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PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse**, P.Eng. (left), with **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) (right) on March 26.

## KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS MPP MEETS PEO GRAND RIVER GLP CHAIR

CAMBRIDGE - PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabriel Tse**, P.Eng., met **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) at an event in Cambridge on March 26. MPP Hsu is the Liberal Critic for Energy, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and Citizenship and Multiculturalism. Mr. Tse is a former Vice Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee.

MPP Hsu is running for the Liberal leadership and, like other candidates, is travelling the province to meet with local citizens. Mr. Tse advised *GLP Weekly Times* that he had a chance to speak with MPP Hsu about various PEO issues.

Local MPP events are a great opportunity for GLP representatives to raise awareness of PEO's work as the regulator of the engineering profession in the public interest.

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## SIX MPPS SEND VIDEOS TO CONGRATULATE NEW LICENCE HOLDERS FOR PEO OTTAWA CHAPTER AGM



Six MPPs provided video messages for Ottawa Chapter's AGM on March 1.

OTTAWA - PEO Ottawa Chapter held their Annual General Meeting on March 1. Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng., arranged for six MPPs to provide video messages. Mr. Bhatia served for more than 10 years on PEO Council as a Lieutenant Governor Appointee and later as an East Regional Councillor.

The MPPs offered their congratulations to the new licence holders, and MPP Blais' video in particular called out PEO's work in the public interest as a key part of his message.

MPPs who provided messages included (in alphabetical order):

- **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orléans), Liberal Caucus Chair and Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation, and Economic Development Trade. See [here](#).
- **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier), Liberal House Leader and Critic for Attorney General, Solicitor General, and Francophone Affairs. See [here](#).
- **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), Liberal Interim Leader and Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs, Long-Term Care, Children, Community and Social Services. See [here](#).
- **Goldie Ghamari**, MPP (Carleton), Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice. See [here](#).
- **Joel Harden**, MPP (Ottawa Centre), NDP Critic for Transportation – Transit & Active Transportation. See [here](#).
- **Chandra Pasma**, MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean), NDP Critic for Poverty and Homelessness Reduction. See [here](#).

Approximately 175 people attended the meeting, including 90 new licence holders. Also present were PEO East Regional Councillor **Randy Walker**, P.Eng., and former PEO Registrar and now CEO of Engineers Canada, **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng.

The Ottawa chapter is the largest in Eastern Ontario, with 9,000 members.

## OSPE TO HOLD FIRESIDE CHAT WITH NEW PEO CEO/REGISTRAR



**Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng.**  
CEO & Registrar, PEO



Professional Engineers  
Ontario



**Sandro Perruzza**  
CEO, OSPE



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**April 12, 2023 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM (ONLINE)**

OSPE CEO **Sandro Perruzza** is hosting a virtual Get-To-Know-You with PEO's New CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng.**

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) will host a virtual Get-To-Know-You fireside chat with PEO's new CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta, P. Eng.**, MBA, ICD.D, on Wednesday, April 12 from 12 to 1 p.m.

The discussion will be led by OSPE CEO **Sandro Perruzza**.

The invitation encourages individuals to register "to meet Jennifer and learn how PEO and OSPE are responding to changes in the profession." Guests can submit questions during the registration process. Sign up [here](#) for the event.

As of May 15 of this year, PEO is changing its licence application process to ensure new applicants receive a registration decision within six months of applying for a licence. This is part of the changes PEO has made to comply with recent amendments to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*.

# ONTARIO BUDGET WILL HELP PROVINCE FACE UNCERTAIN TIMES, FINANCE MINISTER SAYS



Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) (left) and Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) (right) tabled the provincial budget at Queen's Park on March 23. Photo credit: Frank Gunn for *The Canadian Press*.

Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) tabled his provincial budget to the Legislature at Queen's Park on March 23. This was Minister Bethlenfalvy's third budget for the province. Prior to its release, the Minister stated that the budget will help the province face uncertain times.

Minister Bethlenfalvy's \$204.7-billion budget, titled "Building A Strong Ontario", surpasses last year's spending by more than \$6 billion, and is the largest capital plan in Ontario's history.

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers was invited to participate in the government's pre-budget consultation process. Following the budget, OSPE said they were "pleased to report that many of the recommendations they put forward were included in this year's budget."

In total, Ontario's 10-year budget includes about \$27.9 billion for highways, \$70.5 billion for transit, more than \$48 billion for hospital infrastructure, and \$22 billion for education.

Also in the fiscal plan is infrastructure spending of more than \$184 billion over the next 10 years to support the planning and construction of projects such as Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass and the new Highway 7 between Kitchener and Guelph.



Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering-Uxbridge) (left) with then PEO Lake Ontario Chapter Chair **Manraj Pannu**, P.Eng., (right) at an Economic Club of Canada event in 2019.

# MINISTER RESIGNATION FROM QUEEN'S PARK BRINGS ABOUT CABINET CHANGES

Ontario's Minister of Children, Community and Social Services **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton) resigned from both her ministerial portfolio and her Kanata-Carleton seat on March 24.

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) announced that her responsibilities would be assumed by **Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill). Minister Parsa was the Associate Minister of Housing, and his role will be assumed by **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville).

Both Minister Parsa and Minister Tangri have long-time relationships with their PEO Chapters in York and Mississauga.

Minister Parsa last met with a PEO delegation on November 4, 2022. He met remotely with his GLP representative **Bayo Awoyemi**, P.Eng., York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., Councillor **Sherlock Sung** and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Minister Tangri first met with PEO Mississauga Chapter when she was a candidate in the 2007 election, and continues to have an excellent relationship with them.

Ms. Fullerton previously attended PEO Ottawa Chapter's events and met with Ottawa Chapter GLP Chair and former Councillor **Ishwar Bhatia**, P.Eng. in January 2020.



Minister of Children, Community and Social Services **Merrilee Fullerton**, MPP (Kanata-Carleton) resigned from her Queen's Park roles on March 24.



**Michael Parsa**, MPP (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill) assumed the role of Ontario's Minister of Children, Community and Social Services on March 24.



**Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville) assumed the role of Associate Minister of Housing on March 24.

## MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge) and **Jessica Bell**, MPP (University-Rosedale) so that PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

### MICHAEL TIBOLLO, MPP (VAUGHAN-WOODBRIDGE)



Minister **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge)

**Michael Tibollo**, MPP was first elected to the Legislature in 2018 and is the current Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. He previously served as Solicitor General and Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport.

Minister Tibollo was a guest speaker at the PEO York Chapter Licence Certificate Presentation Ceremony on October 29, 2022. He also attended the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala on November 18, 2022.

Minister holds a bachelor's from the University of Toronto, and a law degree from the University of Windsor.

### JESSICA BELL, MPP (UNIVERSITY-ROSEDALE)

**Jessica Bell**, MPP was first elected to the Legislature in 2018, and currently serves as the NDP's Critic of Housing, Tenant Rights, and Urban Planning.

Before she took office, MPP Bell was the co-founder and executive director of the TTCriders organization, a lecturer at Toronto Metropolitan University, and director of the California Food & Justice Coalition.

MPP Bell has received several leadership awards, including the Toronto Community Foundation's Vital People Award.



**Jessica Bell**, MPP (University-Rosedale)

# 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 issue's question:** Who won the Hamilton by-election on March 16?

**Answer:** Sarah Jama.

**This week's question:** Which PEO Chapter is the largest in Eastern Ontario?

**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](mailto:howard@brown-cohen.com) by Monday, April 3.

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



Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

## UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

**Monday, April 3 – Action Summit Panel, Fostering Community Resilience for a Sustainable Guelph with Green Leader Mike Schreiner, MPP (Guelph) and Guelph Mayor Cam Guthrie.** Time: 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM. Location: OAC Centennial Arboretum Centre - 200 Arboretum Road, Guelph. To register, please see [here](#).

**Tuesday, April 11 – The New Normal: How Adaptive Leaders are Supporting Mental Health at Work with Lisa MacLeod, MPP (Nepean).** Time: 8:00 - 10:00 AM. Location: Rotman School of Management 105 St. George Street, Toronto, M5S 3E6. To register, please see [here](#).

**Saturday, April 22 – Artspiration: Inspired by Yorklands Green Hub with with Green Leader Mike Schreiner, MPP (Guelph).** Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Location: Artworks Gallery Guelph 404 York Rd., Guelph, N1E 3H4. To register, please see [here](#).

**Tuesday, April 25 – Pubs & Politics with Attorney General Doug Downey, MPP (Barrie-Oro-Springwater-Medonte).** Time: 7:30 - 10:30 PM. Location: Tiff's Restaurant & Sports Bar - 29 Anne Street South, Barrie, L4N 2C5. 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 April 14. There will be no issue next week due to the shortened holiday week.

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