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On September 22, PEO Council held their first bi-monthly meeting of the fall.

PEO COUNCIL MAKES SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO MANDATORY CPD PROGRAM IN 2024

PEO Council held their 559th meeting on September 22. Most notably, Council approved of a motion to exempt all 13,000 licence and limited licence holders who qualify for fee remission from all annual continuing professional development requirements, effective January 2024.

Council also decided to conduct PEO's 2024 AGM using a hybrid format, which will provide licence holders the opportunity of participating fully either in-person or virtually.

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PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., (bottom row, centre) with members of PEO Council during the 559th Council meeting on September 22. Photo credit: **Adam Sidsworth**

Council approved a significant change to PEO's mandatory CPD program.

As reported on page 1, effective January 1, 2024, all licence and limited licence holders who qualify for fee remission will be exempted from all annual continuing professional development requirements. This exemption will affect approximately 13,000 licence holders who are enrolled in fee remission, 97 per cent of whom have retired from the practice of professional engineering.

PEO's voluntary CPD program was made mandatory for licence holders on January 1, 2023. This change demonstrates PEO's commitment to the continuous improvement of the program, which supports the regulator's legislative mandate to protect the public interest.

Newly appointed Vice-President, Regulatory Operations, **Americo Viola**, P.Eng., MBA, was appointed as Deputy Registrar by Council at the meeting. Council was also advised of the appointment of **Deborah Sikkema** as PEO's Chief People Officer.

The disposition of motions is available on PEO's website. [Click here to view.](#)

PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. (left), with PEO Councillor **Arjun Arenja**, P.Eng. (right), during a break at the 559th PEO Council meeting



PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIR SPEAKS WITH LOCAL MPP TO PLAN UPDATE MEETING



PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair and PEO Oakville Chapter's **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., met with **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington) at a community event in Oakville.

OAKVILLE - On September 9, PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair and PEO Oakville chapter's **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., spoke with Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, MPP (Oakville North-Burlington) at a community event in Oakville.

During the event, MPP Triantafilopoulos announced provincial funding support to Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre in Oakville.

After the announcement, Mr. Lee had an opportunity to speak with MPP Triantafilopoulos and provided a brief update on PEO's initiatives.

PEO Oakville chapter representatives are also planning to visit MPP Triantafilopoulos' constituency office in mid-October to further discuss the latest PEO initiatives, such as the updated professional engineering licencing process and the elimination of Canadian experience as a requirement. The meeting will also serve as an opportunity to introduce the PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Committee members to MPP Triantafilopoulos.

Since MPP Triantafilopoulos was elected in 2018, she has attended numerous PEO Oakville Chapter events, including licencing presentation ceremonies, and has participated in three "Take Your MPP to Work" events over the past five years.

PEO PROVINCE-WIDE 2023 GLP TRAINING TO FOCUS ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS STRATEGY



MPPs **Stephanie Bowman** (Don Valley West) (centre) and **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (centre right) both participated in the PEO GLP training session on October 21, 2022. Also in the photo are PEO North Bay GLP Chair **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., (left) PEO East Toronto Chapter Rep **Tracy Garner**, P. Eng., Government Liaison Committee Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., (centre left) PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Rep **Juliana Otero**, P. Eng., (second from the right) and GLC Chair **Jeffery Lee**, P. Eng., (right).

As reported in previous editions of *GLP Weekly Times*, PEO licence holders interested in the Government Liaison Program should hold the date of Saturday, November 18.

That day, GLP representatives from every one of Ontario's 124 ridings are invited to participate in a day-long training session with MPPs.

This year, attendees will take part in discussions on the new external relations strategy of PEO, as well as the role of volunteers in achieving outcomes. PEO will look to consult with GLP representatives on making sure meetings with MPPs are as productive as possible.

The session will be held at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport.

Registration for the 2023 training session, along with a full itinerary of events will be open in the coming weeks.



NDP Attorney General Critic **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) speaking at the PEO GLP Training event on October 21, 2022 in Mississauga.

TWO NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED TO CABINET



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) has named two new Ministers, **Andrea Khanjin**, MPP (Barrie--Innisfil) and **Vijay Thangigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough--Rouge Park) to the Ontario cabinet. **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) remains Attorney General, with responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act*. [For more on this story, click here.](#)

NEW LIBERAL CRITICS ANNOUNCED



Interim Liberal Leader **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South) announced his party's new lineup of ministerial critics on September 25. **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa Vanier) will remain the party's Attorney General critic. [For more on this story, click here.](#)

TWO NEW MPPS SWORN INTO LEGISLATURE



New MPPs **Andrea Hazell** (Scarborough Guildwood) and **Karen McCrimmon** (Kanata--Carleton) were sworn in as MPPs during a ceremony at Queen's Park on September 25, on the first of the Fall session of the Legislature. [For more on this story, click here.](#)



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. Our next issue is October 6.

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