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ONTARIO ELECTION CALLED FOR JUNE 2ND



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As expected, the Ontario election will be held on June 2nd. Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) met with Lieutenant Governor **Elizabeth Dowdeswell** on May 3 to ask for her to dissolve the Legislature and confirm the election date.

Premier Ford (above, centre left), will be opposed by NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) (above, left), Liberal Leader **Steven Del Duca** (above, centre right), and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) (above, right).

At dissolution, there were 67 PC MPPs, 38 New Democrats, seven Liberals, six Independents, one Green, one New Blue, one Ontario Party, and three vacancies in the 124-member legislature.

Advance polls, which have doubled to 10 days from five in 2018, will be open in all ridings from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 19 through May 28. On June 2, more than 7,000 polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters can download Elections Ontario's free mobile app at the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

PEO GLP Reps are encouraged to follow the PEO GLP provincial election guidelines before they engage with MPPs at this time.

There will be two leaders' debates — one on Northern Ontario issues next Tuesday in North Bay, and another on May 16 — when the party leaders gather at the TVO studios in Toronto for a 6:30 p.m. televised event.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAKS AT PEO 100TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A new PEO Council was sworn in at PEO's 100th Annual General Meeting on April 30 including eight new Councillors. Congratulations to the new Council who are all featured on pages 5 and 6.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) (photo, right), was the guest speaker at the meeting. He complimented PEO on its

work and said he was pleased to collaborate with the recent changes to the *Professional Engineers Act*, which have been in development for several years, including approval of the new mandatory continuing professional development program.

The new PEO President is **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng (photo, right). Mr. Colucci has worked as an engineer and Director of Infrastructure Services for the Town of Erin since 2019. He also served for several years on the PEO Government Liaison Committee and is very familiar with the work of the Government Liaison Program. In fact, he was one of the Councillors in 2005 that approved the pilot program that launched the initiative.

Joining Council, as of the AGM, are President-elect **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., Vice President **Gregory Wowchuk**, P.Eng., Councillor-at-Large **Vajahat Banday**, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor **Dana Montgomery**, P.Eng., Eastern Region Councillor **Tim Kirkby**, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor **David Kiguel**, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng., and West Central Region Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng. Ms. Hilborn stepped down as GLC Chair last month and Mr. Kirkby also served on the GLC.

Outgoing President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., presided over the meeting and presented an excellent update on PEO's progress over the course of the last year. Retiring CEO/Registrar **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., walked Council members through plans for the PEO transformation to becoming a modern regulator.



12 SUBMISSIONS PRESENTED AT PEO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In addition to the speech from Minister Downey, there were 12 submissions from licence holders at the Annual General Meeting. All are being referred to the September Council meeting.

The submissions were as follows:

Submission 1: Central Election and Search Committee (CESC) Restructure, moved by **Peter M. DeVita**, P.Eng.

Submission 2: Consequences for Violation of Election Rules by Councillors, **Peter M. DeVita**, P.Eng.

Submission 3: Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Role to Address the Climate Crisis, **David Lapp**, P.Eng.

Submission 4: Openness and Transparency, moved by **George Comrie**, P.Eng.

Submission 5: Anti-Racism & Equity, moved by **Val Davidson**, P.Eng.

Submission 6: Council Member Succession Planning, moved by **Rob Willson**, P.Eng.

Submission 7: Practice Guidelines, moved by **Nancy E. Hill**, P.Eng.

Submission 8: Regulatory Policy Committee Structure and Composition, moved by **George Comrie**, P.Eng.

Submission 9: Commit to Fundamental Principles of Good “Self-Regulation” Governance, moved by **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng.

Submission 10: PEO to Adopt the Election Caretaker Convention, moved by **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng.

Submission 11: Reduce PEO Fee(s) to Reduce Large Budget Surplus, moved by **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng.

Submission 12: Updates to the *Professional Engineers Act* to Reflect Governance Changes, moved by **Christina Visser**, P.Eng.

PEO 2022-2023 COUNCIL

The following 25 people will serve on the 2022-2023 PEO Council.



Nick Colucci, P.Eng.
President



Roydon Fraser, P.Eng.,
President-elect



Christian Bellini, P.Eng.
Past President



Gregory Wowchuk, P.Eng.
Vice President



Vajahat Bandy, P.Eng.
Councillor-at-Large



Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng.
Councillor-at-Large



Leila Notash, P.Eng.
Councillor-at-Large



Dana Montgomery, P.Eng.
Northern Region Councillor



Luc Roberge, P.Eng.
Northern Region Councillor



Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.
Eastern Region Councillor



Randy Walker, P.Eng.
Eastern Region Councillor



Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.
East Central Region Councillor

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East Central Region Councillor



James J. Chisholm P.Eng.
West Central Region Councillor



Pappur Shankar, P.Eng.
West Central Region Councillor



Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng.
Western Region Councillor



Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.
Western Region Councillor

COUNCILLORS APPOINTED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL



Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Robert Brunet, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Andy Dryland, CET
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Paul Mandel
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



George Nikolov, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



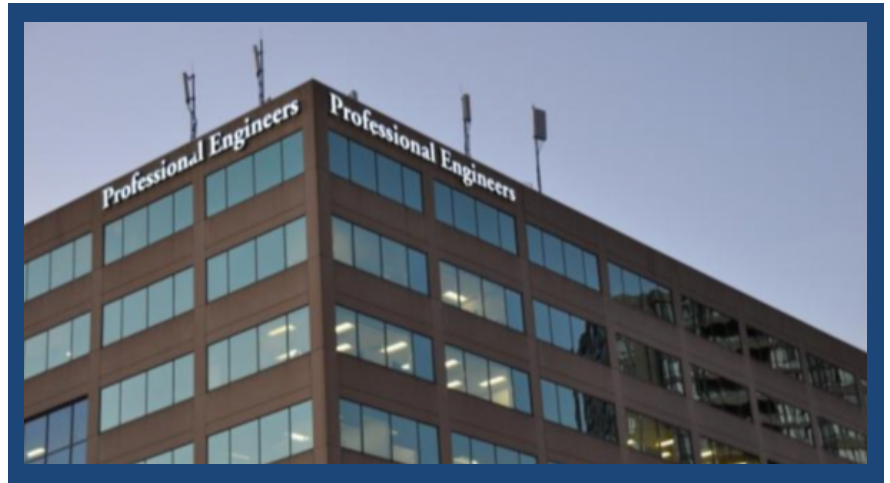
Scott Schelske, P.Eng.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee



Sherlock Sung, BAsc.
Lieutenant Governor Appointee

PEO COUNCIL APPROVES NEW ANTI-RACISM AND EQUITY POLICY CODE

In an effort to help prevent issues of systemic racism and discrimination throughout PEO, the PEO Council approved a new policy code on April 8. The policy, called Anti-Racism and Equity (ARE) Code, is a two-pronged approach. It will first focus on policy development to protect some of the most marginalized communities, including Black, Indigenous and other racialized people. Second, it will work on developing



PEO has approved a new policy to help eliminate discrimination.

strategies to protect people at risk of discrimination based on their gender identity, including women, two-spirit, intersex, transgender and gender non-conforming people.

As per a press release issued on April 22, the ARE Code is made up of eight principles to guide PEO's strategies and decisions to help reach its goal of becoming a more modern and effective regulator.

The principles include:

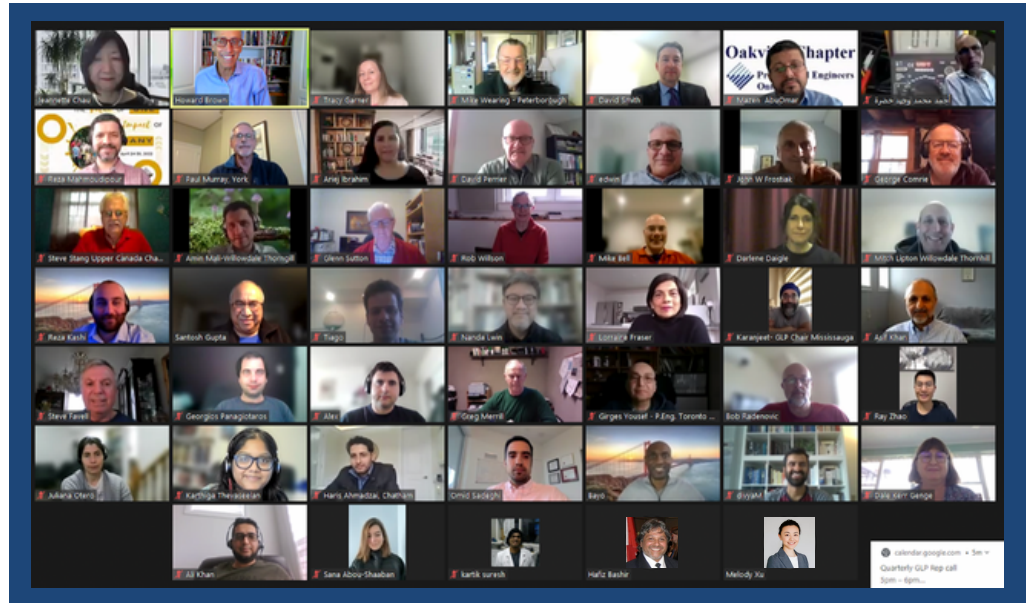
- **Measurement** — Gather and publicly report diversity, equity and inclusion metrics while respecting all applicable laws.
- **Regulatory processes** — Seek continuous improvements in all our regulatory processes.
- **Professional obligations** — Reform practices to reinforce the professional obligations of licence holders to uphold human rights laws and respect diversity, equity and inclusion principles.
- **Training and influence** — Embed a human rights culture throughout our organization.
- **Leadership and sponsorship** — Ensure PEO's leadership structures and opportunities are equitable and inclusive.
- **Stakeholder engagement and talent pipeline** — Continuously and appropriately engage with all relevant stakeholders.
- **Safeguards and accountability** — Embed and continuously improve measures that directly address racism and discrimination complaints.
- **Equitable organization** — Lead by example and ensure equitable hiring and representation of persons from all equity-seeking backgrounds.

The full press release is available [here](#).

OVER 50 ONTARIO GLP REPRESENTATIVES MEET FOR PEO REPS QUARTERLY CALL

The PEO Quarterly Government Liaison Program (GLP) Reps call was held on April 26. The meeting was chaired by **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., and Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng.

Over 50 Chairs and GLP representatives participated in the call, including former president **George Comrie**, P.Eng., and former PEO Councillors **Rob Willson**, P.Eng., and **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., as well as **David Smith**, PEO's Director of External Relations.

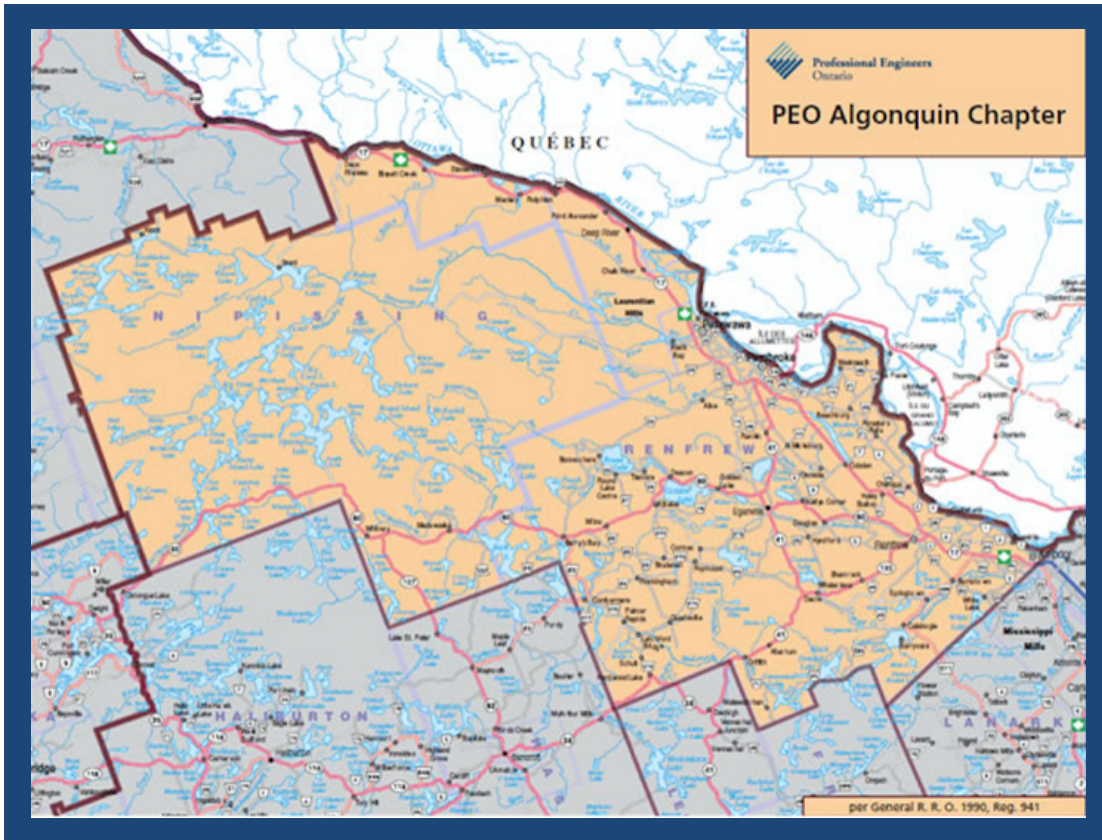


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Topics discussed:

- New GLP resources available on the website, such as the [GLP Info Note 21](#) on PEO's transformation update, and the updated [2022 GLP chapter manual](#).
- Provincial election guidelines for GLP Reps.
- An updated list of GLP reps added to the website, as well as a survey that will be sent out to reps to gauge where help and training is needed.
- A review of a recent PEO Council meeting where it was determined that PEO staff would be assessing committees that are neither in the Regulatory or Governance categories to ascertain their risk activities.
- Take Your MPP to Work Days, which will be suspended until after the provincial election. Additionally, **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., shared his experience hosting Take Your MPP to Work Day with Cabinet Chair and Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, **Vic Fedeli**, (Nipissing).
- The [2021 GLP Annual Report](#), which is also now posted on the GLP webpage.
- [PEO's Public Protection Mandate video](#)

MPP SPEAKS AT ALGONQUIN CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



A map of PEO Algonquin Chapter, which held its Annual General Meeting on March 31.

RENFREW - The PEO Algonquin Chapter held its Annual General Meeting virtually on March 31.

John Yakabuski, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke), Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, was the guest speaker at the AGM.

In addition to Mr. Yakabuski's speech, the AGM also covered the meeting minutes from the 2021 AGM, remarks from both the outgoing Chair and the incoming Chair, and appointments to the Chapter Board for 2022.

PEO's Algonquin Chapter has developed an excellent relationship with Mr. Yakabuski over the years.

He has attended multiple chapter events in the past, including their 2019 National Engineering Month event and 2019 Annual General Meeting.



Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, **John Yakabuski**, (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) was the guest speaker at the Algonquin Chapter AGM.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

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?

Answer: Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

This week's question: Which MPP hosted a campaign kickoff event attended by Ontario NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath**, MPP (Hamilton Centre) and NDP National leader, **Jagmeet Singh**?

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 9.

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



Noubar Takessian, P.Eng. is the winner of last issue's GLP Trivia Contest.

SAMPLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 7 at 11 AM - Campaign Kick Off with **Faisal Hassan**, NDP Candidate (York South-Weston). Location: Faisal Hassan Campaign Office, 2380 Eglinton Ave West Unit #B-0214, Toronto. Cost: free. To register, [click here.](#)

Saturday, May 7 at 12:30 - 2 PM - Don Valley East Campaign Kick-Off for NDP Don Valley East Candidate **Mara-Elena Nagy** with special guest **Doly Begum**, NDP Candidate (Scarborough Southwest). Location: Campaign Office, 1760 Victoria Park Ave, (on Sweeney Drive). Cost: free. To register, [click here.](#)

Friday, May 13 at 6 - 8 PM - Reception with **Mitzie Hunter**, Liberal Candidate (Scarborough-Guildwood). Location: Lapis Lounge, Aga Khan Museum, 77 Wynford Drive, Toronto. Cost: \$250. To register, [click here.](#)

Saturday, May 14 at 2 - 4 PM - A Celebration of the Retirement of former Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne**. 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.

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 May 13.

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