedale. Location: Online and at Innis Town Hall, University of Toronto, 2 Sussex Ave, Toronto. Cost: Before May 20: \$20. After May 20: \$35. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 - 11 AM - Provincial Election Mississauga-Streetsville Candidates Debate with **Nina Tangri**, PC candidate, **Dipika Damerla**, Liberal candidate, **Nicholas Rabba**, NDP candidate, and **David Zeni**, Green candidate. Location: Online. Cost: TBA. 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. There will be no issue next week due to the shortened holiday week. Our next issue will be June 3.

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