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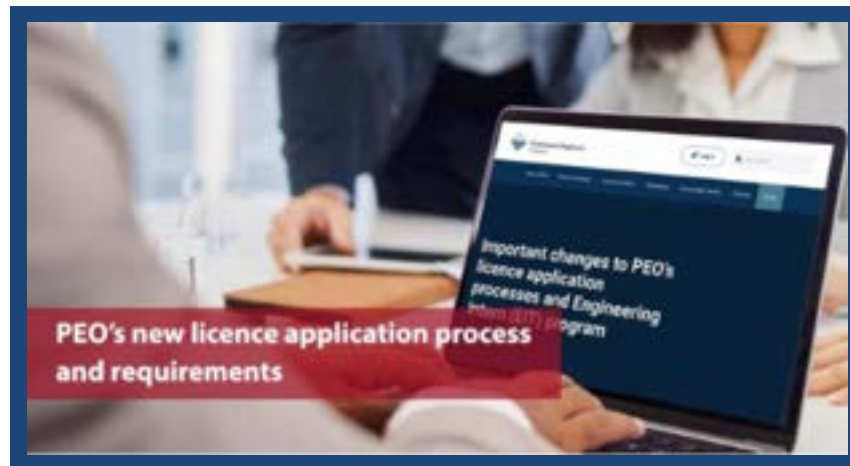
Harmail Basi, P. Eng, a long-time PEO Grand River Chapter GLP representative from Cambridge had a chance to speak with Don Valley West MPP **Stephanie Bowman** at an event in Toronto on July 25.

Mr. Basi, who is also a former Vice-Chair of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, first met MPP Bowman at the PEO fall 2022 GLP Training session where the MPP was a speaker on an all party panel. For more information, see page 3.

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PEO PROMOTES NEW ONLINE LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



PEO has announced a change in the required documents for Limited Licence applications on social media as part of its ongoing efforts to build awareness of its licensing programs. All Limited Licence applicants will now be required to meet the experience requirements for licensure through a competency-based assessment model. To learn more, [click here](#).

Do you have questions about the new P. Eng. licence application process? PEO has compiled a comprehensive FAQ list that addresses common inquiries about the new application process and requirements, technical exams, and National Professional Practice Exam.

To view the list of FAQ's, [click here](#).

EIT PROGRAM SUSPENSION FEEDBACK SURVEY



Complete a brief and confidential survey to help us evaluate the impacts of the recent suspension of PEO's Engineering Intern (EIT) program to new applicants as of May 15, 2023. To participate, [click here](#) and select the EIT survey link that best describes your position in the engineering community.

The survey will remain open until September 18.

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Stephanie Bowman, MPP (Don Valley West) (right) spoke with PEO GLP Grand River Chapter Rep **Harmail Basi**, P. Eng., (middle right) at a July 25th reception in Toronto. Also in the photo are Ontario's 20th Premier **David Peterson** (left), **Leah Taylor Roy**, MP (Aurora-Oak Ridges - Richmond Hill) (middle left) and former Canadian Senator, **Jerry Grafstein** (centre).

PEO Grand River Chapter GLP representative **Harmail Basi**, P. Eng., had an opportunity to discuss PEO regulatory issues with Don Valley West MPP **Stephanie Bowman** at a Toronto event on July 25.

MPP Bowman, a former Bank of Canada director, has been the Liberal Finance, Infrastructure, Agriculture and Rural Affairs critic for the last year. Since her election in June 2022, she has been a guest speaker at three PEO chapter events.

The July 25 event that Mr. Basi attended was a reception at the home of former Canadian Senator **Jerry Grafstein** for Mississauga Mayor and Ontario Liberal Leadership candidate **Bonnie Crombie**. MPP Bowman is the campaign chair for Mayor Crombie's Leadership bid.

Also attending were former PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson**, P.Eng., former MPP **David Fleet**, who was a guest speaker at a past PEO GLP event, as well as former Toronto Mayor and Minister **Art Eggleton**, and MPs **Julie Dzerowicz** (Davenport) and **Leah Taylor Roy** (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill), all who have a long-time interest in PEO regulatory activities.

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Aris Babikian** (Scarborough-Agincourt) and **John Vanthof** (Timiskaming-Cochrane) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

ARIS BABIKIAN, MPP (SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT)

MPP **Babikian** was first elected in the 2018 provincial election and was re-elected in 2022 as a Progressive Conservative.

He currently serves as the Chair of the Standing Committee on the Interior.

MPP Babikian is a retired Citizenship Judge, World Vision Canada Multicultural Council Ambassador, Chair of the Levant Settlement Centre, and board member of the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada.



Aris Babikian, MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt) (centre) presented a scroll to (left to right) PEO Scarborough Chapter's GLP representative **Lou Lin**, P.Eng., Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Santosh Gupta** P.Eng., and Secretary **Rene Siguenza**, P.Eng. at Scarborough Chapter's 18th annual Bridge Building Competition and 5th annual Seismic Resistant Structures Competition on May 13.

JOHN VANTHOF, MPP (TIMISKAMING-COCHRANE)



John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane) speaking at the PEO Academy GLP and Congress in North Bay in 2019.

MPP Vanthof was elected as a member of the New Democratic Party to the Ontario Legislature in 2011. He is one of two NDP Deputy Leaders and is the Critic for Rural Development, Agriculture and Food.

Prior to his election, he was a full-time dairy farmer and had served on the Temiskaming Dairy Producer Committee, the Board of Dairy Farmers of Ontario and as President of the Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture.

He was also a keynote speaker at both PEO's Northern Region GLP Academies and Congresses in North Bay in 2019 and in Sudbury in 2012.

Congratulations to PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's trivia question.

Last week's question: Who is the MPP that Simcoe Muskoka chapter GLP rep **Rob Martinko**, P.Eng., met with on July 22?

Answer: **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP

Honourable mention: Former PEO Councillor **Roger Jones**, P. Eng of PEO's Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter.

This week's question: Who is Ontario's current Attorney General with responsibility for the Professional Engineers Act?

Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our trivia contest!

Send your answers to **Howard Brown** at howard@brown-cohen.com by Monday, August 7. You may only win once in a four-week span.



Donna Skelly, MPP (Flamborough—Glanbrook) (left) with Hamilton-Burlington Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Bell**, P.Eng. (right) at an event in Toronto in 2020.



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 more than 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 Thursday 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 August 18.

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