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Associate Minister of Small Business Nina Tangri, MPP (Mississauga--Streetsville) (middle row, centre left) joined the PEO Mississauga Chapter at their licensing ceremony on November 27.

SMALL BUSINESS MINISTER CELEBRATES MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER LICENSING CEREMONY

MISSISSAUGA -- Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga--Streetsville) attended the PEO Mississauga Chapter licensing ceremony at the Mississauga Conference Centre on November 27th.

Key speakers at the event included PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., Senior Vice President Of Engineering and Chief Nuclear Engineer for AtkinsRealis, **Stephanie Smith**, and Minister Tangri.

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PEO Mississauga Chapter Chair **Karanjeet Singh**, P.Eng. (left), PEO West Central Regional Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng. (centre left), and PEO West Central Regional Councillor **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng. (right) thanked guest speakers Senior VP of Nuclear Engineering at AtkinsRealis Canada **Stephanie Smith**, P.Eng. (centre right) and Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville) (centre) for their involvement in the PEO Mississauga licensing ceremony on November 27th.

During her address, PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng., spoke on the strides made by PEO on recent licence application changes to comply with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), as well as ongoing advancements with PEO's mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) efforts.

Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga--Streetsville) thanked the PEO Mississauga Chapter for allowing her the opportunity to attend the licensing ceremony and highlighted the work of the Ontario government in eliminating the requirement for Canadian work experience.

Representatives of the PEO Mississauga Chapter with Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga-Streetsville) (centre) during the PEO Mississauga licensing ceremony on November 27th.



QUEEN'S PARK RECESSED UNTIL FEB 20TH



Image source: CityNews Toronto

The Ontario Legislature recessed early for the holidays, ending the year's parliamentary calendar on December 6th. MPPs will be travelling to their constituencies for the holiday season, and will be called back to Queen's Park on February 20th.

PEO GLP representatives are encouraged to attend community events for their local MPPs during the holiday recess.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT CHANGES REFERRED TO JUSTICE POLICY COMMITTEE

Before the recess of the Ontario Legislature, *Bill 157, Enhancing Access to Justice Act*, has been referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy for consideration.

The Act will provide one revision to the *Professional Engineers Act*, amending the definition of "architect" from "a person who is licensed or who holds a certificate of practice" and substituting "a person who holds a licence, certificate of practice".

PEO ABLE TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY CPD STARTING IN 2024



In January 2024, PEO will begin the second year of mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) based on the Practice Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK) program.

PEO is committed to enforcing mandatory CPD based on PEAK, beginning with the 2024 calendar year. Enforcement will eventually include administrative suspensions for those who are non-compliant, as well as an audit program to ensure that requirements are being met. From 2024, sanctions could include:

- Failing to complete program elements could result in an administrative licence suspension.
- Failing to respond to a PEO request for information related to an audit could result in an administrative licence suspension.
- Failing an audit of submissions for the program could result in a referral for investigation according to the PEO complaints process.

Continuing professional development is a requirement for professional engineers and limited licence holders to maintain their licence every calendar year. The CPD requirement does not apply to licence holders on fee remission, licence holders in their first year of licensure, temporary licence holders or engineering interns (EITs).

To learn more about continuing professional development requirements, and to find out when elements of the PEAK program are required to be completed, [click here](#).

PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

Eighteen candidates have put their names forward for eight positions on PEO Council.

Voting will take place online and via telephone beginning on January 12, 2024. Voting closes on February 16, 2024 at 4 p.m. EST.

The online all-candidates meetings will take place from January 2nd to January 5th, with times to be announced.



PEO members are encouraged to stay informed and vote!

Learn more at peovote.ca.



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 December 22.

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