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Over 50 PEO staff attended a special ceremony at the PEO Council chambers celebrating Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30

PEO STAFF HONOURS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY WITH WORKSHOP

On September 30, PEO staff participated in the Makatew Workshop to deepen their appreciation and understanding about the Indigenous community.

As an employer and Ontario's engineering regulator, PEO said it is committed to "enabling and promoting a culture of inclusion that reflects the diversity of this province."

Canada declared Truth and Reconciliation Day as a national statutory holiday in 2021.

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PEO staff created an informative display of Indigenous items to share with participants

During the Makatew Workshop on September 30, PEO staff engaged in discussions about the importance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Following an informative session on the use and creation of medicine bags, PEO held its second book club event where they discussed “Five Little Indians” by **Michelle Good**.

“I highly recommend reading this powerful novel,” said Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng., PEO’s CEO and Registrar. “[It] offers a perspective on the experiences of Indigenous Peoples and survivors of residential schools.”

PEO’s posts on social media stated they would like to thank “**Marc Forgette**, founder of Makatew Workshop, for facilitating the workshop, and for providing a welcoming space for staff seeking understanding.”

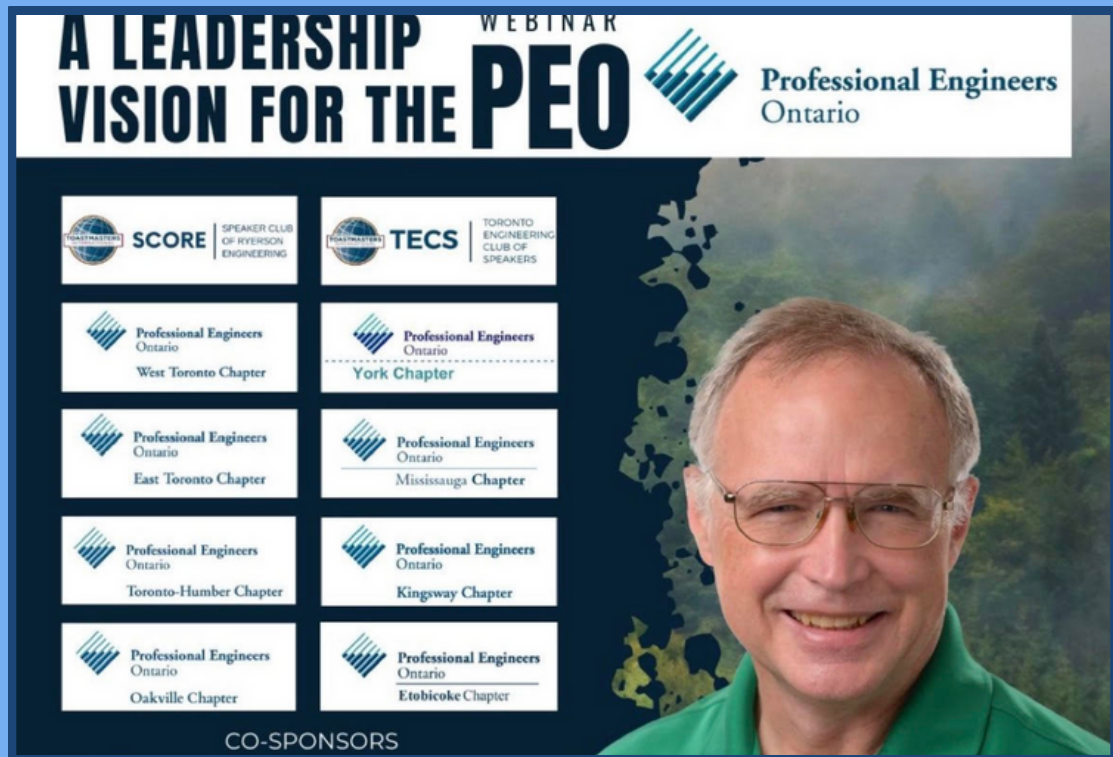
“PEO took meaningful steps towards our goal of fostering an environment of understanding, respect, and reconciliation,” said Ms. Quaglietta.

PEO held its second book club, where they discussed “Five Little Indians” by **Michelle Good** (right)



Marc Forgette (left), founder of Makatew Workshop, facilitated the discussion, and educated PEO staff on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation

PEO PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT WEBINAR FOR EIGHT CHAPTERS ON PEO VISION



WATERLOO - PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng., was the guest speaker on the special webinar put on by eight chapters on September 26. The webinar was part of the “Developing Engineering Leaders” seminar series.

Mr. Fraser spoke at length about PEO’s role as a regulator, and how PEO can enhance its responsibilities. He specifically discussed what PEO’s future responsibilities might look like as emerging industries will begin to become more prominent. Mr. Fraser’s outlook on determining PEO’s overall approach to these industries echoed his words in his recent interview in *Engineering Dimensions*. To read the article, [click here](#).

The eight chapters included in the seminar are the West Toronto, East Toronto, Toronto-Humber, Oakville, York, Mississauga, Kingsway, and Etobicoke.

The event was organized by former PEO Councillor **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., who is also a long-time Government Liaison Program participant, and served on the PEO Government Liaison Committee, as a representative of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Fraser is a long-time member of PEO Council and volunteer who assumed the PEO presidency last April. He is also a mechanical and mechatronics engineering professor at the University of Waterloo, and a former Chair of the PEO Grand River chapter.

To view a recording of the webinar, [click here](#).

REGISTRATION FOR NOVEMBER 18TH ANNUAL PROVINCE-WIDE GLP TRAINING WILL OPEN SOON



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 available 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.



PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAKS TO ENGINEERS AT COLLINGWOOD EVENT

COLLINGWOOD - **Brian Saunderson**, MPP (Simcoe Grey) was the guest speaker at the Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI) 30th anniversary celebration in Collingwood on September 21.

MPP Saunderson is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte), who has responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act*.

The event was attended by a number of PEO license holders, including **Chris Crozier**, P.Eng., founder of Crozier Engineering. The event was chaired by president of the GTDI, **Brittany Robertson**, P.Eng. PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated, and had the chance to speak with MPP Saunderson about a number of regulatory issues.



Brian Saunderson, MPP (Simcoe Grey) (left) presents certificate to **Brittany Robertson**, P.Eng., (right) in Collingwood on September 21.



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 will be no GLP issue next week due to the statutory holiday. Our next issue is October 20.

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