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PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Mitch Lipton**, P.Eng. (left) with **Laura Smith**, MPP (Thornhill) (centre) and former GLP Chair of the Chapter **Fred Sagh**, P.Eng. (right) on April 21.

## PEO WILLOWDALE/THORNHILL CHAPTER REPS MEET WITH THORNHILL MPP

THORNHILL - PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter met with **Laura Smith**, MPP (Thornhill) at her constituency office on April 21. The PEO delegation was made up of new Chapter GLP Chair **Mitch Lipton**, P.Eng., and new GLP Chair **Fred Saghezchi**, P.Eng. Mr. Lipton previously served as the GLP Chair. MPP Smith is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

The PEO delegation had a chance to confirm MPP Smith's participation in the Chapter's upcoming Licence Presentation ceremony to be held on May 26 at the Thornhill Club. MPP Smith was first elected in June of 2022 and previously met with Mr. Lipton in October.

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# PREMIER AND FORMER PEO NORTH BAY CHAPTER CHAIR SPEAK AT 2023 GOOD ROADS CONFERENCE



Former PEO North Bay Chapter Chair **Mike Pearsall**, P.Eng., and Ministry of Transportation's Manager of Highway Design spoke at the 2023 Good Roads Conference and Trade Show.

Premier **Doug Ford**, MP (Etobicoke North) was a guest speaker at the annual Ontario Good Roads Conference and Trade Show on April 16 to 19.

Other speakers included former PEO North Bay Chapter Chair **Mike Pearsall**, P.Eng. as well as:

- Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development **Monte McNaughton**, MPP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex)
- Minister of Francophone Affairs and Transportation **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe)
- Minister of Infrastructure **Kinga Surma**, MPP (Etobicoke Centre)
- NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport)
- Interim Liberal Leader **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South)
- Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph)

Also participating in the event were a number of PEO licence holders including Lake Ontario Chapter's **Ian McDougall**, P.Eng. who is the two-term Councillor from Scugog, as well as PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown had a chance to speak with Minister Mulroney, Mr. Pearsall, Mr. McDougall, interim Liberal Party Leader MPP Fraser, Green Party Leader MPP Schreiner and Deputy NDP Leader **John Vanthof**, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane).



Former PEO North Bay Chapter Chair **Mike Pearsall**, P.Eng. at the annual Good Roads Conference 2023.



## FORMER ALGONQUIN CHAPTER CHAIR APPOINTED TO PEO COUNCIL BY PROVINCE

CHALK RIVER - PEO Council has welcomed Algonquin Chapter's **Uditha Senaratne**, P.Eng. as a new Lieutenant Governor appointed Councillor. Mr. Senaratne is the past Chair of the PEO Algonquin Chapter.

He is a long-time professional engineer and volunteer, and is also a fellow of Engineers Canada.

Mr. Senaratne is the manager of the Safety Review Committee in Chalk River at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories.

He holds a bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka, and a master's in Nuclear Engineering from Penn State University in the United States.



PEO Algonquin Chapter's past Chair **Uditha Senaratne**, P.Eng., has been appointed as a new PEO Councillor by the province.

His webpage biography reads in part:

"Many people think that nuclear energy is unsafe or scary! It's my job to make sure that it's safe as best we can. Anything related to nuclear engineering, including the science and technology that might affect workers, the public and the environment is reviewed carefully and approved before it can even be started. I'm responsible for making sure the technologies that we develop for healthier, safer, and better lives have been planned and designed properly to make them as safe as possible."

To learn more about Mr. Senaratne, see [here](#).



PEO past Chair of Algonquin Chapter **Uditha Senaratne**, P.Eng. (left), with Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks **John Yakabuski**, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke) (right) at the PEO Algonquin Chapter Annual General Meeting in February 2019.

## DON VALLEY EAST MPP EXPRESSES INTEREST IN THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

Don Valley East MPP **Adil Shamji** has expressed an interest in taking the leadership of the Ontario Liberal party.

As reported both in the media and *GLP Weekly Times* last week, a number of public office holders have been looking at the Liberal leadership.

They include:

- **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West)
- **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands)
- Former Ontario Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi**, now MP for Ottawa Centre
- **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches-East York)
- Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**

MPP Shamji spoke at the PEO East Toronto Chapter's annual Licensing Ceremony in November of last year.

For those interested in learning more about the details of the Ontario Party Leadership Election, please see [here](#).

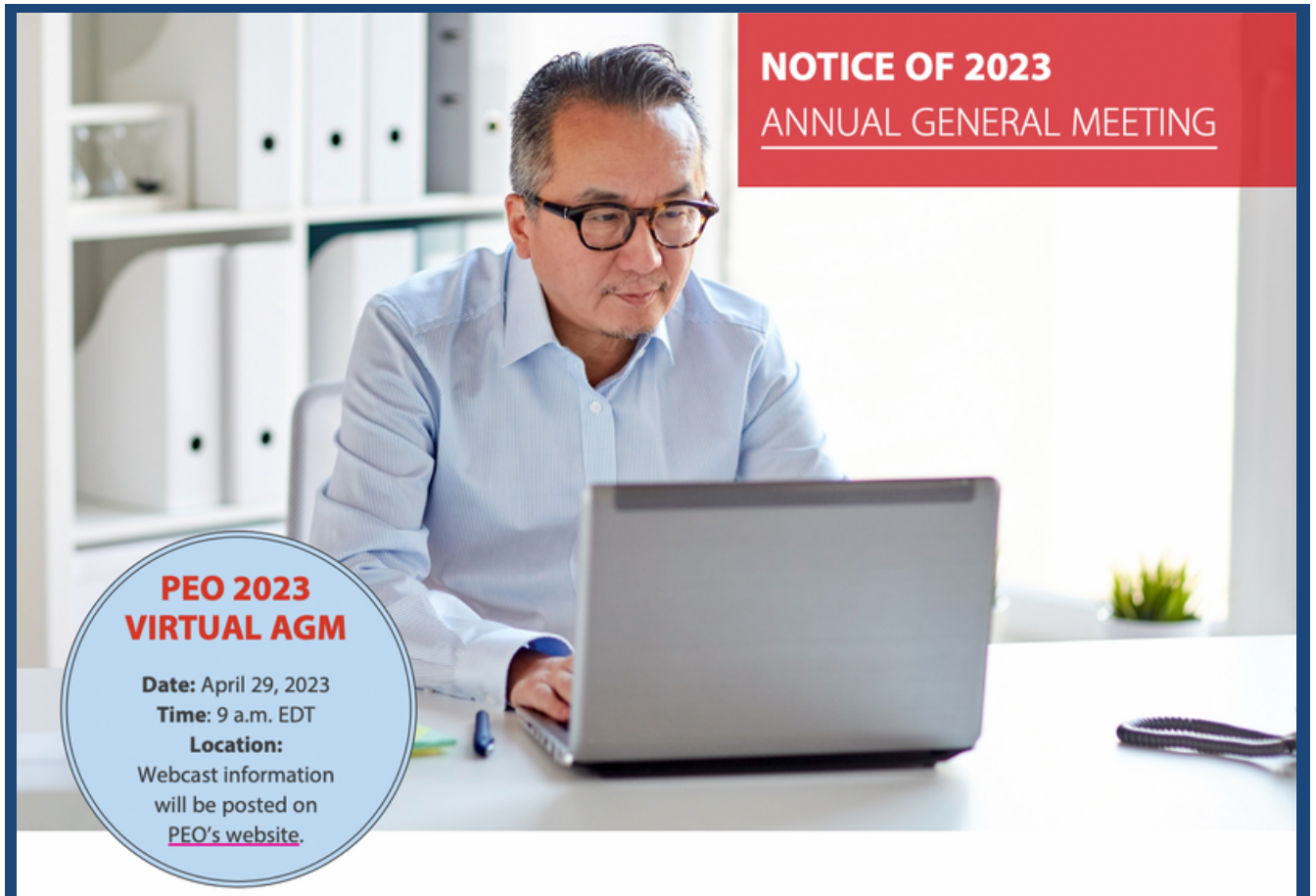


**Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) (centre) at a Licensing Ceremony in November 2022.



**Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) as a guest speaker at PEO East Toronto Chapter's annual Licensing Ceremony in November 2022.

## PEO TO HOLD 2023 VIRTUAL AGM ON APRIL 29



PEO's AGM will take place virtually on April 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. EDT. Proceedings will be conducted via live webcast and will be in listen mode only.

PEO President **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng. will present his annual report to the AGM. President-elect **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. and CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. will also provide remarks at the meeting.

The President-elect, officers and councillors for the 2023–2024 term will officially take office at the conclusion of the meeting.

The AGM of PEO is held for the following purposes:

- To lay before licence holders the reports of the Council and committees of the association
- To inform licence holders of matters relating to the affairs of the association
- To ascertain the views of the licence holders present at the meeting on matters relating to the affairs of the association.



## MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Catherine Fife**, MPP (Waterloo) and **Sam Oosterhoff**, MPP (Niagara West) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

### CATHERINE FIFE, MPP (WATERLOO)

**Catherine Fife**, MPP was first elected to the Legislative assembly in 2012. She is currently the Official Opposition's Critic for Finance and Treasury Board.

MPP Fife was twice recognized as the NDP MPP most supportive of PEO's work in the public interest.

Prior to taking provincial office, MPP Fife served as a Trustee and Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board, Vice President of the Canadian School Boards' Association, and President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.



Catherine Fife, MPP

### SAM OOSTERHOFF, MPP (NIAGARA WEST)



Sam Oosterhoff, MPP

**Sam Oosterhoff**, MPP was first elected to the Legislature in 2016 at the age of 19, and remains the youngest Ontario MPP to ever be elected.

He currently serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Red Tape Reduction and as a Member on the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

Prior to his election, MPP Oosterhoff had briefly worked as a legislative assistant and policy analyst on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

# GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question. He is a former PEO Councillor and a former Director of Engineers Canada

**Last week's question:** Which Minister spoke at at PEO North Bay Chapter's 52nd Engineer Symposium on April 14?

**Answer:** Vic Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing) Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

**Honourable mention goes out to two other licence holders who also correctly answered the question. They were:** PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Narayana Asogan**, P.Eng., and **Zhang Peng**, P.Eng.

**This week's question:** Who are the current MPPs that have expressed interest in taking the Ontario Liberal party leadership?

**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, May 1.

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



PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Changiz Sadr**, P. Eng., is the winner of last week's Trivia Contest.



## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?

- PEO has a legislative mandate under the Professional Engineers Act to regulate the practice of engineering in the public interest.
- The self-regulating engineering profession—comprising 90,000 professionals—has been successfully serving and protecting the public for more almost 100 years.
- PEO has unique knowledge and expertise and it is in the best interest of the government to consult with PEO before considering any new policy directions that may have the potential to impact the regulations of the practice of professional engineering.

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. Our next issue is May 5.

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