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PEO GLP held a quarterly meeting on March 7 that was co-chaired by **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. (bottom right) and **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (top left). This photo was taken from the previous quarterly call on December 14.

PEO GLP REPS HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING TO REVIEW WORK WITH MPPS

Over 30 PEO GLP reps participated in the quarterly call with the Government Liaison Committee on March 7. The meeting was co-chaired by PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Rep and GLC Committee Rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., and Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Rep and GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng.

The meeting included PEO discussions with ministers and MPPs from across the province.

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2023 ONTARIO BUDGET TO BE TABLED ON MARCH 23



Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) will present the annual budget on March 23. | Image source: [Bay Today](#)

Ontario Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) will present his annual budget to the Legislature on March 23. The budget will lay out the province's plans for spending over the next year.

This will be MPP Bethlenfalvy's third budget since he was appointed Finance Minister in December 2020. He will present a review of his plan at the Empire Club of Canada lunch (TBC) on March 31 at 11:30 a.m. EST. To register for this event, see page 9.

At the Toronto Region Board of Trade's Gateway to Growth Summit on March 6, Minister Bethlenfalvy spoke on the government's plans for electric vehicles, advancing its critical minerals strategy, and working on "advanced technology in life sciences."

PREMIER NAMES FOUR MPPS AS NEW PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS

On March 10, Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) announced changes to his team of parliamentary assistants to better support the government's plan to build Ontario.

- **Kevin Holland**, MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan) will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Northern Development and as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs.
- **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth-Wellington) will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- **Sheref Sabawy**, MPP (Mississauga-Erin Mills) will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery.
- **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha) will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Brian Saunderson, MPP (Simcoe-Grey) will remain as Parliamentary Assistant to Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte). The Attorney General is the Ministry responsible for the *Professional Engineers Act*.



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NDP DEPUTY LEADER SPEAKS AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

March 8 was International Women's Day and many MPPs participated in events to celebrate.

The Women's Committee at the Toronto and York Region Labour Council held a panel discussion featuring women leaders, including NDP Deputy Leader **Doly Begum**, MPP (Scarborough-Southwest) on February 28.



Laura Walton (left), Andria Babbington (centre-left), Doly Begum (centre), Peggy Nash (centre-right) and Ausma Mailk (right) on February 28.

It was moderated by former MP **Peggy Nash**. Other speakers on the panel included:

- **Andria Babbington**, President of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council
- **Ausma Malik**, Toronto City Councillor (Spadina-Fort York)
- **Laura Walton**, President of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Ontario's Ontario School Board Council of Unions

PEO Government Liaison Consultant **Howard Brown** attended the event and had a chance to speak with MPP Begum afterwards. He thanked her for her party's support on PEO positions. They discussed the recent critic shuffle, including the appointment of **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane) as the NDP's new Chief Whip. MPP Vanthof regularly participates in PEO events, including PEO GLP Academies and Congresses, one in Sudbury and one in North Bay.

Other recent appointments include **Jeff Burch**, MPP (Niagara Centre) as Caucus Chair, **Peggy Sattler**, MPP (London West) as House Leader, and **Lisa Gretzky**, MPP (Windsor West) as Deputy House Leader.

The NDP Attorney General Critic **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) remains in her post. The Attorney General Ministry is the Ministry responsible for the *Professional Engineers Act*.



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PEO LAKE ONTARIO GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN INDIAN FESTIVAL OF COLOURS WITH MPP



PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng. (left) met MPP **Todd McCarthy** (Durham) (right), former MPP and Durham Regional Councillor **Granville Anderson** (centre), and Clarington Mayor **Adrian Foster** (centre-left) at the Indian Festival of Colours event on February 28.

BOWMANVILLE - The Indian community in Clarington celebrated Holi, also known as the Festival of Colours, in Bowmanville on February 28. PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., Durham MPP **Todd McCarthy**, Clarington Mayor **Adrian Foster**, and Durham Regional Councillor **Granville Anderson** were all present at the event.

MPP McCarthy presented the Clarington region community with an honorary scroll to commemorate the importance of Holi in promoting the spirit of social harmony and unity. MPP McCarthy also recently participated in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter's licence certificate ceremony on January 27 in Whitby.



Durham MPP **Tod McCarthy** (right) with PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Panjak Panchal**, P.Eng. (centre) accepts scroll on behalf of the Clarington East Indian Community.

Regional Councillor Anderson previously served as an MPP in 2018, and introduced the legislation and established March 1 as Professional Engineer's Day in Ontario.

The celebration showcased numerous cultural performances, Indian food and sweets, and included Indian traditions such as putting Holi colour ('tilak') on the participants.

PEO WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL



PEO Chapter GLP Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., meets **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre) on February 26.

PEO East Central Region Councillor-elect and Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter Past Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., continues to meet with opinion leaders. One of his recent meetings was with former Ontario Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre) at a local community event on February 26 in Willowdale.

MP Naqvi is considering a bid for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party, and worked closely with PEO during his close to 11 years in the Ontario Legislature. While at Queen's Park, MP Naqvi also held the roles of Government House Leader, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and Minister of Labour.

Chapters are encouraged to continue to meet with current MPPs about PEO's work on regulatory issues like the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACKTA)*, as well as the PEAK compulsory professional development program.

It is recommended to talk to MPPs about chapter and PEO activities, as well as keep them informed that PEO is the regulatory body for the practice of professional engineering in the public interest.

PEO GLP REPS HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING

A PEO GLP Quarterly Call was held on March 7 with over 30 reps from across the province.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Government Liaison Committee to review chapter activities and discuss updates about Queen's Park, the GLP, legislative agenda, and new CPD training.

The event was co-chaired by PEO East Toronto Chapter GLP Rep and GLC Committee Rep **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng., and Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Rep and GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. It was organized by PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**.



This photo was taken in the GLP training session in the fall of 2022. Pictured are co-chairs **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng. (left), **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (right), and **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng. (centre).

Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng., GLP Chair of Oakville chapter is also Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** reviewed the newest GLP Info Note and the successful changes to PEO's licence application process to comply with new requirements set by the provincial government under the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*.

Mr. Khan discussed chapter activity reports from the Government Liaison Program for the months of January and February. The reports included a summary of MPP interactions and MPP meetings, as well as the regulation and advancement of engineering practices to protect the public interest.

Ms. Garner gave an overview of GLP updates including the plan to split GLP activities between the GLC and PEO External Relations with appropriate accountability to Council.

Mr. Brown also discussed the legislative calendar at Queen's Park, including PEO's recent meeting with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte). Mr. Brown reminded attendees that the most important aspect of building relationships with MPP's is to "take an interest in them, and they will take an interest in you."

In addition to inviting MPPs to meet PEO chapter representatives, chapters are encouraged to invite MPPs to participate in their Take Your MPP to Work Days and licence certificate ceremonies, as well as keep up to date with MPPs online.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford-Brant) and **Sandy Shaw**, MPP (Hamilton-West-Ancaster-Dundas) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

WILL BOUMA, MPP



Will Bouma, MPP (Brantford-Brant)

Will Bouma, MPP was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018. He was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier in 2019, and participated in a PEO Brampford Chapter Take Your MPP to Work Day in March 2020.

Prior to taking office, he was a member of the Brant County Board of Health and the Brant Waterways Foundation.

MPP Bouma holds a bachelor's in Science from the University of Waterloo, and obtained his doctorate degree from the Michigan College of Optometry.

SANDY SHAW, MPP

Sandy Shaw, MPP was first elected provincially in 2018, and serves as the NDP's Critic for Environment, Conservation and Parks.

MPP Shaw is the first-ever elected female Board Chair of FirstOntario Credit Union, and was presented with the Women of Distinction Award for her community leadership in 2010.

She holds a bachelor's in Corporate Social Responsibility from the University of Toronto, and has built innovative projects such as Hamilton's first micro-loan program.



Sandy Shaw, MPP (Hamilton-West-Ancaster-Dundas)

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

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

Last issue's question: Who is the Attorney General of Ontario, whose Ministry has responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act*?

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

Honourable mention goes out to two other licence holders who also correctly answered the question. They were: Former Councillor **Roger Jones**, P. Eng., of Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter and Regional Councillor-elect **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., of the same chapter.

This week's question: When is the Ontario budget being tabled?

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, March 20.

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



Narayana Asogan, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Thursday, March 23 - East York / East Toronto Ontario PC Pub Night with Special Guest Monte McNaughton, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex). Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Location: Firkin on Danforth, 2057B Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON M4C 1J8. To RSVP please email vandette416@gmail.com.

Monday, March 27 - Inaugural Bill Graham Lecture Series with Canadian Ambassador to the UN and Former Ontario Premier Bob Rae in conversation with Ron Graham. Time: Reception at 6PM. Dinner & Tributes at 6:45 PM. Location: Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St., 8th Floor, Simpson Tower, Toronto, M5H 2Y4. Ticket Price: \$500/person. To RSVP please see [here](#).

Friday, March 31 - Building a Strong Ontario - Hybrid Keynote Speech and Fireside Chat with Ontario's Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge). Attend In-Person: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Attend Virtually: 12:35 PM - 1:30 PM. Location: Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, Simpson Tower, 8th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 2Y4. To register please see [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 March 24.

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