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Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) spoke at PEO's 101st AGM on April 29.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CONGRATULATES PEO ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) was the guest speaker at the 101st AGM, which was held virtually on April 29. In his speech, he acknowledged "the critical role of engineers in transforming various sectors through innovation on the front lines and emphasized the importance of their expertise, experience and partnership."

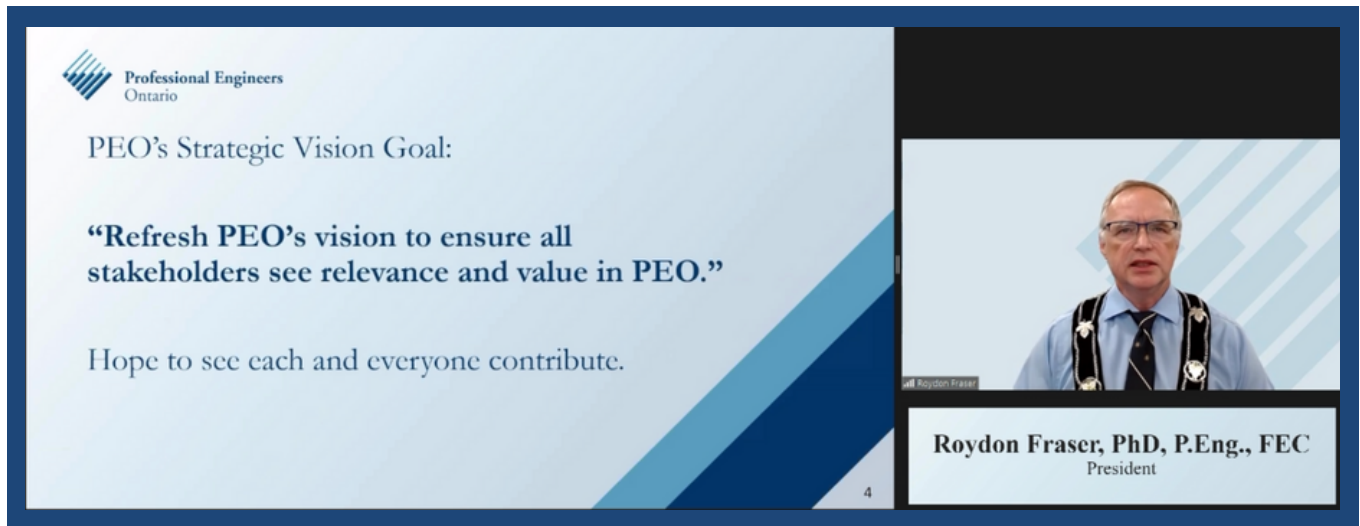
He congratulated 2022-23 and 2023-24 presidents **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng., and **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., for their work on behalf of PEO and the province. He also thanked new PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., for her efforts.

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FORMER PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER CHAIR SWORN IN AS THE NEW PEO PRESIDENT



PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., discussed the PEO'S Strategic Vision goal during the 101st AGM on April 29.

PEO Grand River Chapter's **Roydon Fraser** P.Eng., was sworn in as the new President of PEO at the 101st AGM on April 29.

He first joined PEO in 1991, serving on the executive of the Grand River Chapter (formerly the Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph-Cambridge chapters) starting in 1993 and chairing the chapter in 1996.

From 1998 to 2019, Mr. Fraser served as an elected PEO councillor nine times (18 years) as well as on many PEO committees, including the Academic Review Committee from 1998 to 2022.

He is a professor in the mechanical and mechatronics engineering department at the University of Waterloo. Mr. Fraser holds a bachelor's degree in engineering physics at Queen's University and a master's degree and doctorate in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte) was the guest speaker and was very complimentary of PEO's work as the regulator of the profession over the last year.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REMARKS AT 101ST AGM

"As Attorney General, one of my ministry's priorities is using new and existing technology to drive ground breaking changes in the province's justice system, to expand access to justice system, breaking down long standing barriers in the system. As engineers you are responsible for major transformations like this, but across many sectors.

Those of you working as engineers are so often relied upon for innovation on the front lines. The province of Ontario relies on your expertise, experience and partnership, and will continue to do this in the years to come.

And as our government continues to "Build Ontario," getting shovels on the ground on infrastructure, projects to fight gridlock, boosting the economy and creating jobs, the work of Professional Engineers Ontario will remain as important as ever. This is the role that will continue to build the economy and strengthen our communities. I'm extremely proud to work together to ensure high standards are maintained.

I'd like to thank **Nick Colucci** for his leadership these last 12 months, and welcome incoming President, **Roydon Fraser**. I wish Roydon and the Council a successful new term. I'd also like to congratulate **Jennifer Quaglietta** on her new role as CEO and registrar.

Jennifer and I have already had a chance to connect and I look forward to working with in the administration of the *Professional Engineers Act*. Recently, we put in place important changes to the regulations under the *Professional Engineers Act*. These include clarifying the use of seal requirements to address risks of public harm and lack of compliance.

We also made mandatory the Professional Evaluation and Knowledge program, ensuring continued education and professional development for all license holders. These changes improve your profession, while enhancing public trust in engineering.



Attorney General **Doug Downey**
(Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte)



PEO CEO/Registrar
Jennifer Quaglietta,
P.Eng.



Past PEO president **Nick Colucci**, P.Eng.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REMARKS AT 101ST AGM

Last year, in direct response to the industry's concerns about timing and processes, our government also put forward the Working for Workers Act, which eliminates the requirement of Canadian experience and establishes time limits for license application processing.

We want to make it easier for people to achieve success in Ontario, and all these changes help strengthen the industry by addressing barriers head-on. I know that recently council approved Anti-Racism and Equity Code acting on PEO's commitment to preventing and eliminating issues of systemic racism and discrimination in all aspects of your work.

This is a significant achievement and it's something that every organization should dedicate meaningful time, developing and strengthening.

I am also pleased to hear what the progress is being made with PEO's action plan and renewal strategy. I know you've taken important steps to integrate government policies, with a focus on strategic priorities.



PEO's 104th President
Roydon Fraser, P.Eng.

I can already see the progress being made in these areas, including modernizing your processes, improving your governance, and collaborating more effectively with stakeholders.

This hard work will continue to pay off for engineering professionals and for the people of Ontario. and , of course, our government will continue to support PEO every step of the way.

I've greatly appreciated my ministry's discussions with the engineering industry, especially over these last few years, and I look forward to continuing to work together.

Thank you. Merci. Miigwetch"

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PEO 2023-2024 COUNCIL SWORN IN AT AGM

Congratulations to PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., and PEO Council who were sworn in PEO's 101st Annual General Meeting on April 29.



Roydon Fraser, P.Eng.
President



Greg Wowchuk, P.Eng.
President-elect



Nick Colucci, P.Eng.
Past President



Christopher Chahine, P.Eng.
Vice President



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Glen Schjerning, P.Eng.
Councillor-at-large



Leila Notash, P.Eng.
Councillor-at-large

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Eastern Region



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Eastern Region



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East Central Region



Nanda Layos Lwin, P.Eng.
East Central Region



Pappur Shankar, P.Eng.
West Central Region



Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.
West Central Region

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PEO 2023-2024 COUNCIL SWORN IN AT AGM



Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng.
Western Region



Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.
Western Region

COUNCILLORS APPOINTED BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL



Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



Uditha Senaratne, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



Andrew Dryland, C.E.T.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



**Paul Mandel, MBA,
CPA, CA, CBV, CFF**
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



George Nikolov, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



Scott Schelske, P.Eng.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*



Sherlock Sung, BAsc.
*Lieutenant Governor
Appointee*

EAST TORONTO CHAPTER HOSTS TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



Chris Glover, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) (centre) during the visit to Alexandra Park on April 28.

PEO East Toronto Chapter's GLP Chair **Omid Sadeghi**, EIT organized a Take Your MPP to Work Day for **Chris Glover**, MPP (Spadina-Fort York) on April 28. It was held at Alexandra Park, a well known Toronto Community Housing (TCH) project.

They were accompanied by Toronto City Councillor **Ausma Malik**, Chapter Vice Chair **Enoch Tse**, P.Eng. and GLP representative **Georgios Panagiotaros**, P.Eng.

Also, in attendance were TCH CEO, **Jag Sharma** and Chief Development Officer, **Jessica Hawes**. They showcased their state-of-the-art community housing project, which Mr. Sadeghi said the engineering work would provide four benefits:

- Reconnect the community to the city
- Improve safety and security
- Develop new parks and recreational spaces for residents
- Provide affordable rental and home ownership opportunities

PEO PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER GLP CHAIR MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP



PEO Peterborough Chapter's GLP Chair and Past Chair **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., met with **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha) in Peterborough on April 28.

PEO Peterborough Chapter's GLP Chair **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., formally met with **Dave Smith**, MPP (Peterborough-Kawartha) on April 28. Mr. Wearing brought MPP Smith up to date on PEO initiatives and Chapter activities over the last year.

At the meeting, Mr. Wearing briefed MPP Smith about PEO's recently introduced changes to its licensing procedure with the passing of the *Fair Access to the Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA).

"MPP Smith was particularly interested in the popsicle bridge-busting challenge that we ran for Peterborough students during the March National Engineering Month (NEM) when we had 134 students participate in Peterborough."

Mr. Wearing presented MPP Smith with a PEO notebook with his name on it.

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MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth-Wellington) and Mary-Margaret McMahon, MPP (Beaches-East York) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

MATTHEW RAE, MPP (PERTH-WELLINGTON)

Matthew Rae, MPP has recently been appointed as the Parliamentary Assistant to Education Minister Stephen Lecce. He represents the riding of Perth-Wellington as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

Prior to being elected in June 2022, he worked for an education non-profit focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and entrepreneurship.

MPP Rae holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Guelph, and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.



Matthew Rae, MPP

MARY-MARGARET MCMAHON, MPP (BEACHES-EAST YORK)



Mary-Margaret McMahon, MPP was elected for the Ontario Liberal Party in Beaches-East York in the June 2022 provincial election.

Prior to taking office, she represented Ward 32 Beaches-East York on the Toronto City Council between 2010 and 2018.

MPP McMahon is the Liberal Critic for the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Tourism Culture and Sport, Seniors and Accessibility, and Public and Business Service Delivery.

Mary-Margaret McMahon, MPP

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

Congratulations to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question.

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

Answer: **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East), **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West), **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands).

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

This week's question: Who was the guest speaker at the PEO 101st AGM?

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



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

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?



Over the past few weeks, we have been releasing the key messages of GLP. This week, we are presenting the goals. If you're interested, please refer to the GLP manual for more information.

The main objectives 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. Our next issue is May 12.

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