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PEO EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS DON VALLEY WEST MPP AT LICENSING CEREMONY

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PEO LAKE ONTARIO CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS GOVERNMENT DEPUTY WHIP



Durham MPP **Todd McCarthy** (left) met with PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng. at his constituency office on May 12.

BOWMANVILLE - Durham MPP **Todd McCarthy** is the latest MPP to receive a PEO notebook. PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP Chair **Pankaj Panchal**, P.Eng., presented MPP **McCarthy** with the notebook at a 30-minute meeting at his constituency office. MPP McCarthy is the Deputy Government Whip.

Mr. Panchal had a chance to discuss a number of topics with the MPP including his participation in the fall licensing ceremony for the Chapter and having the Chapter participate in the MPP's summer barbeque. MPP McCarthy, who was first elected in last June's provincial election, has been a regular participant in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter activities.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also had a chance to speak with MPP McCarthy at a May 16 reception with Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte).

ATTORNEY GENERAL PARTICIPATES IN QUEEN'S PARK INTERN RECEPTION



Ontario Auditor General **Bonnie Lysyk** (second from right) was a guest at the Ontario Legislative Intern Program reception at Queen's Park on May 10. Also in the photo are MPPs (left to right) **David Smith** (Scarborough Centre), **Catherine Fife** (Waterloo), **Ernie Hardeman** (Oxford) and **John Fraser** (Ottawa South).

Attorney General **Doug Downey** (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) participated in a reception for the Ontario Legislative Intern Program (OLIP) on May 10 at Queen's Park. Dozens of ministers and MPPs participated as well as PEO's Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Mr. Brown had a chance to thank Attorney General Downey for his video contribution to the PEO Annual General Meeting on April 29. PEO has been an OLIP sponsor for many years.



Attorney General **Doug Downey** (centre) with public servants **Claudio Pevide** and **Cynthia Watt**. Ms. Watt is Vice President of AMAPCEO, the Association of Management, Administrative, and Professional Crown Employees of Ontario

Also, Mr. Brown had conversations with a number of other MPPs, including **Catherine Fife** (Waterloo). MPP Fife told him that she would be speaking in the Legislature the next day to pay tribute to a former MPP and engineer, **Larry South** who recently passed away. For more on that story, see next page.

MPPS PAY TRIBUTE IN LEGISLATURE TO FORMER COLLEAGUE AND ENGINEER ON HIS PASSING

A tradition in the Legislature is for MPPs to honour former colleagues who have passed away. On May 11, former MPP and engineer **Larry South** was recognized for his service in the Legislature for Frontenac–Addington from 1985 to 1990. Mr. South passed away in October 2022 at the age of 98. Prior to entering politics, he worked as an engineer with the Ontario Water Resources Commission and later with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment in both Toronto and Kingston. As an MPP, he served as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines, Minister of Energy and the Minister of Environment. He was educated at University of Toronto where he received a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science in Engineering.

He was recognized by one MPP from each party for his work as an MPP and an engineer. See [Hansard pages 4231-2](#) for the full speeches, or see excerpts below.

Ric Breese MPP (Hastings—Lennox and Addington): *"He had a passion for his work with the Ministry of the Environment, so it was no surprise that when he retired in 1985, he ran to be the member for Frontenac–Addington and succeeded. I am told that he had a goal in mind all along of being reunited with the Ministry of the Environment. In fact, later, Larry was named to be the parliamentary assistant to the then-environment minister, Jim Bradley. I am confident that his expertise was incredibly valuable to the minister."*

Catherine Fife MPP (Waterloo): *"It is such a privilege to honour the life of Larry South today. These tributes provide a moment to reflect on the duties and responsibilities and the joys of public service. It is an opportunity to give us pause, park the partisanship and acrimony, and contemplate the work that we are called to do in Ontario's Legislature... some of the best people I know are engineers. They are smart and they're thoughtful, and let's be honest, some- times they're a little quirky, and it seems that Larry was a similar fellow."*

John Fraser MPP (Ottawa South): *"An engineer by trade, Larry was passionate about serving his community and, like every good politician should be, he had a positive vision for the future. He saw, at a time when most people didn't, that we needed to protect our environment and natural resources."*



Former MPP **Larry South**
(Frontenac–Addington)



MPP **Ric Breese**
(Hastings—Lennox and
Addington)



MPP **Catherine Fife**
(Waterloo)



MPP **John Fraser**
(Ottawa South)

LONG-TIME SCARBOROUGH MPP STEPS DOWN TO RUN FOR TORONTO MAYOR



PEO Councillor **Nanda Lwin** P.Eng., with outgoing Scarborough-Guildwood MPP **Mitzie Hunter** after she announced she is stepping down as an MPP to run for Toronto Mayor on May 10.

Mitzie Hunter MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood) has resigned from seat in the Legislature to run for mayor of Toronto. She was a regular participant in PEO Scarborough Chapter events during her 10 years at Queen's Park and served as the Minister of Education, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development and Associate Minister of Finance. Most recently she served as the Deputy Liberal leader and critic for a number of portfolios.

PEO East Central Region Councillor **Nanda Lwin** P.Eng., was invited by MPP Hunter to her farewell speech in the Legislature on May 10. He had a chance to hear her final address and speak with her in her office following her resignation. Ms. Hunter is one of the 102 candidates for Toronto mayor but is considered one of the leading six candidates.

MP ANNOUNCES BID FOR LIBERAL LEADERSHIP WITH SUPPORT OF BEACHES-EAST YORK MPP

Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, a Liberal Member of Parliament since 2015 (photo right) is the first candidate to formally announce their candidacy for Ontario Liberal leadership. He made it official in a video he released on May 8.

He has been endorsed by provincial counterpart, Mary Margaret McMahon MPP. For a link to his announcement video, see [here](#).



Nathaniel Erskine-Smith
MP (Beaches-East York)

Party members across the province will cast their via ranked ballot on November 25 and 26, with results to be announced on December 2.

The Liberal leadership became vacant after the resignation of Steven Del Duca following the June 2022 provincial election.

Party members will cast their votes by ranked ballot on November 25 and 26, with the Liberals set to announce round-by-round results the following weekend. Four other candidates have expressed interest. They are:

- **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West), Ontario Liberal critic for Finance, Infrastructure, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands), Ontario Liberal Science critic for Energy, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and Citizenship and Multiculturalism; and a former Liberal MP
- **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre), a former Ontario Attorney General who also served as Minister of labour, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Government House Leader, Attorney General.
- Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie**, a former MP for Mississauga-Streetsville



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(Ottawa Centre)



Bonnie Crombie
Mississauga Mayor

DON VALLEY WEST MPP SAYS MEETING NEW PEO LICENSEES “ENERGIZING”



Stephanie Bowman, MPP (Don Valley West) addressed the new PEO licencees at PEO East Toronto Chapter's Licensing Ceremony on May 11.

As reported on the cover of this week's *GLP Weekly Times*, Don Valley West MPP **Stephanie Bowman** was the guest speaker at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensing ceremony on May 9. The event was held at the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto.

On social media, afterwards MPP Bowman said of the event: "Energizing to attend the PEO East Toronto Chapter Licensing Ceremony last night and meet incredibly bright, new P.Eng licensees. Congratulations to all! I look forward to hearing what these new licensees will go on to accomplish. #PEO"

MPP Bowman is a former director of the Bank of Canada, a candidate for the provincial Liberal leadership and her party's critic for Finance, Infrastructure, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Congratulations to PEO Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Tracy Garner**, P.Eng and East Toronto Chapter GLP representative for arranging for MPP Bowman to attend.

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Lorne Coe** MPP (Whitby) and **Sarah Jama** MPP (Hamilton Centre) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

LORNE COE, MPP (WHITBY)

Lorne Coe, MPP was first elected in a 2016 by-election for the riding of Whitby-Oshawa for the Progressive Conservative Party.

Currently, MPP Coe serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to Premier Doug Ford MPP (Etobicoke North).

MPP Coe previously served on the Whitby Town Council and the Durham Regional Council for 13 years.

MPP Coe is a regular participant in PEO Lake Ontario Chapter events.



Lorne Coe, MPP

SARAH JAMA, MPP (HAMILTON CENTRE)



Sarah Jama, MPP

Sarah Jama, MPP won the March 2023 Hamilton Centre by-election for the New Democratic Party.

MPP Jama is the NDP critic for Youth, Accessibility and Disability Justice. Previously, she served as the founding Executive Director of the Disability Justice Network of Ontario.

She was also a founder of the Hamilton Encampment Support Network and a founding board member of the Hamilton Transit Riders' Union.

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

Congratulations to PEO East Central Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question.

Last week's question: Which MPP was the guest speaker at the PEO York Chapter licence certificate ceremony on April 23?

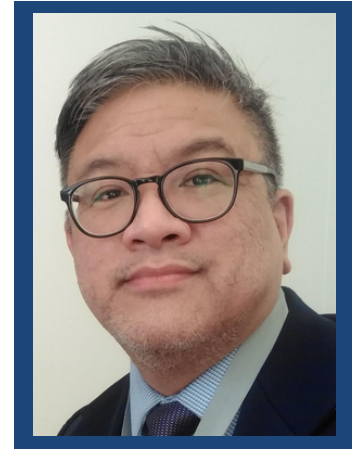
Answer: MPP, **Billy Pang** (Markham—Unionville)

This week's question: Who was the MPP who spoke at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensing ceremony on May 11?

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, May 29.

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



PEO Councillor **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., is the winner of last week's Trivia Contest.



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?

The goals of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) are:

- To ensure that the government, PEO licence holders and the public continue to recognize its regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest.
- To have the government view PEO as a partner and understand and support PEO's policy direction.

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. There is no *GLP Weekly Times* issue next week due to the upcoming long weekend and the shortened week. Our next issue is June 2.

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