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MPPs **Stephanie Bowman** (Don Valley West) (centre) and **Andrew Dowie** P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (centre right) both participated in the PEO GLP training session on October 21. Also in the photo are PEO North Bay GLP Chair **Donovan Rainbow** P.Eng., (left) PEO East Toronto Chapter Rep **Tracy Garner** P. Eng., Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (centre left) PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Rep **Juliana Otero** P. Eng., (second from the right) and GLC Chair **Jeffery Lee** P. Eng., (right).

OVER 60 PEO GLP REPS PARTICIPATE IN SESSION WITH THREE MPPS AND FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER

MISSISSAUGA - The PEO Government Liaison Committee hosted an in-person fall training session for the first time in three years. It was a great success with over 60 attendees including Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg**, MPPs **Andrew Dowie**, P. Eng., (Windsor-Tecumseh), **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, (Toronto Centre) and **Stephanie Bowman**, (Don Valley West).

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FOUR ENGINEERS ELECTED MUNICIPALLY INCLUDED TWO PEO PAST PRESIDENTS



George Comrie, P.Eng.



Diane Freeman, P. Eng.



Steve Ireland, P.Eng.



Ian McDougall, P.Eng.

A number of PEO licence holders, including past and current councillors, ran for office in the recent municipal election on October 24.

Former PEO presidents **George Comrie**, P.Eng., and **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng. were both re-elected in their municipalities. Mr. Comrie continues as Mayor of the Municipality of Whitestone where he was first appointed in 2019. Ms. Freeman was re-elected for her fourth term as a Councillor in the City of Waterloo, a position she has held since 2006.

Ian McDougall, P.Eng., was acclaimed as a Township of Scugog's regional councillor after first being elected in 2018. **Steve Ireland**, P.Eng., was re-elected to a third term as a ward councillor in Wolfard in Eastern Ontario.

Other licence holders who sought municipal seats but were not successful were PEO councillors **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng., and **Tim Kirkby** P.Eng., as well as former PEO Vice Presidents **Sandra Ausma**, P.Eng., and **John Vieth**, P.Eng., former councillor **Guy Boone**, P.Eng., and **Ron Starr**, P.Eng. Congratulations to all for offering themselves for public office.

PEO WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS WITH LOCAL NEW MPP



PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair **Mitch Lipton**, P. Eng., met with new MPP **Laura Smith** (Thornhill) at her constituency office on October 19.

THORNHILL - PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair **Mitch Lipton** discussed his new role as the new rep for his MPP with **Laura Smith** on October 19. They met in her constituency office and reviewed the PEO Government Liaison Program and the new format where one representative is assigned to each MPP.

He also gave insight into the types of events she will be invited to participate in like the AGM and Take Your MPP to Work Day.

MPP Smith is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and is a member on the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy, and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

She was first elected in the June 2 general election. Prior to her election, MPP Smith owned and managed a litigation support company within the GTA and was a former vice president of a local co-operative nursery school.

PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER GLP REP PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

TORONTO - PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP representative **Jaspreet Nijjar**, P.Eng., participated in event with his MPP, **Peter Tabuns** (Toronto-Danforth) on October 22.

MPP Tabuns and Mr. Nijjar had a chance to discuss the updated PEAK (Practice Evaluation and Knowledge) program and PEO application process changes. Mr. Nijjar is the new GLP representative for MPP Tabuns' riding.

They previously met on September 16 after Mr. Tabuns was newly appointed as interim leader of the Official Opposition and leader of the New Democratic Party. He is familiar with PEO's regulatory mandate and future priorities such as mandatory continuing professional development.

Mr. Tabuns was first elected in 2006 and is the critic for Intergovernmental Affairs and Energy and the Climate Crisis.



Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto-Danforth) at Gerrard Square holding a mobile office event on October 22.



Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto-Danforth) (left) met PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Rep **Jaspreet Nijjar**, P.Eng., (right) at MPP Tabuns' mobile constituency clinic. This photo was taken on October 2021.

OVER 60 PEO GLP REPS PARTICIPATE IN SESSION WITH THREE MPPS AND FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER

MISSISSAUGA - PEO hosted GLP 2022 Government Relations Fall Training Session on October 21.

It was called *A New Century In Regulating Professional Engineering in the Public Interest*. The day included remarks from three MPPs and Ontario's Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg**.

The three MPPs were **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP, (Windsor- Tecumseh), **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West).

MPP Dowie is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. MPP Wong-Tam is the NDP Attorney General critic and critic for 2SLGBTQ+ issues. MPP Bowman is the Liberal critic for Finance, Infrastructure and Agricultural and Rural Affairs.

Each MPP encouraged GLP representatives to build relationships with the offices of all MPPs.

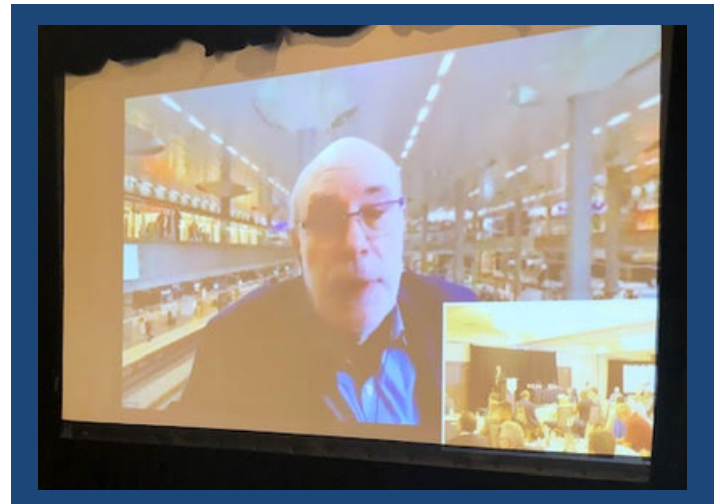


Kristyn Wong-Tam, MPP (Toronto Centre) speaking at the PEO GLP training event on October 21 in Mississauga.



MPP **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., (Windsor-Tecumseh) (left), with PEO past president **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., (centre left), MPP **Kristyn Wong-Tam** (Toronto Centre) (centre), GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (centre right), and York-Seneca Professor **Hershell Ezrin** (right).

Also participating in this session was Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg**, who complimented PEO on its work to support internationally trained engineers become licensed as well as its anti-racism work. He said PEO should "share the wisdom" in your efforts to address anti-racism in the profession. He provided a detailed presentation on the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACTA)*.



Ontario Fairness Commissioner **Irwin Glasberg** speaking on FARPACTA at GLP session.

York-Seneca Professor **Hershell Ezrin**, who on Monday was named to the Order of Ontario, kicked off the session over lunch. He stressed the importance of maintaining relationships with not just elected officials but also defeated candidates because they often come back to serve in other elected roles.

Keynote speaker **Karen Donaldson** is a three-time best-selling author, award winning, celebrity communication, body language and certified confidence coach. Her mission is to help individuals increase their impact and confidence whenever they communicate, as well as, use the knowledge of body language to understand others, and to be intentional with their own, so they can present themselves as trustworthy and confident as possible.

In her own words, "Let's do this...it's time to connect, engage, and shine."

PEO's Professional Development Lead and PEAK Program Coordinator, **Arden Heerah**, P.Eng., also spoke about Mandatory Continuing Professional Development.



PEO Porcupine-Kapuskaing GLP Chair **Tony Linton** (left) at the training session, with **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) (centre left) and past GLP Chair **Warren Turnbull**, P. Eng., (centre right) and communication coach **Karen Donaldson** (right)



Photo of a sample completed certificate.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony that celebrated chapters with the most MPP interactions in the last 12 months. These GLP Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to five chapters.

The first category amongst chapters with a single MPP was tied between the North Bay and Thousand Islands Chapters.

The winner in the two MPP category was the Kingston Chapter.

The category with three to five MPPs went to the Windsor-Essex Chapter.

Coming out on top, the winner in the final category with bigger chapters with six or more MPPs, where there was an understandable amount of interactions, was the York Chapter.

Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** said, "We celebrate every opportunity PEO volunteers get to spend with their MPPs, but a special congratulations to these five chapters for consistently partnering with their MPPs and sharing the PEO message."

Congratulations to the five chapters.



PEO past president **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., (centre left) and PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P. Eng., (second from left) at the conclusion of the event with Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Alex Polyak**, P.Eng., (left) Brampton Chapter GLP Rep **Indra Maharjan**, P.Eng., East Toronto Chapter Rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., North Bay GLP Chair **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor **Christopher Chahine**, P.Eng., and Kingsway Chapter GLP Chair **Steve Favell**, P.Eng.



Congratulations to the planning committee that included GLC Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., East Toronto Chapter Rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., Kingsway GLP Chapter Chair **Steve Favell**, P.Eng., Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., North Bay Chapter GLP Chair **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., student rep **Shawn Yanni**, Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**, and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features one newly elected MPP, **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) and **Guy Bourgouin**, MPP (Mushkegowuk-James Bay), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives.

For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

DOUG DOWNEY, MPP



Doug Downey, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-OroMedonte)

Doug Downey represents the Progressive Conservative Party as the Attorney General which has responsibilities for the Professional Engineers Act. He spoke at the PEO annual meetings in both 2021 and 2022 and met with PEO leadership in the fall of 2020 and 2021.

Minister Downey was first elected in 2018 and served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance before being appointed to cabinet.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, Minister Downey earned recognition as Lawyer of the Year from the Simcoe County Law Association, the Business Leader of the Year by the Orillia Business Association, and as one of Canada's Leading Lawyers by Lexpert Magazine.

GUY BOURGOUIN, MPP

Guy Bourgouin is a member of the New Democratic Party. His current legislative roles are as critics for Forestry and Francophone Affairs, and member of the Standing Committee of Government Agencies.

Prior to his election to the legislature in 2018, MPP Bourgouin worked with the United Steelworkers for 22 years and was the president of the Local chapter for 15 years in Kapuskasing.

As one of three MPPs of Indigenous heritage elected in 2018, MPP Bourgouin spent most of his career advocating for changes to help working families at all levels of government in surrounding communities and with First Nations.



Guy Bourgouin, MPP (Mushkegowuk-James Bay)

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Last week's question: Which MPPs attended the PEO Lake Ontario Chapter licence presentation ceremony on September 23?

This week's question: Who were the three MPPs that spoke at the PEO GLP Training Event on October 21?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Howard Brown at howard@brown-cohen.com by Monday, October 31.



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

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

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Monday, October 31 from 7:15 to 9am - Breakfast with Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge). Location: The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St W, Toronto. In-person tickets: \$115. To register, [click here](#).

Thursday, November 3 from 12 to 2 pm - A Power Lunch with Energy Minister Todd Smith, MPP (Bay of Quinte). Location: Hyatt Regency Toronto, 370 King St. W, Toronto. In-person tickets: \$99. To register, [click here](#).

Monday, November 21 - Virtual Women's Breakfast featuring **Sandy Shaw**, MPP NDP — (Hamilton—Ancaster—Dundas) and **Mary Margaret McMahon**, MPP Liberal — (Beaches-East York). Cost: \$40. To register, [click here](#).

Tuesday, November 22 - Environment Industry Day featuring **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South) Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) Minister of Red Tape Reduction. Location: Charbonnel Lounge - St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. Cost: Tickets \$400. 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. Our next issue is November 4.

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