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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).

## 2023 PEO GLP TRAINING SUMMIT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The 2023 PEO GLP Training Summit will provide Chapter representatives with valuable information on informing elected officials about PEO's important role as the provincial engineering regulator.

The summit, which will take place on November 18 in Mississauga, will feature representatives from both the professional and public spheres that influence engineering in Ontario.

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External stakeholder invitees to the PEO GLP Training Summit include Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie–Springwater–Oro–Medonte) (left), **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga–Malton) (centre) and Municipal government expert Dr. **Kate Graham** (right)

The Government Liaison Program summit trains volunteers on PEO's strategic priorities and stakeholder engagement so that they can be effective resources to elected officials. These same volunteers are the individuals bridging their local PEO chapter with the MPPs in their ridings.

To discuss the importance of self regulated professions in the governing of Ontario, Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie–Springwater–Oro–Medonte) has been invited to the November 18 event. PEO has also invited Mississauga–Malton MPP **Deepak Anand** to discuss his experience as an internationally trained engineer, as well as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.

Municipal government expert **Kate Graham** has also been invited to speak at the training summit. Dr. Graham is known for her work in spotlighting the success of 13 female political leaders in Canada.

Registration for the 2023 training session is now open, and a full itinerary will be available in the coming days.

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



## RED TAPE MINISTRY LEGISLATION LOOKS TO AMEND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT

Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) tabled Bill 139, Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act on October 19th.

The Bill, if passed in its current form, would look to make several changes to the *Professional Engineers Act* that are consistent with PEO's existing mandate

This is a developing story. The *GLP Weekly Times* as well as PEO staff will continue to provide updates throughout the debate on the Bill.



Minister of Red Tape Reduction **Parm Gill**, MPP (Milton) and **Sam Oosterhoff**, MPP (Niagara West), Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Gill, stand in Queen's Park with copies of their new Bill, *Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act* on October 19th.

## PEAK UPDATE PROVIDED TO LICENCE HOLDERS

With the enforcement of the Practice Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK) program beginning in 2024, PEO has continued to distribute information on the outline of the new requirements for professional engineers.

Released earlier this month, the most recent update provides an overview of the continuing professional development (CPD) requirement for professional engineers and limited licence holders, as mandated by the *Professional Engineers Act*.

The CPD requirement, which is administered through the PEAK program, will include potential administrative suspensions for non-compliance, as well as an audit program. The program will include enhancements in 2024, such as a PEAK exemption for fee remission enrollees and expanded CPD admissibility criteria.

The PEAK program user interface has also been improved. Additionally, the licence status terminology in the PEO directory of practitioners will be updated to better reflect eligibility to practice professional engineering.

To read the PEO PEAK program update, [click here](#).



## PEO GLP REPS INVITED TO FALL QUARTERLY CALL



PEO Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., (left), Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (centre) and Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton** (right) will chair the Fall quarterly call, which may be attended by GLP representatives from across Ontario.

A call will be held with PEO GLP representatives from across the province on October 24. Now that there are GLP representatives in each chapter, all chapters are encouraged to send representatives.

During the call, representatives will discuss the November 18th GLP training summit, the annual feedback report, the progress on mandatory professional development, and other PEO updates.

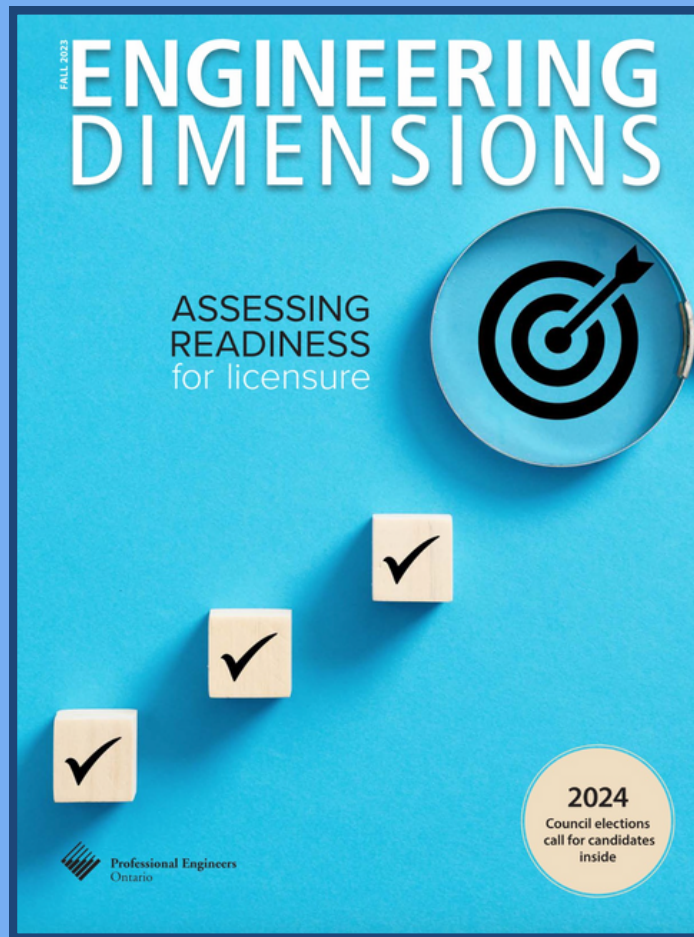
The call will offer GLP volunteers the opportunity to network with their fellow representatives from across Ontario,” said PEO Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**. “We hope that our discussions will help to further equip PEO volunteers with the resources they need to best represent our regulatory body.”

The call will also include a collaborative discussion with PEO’s External Relations team, an address by PEO’s Executive Leadership, and a keynote speaker focusing on impact.

The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Hamilton, Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair **Jeffrey Lee**, P.Eng., and Vice-Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng.

For more information and to register for the call, [click here](#).

## FALL EDITION OF ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS PREPARES MEMBERS FOR NEW REQUIREMENTS



With less than three months before changes to professional licensure are brought into effect, the Fall edition of *Engineering Dimensions* outlines what they will mean for Ontario’s professional engineers.

“PEO cannot remain stagnant,” said PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., in his quarterly message. “[A]s we enter the Fifth Industrial Revolution and technology continues to advance, PEO is working to meet the challenges that will emerge to continue to serve and protect the public interest.”

This issue also outlines the introduction of a Recognized Programs List for academic degrees obtained outside Canada, a standardized technical exam program for international candidates and a competency-based assessment model for evaluating candidates’ experience.

To read the latest edition of *Engineering Dimensions*, [click here](#)

### PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



PEO Oakville Chapter Vice Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng. (left), and Oakville GLP Chair **Bruce Li**, P.Eng. (right), meet with **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (centre) at his constituency office.

OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter Vice Chair **Mazen AbuOmar**, P.Eng., Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Chair **Jeffery Lee**, P.Eng., and PEO Oakville GLP Chair **Bruce Li**, P.Eng., met Oakville MPP **Stephen Crawford** in his constituent office on October 12th.

During the meeting, PEO representatives updated MPP Crawford on PEO's new requirements around continuing professional development and new licensing process. PEO representatives also discussed how these PEO initiatives would safeguard public interest while helping new internationally trained engineers and new engineering graduates find employment in the engineering job market.

MPP Crawford is long time supporter of the PEO Oakville Chapter, through attending many chapter licensing ceremonies, as well as Take MPP to Work events.

PEO representatives also invited MPP Crawford to attend the upcoming events of the Oakville Chapter.

### PEO WINDSOR-ESSEX CHAPTER HOLDS STUDENT EVENT TO PROMOTE PEO'S ROLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

WINDSOR - As part of initiatives to promote engineering to local youth, PEO Windsor-Essex chapter held a series of events in Windsor's Devonshire Mall on October 14th and 15th.

The event included a bridge building competition with over 120 students taking part, as well as a special appearance by

**Andrew Dowie**, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) who also serves as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade.



GLP Vice-Chair and PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. (right), and Windsor-Tecumseh MPP **Andrew Dowie**, (left), during the promotional event at Devonshire Mall on October 14.

The annual event, which began in 2011, hosted booths from Professional Engineers Ontario Windsor-Essex, the University of Windsor, St. Clair College, OACETT Windsor-Essex, FIRST Robotics, and more.

“We were very pleased with the event this year,” said GLP Vice-Chair and PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter GLP Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng. “This annual event advances PEO’s regulatory mandate with student audiences, and we are happy to see continual growth in the number of attendees.”

### 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 27.

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