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Ontario Liberal Party Leader **Bonnie Crombie** addresses the audience after being declared the winner of the leadership race on December 2nd. (Image: **Chris Young** / THE CANADIAN PRESS)

NEW ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADER BRINGS FAMILIARITY WITH PEO

Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie** is the new Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.

She defeated **Nate Erskine-Smith**, MP (Beaches--East York), **Yasir Naqvi**, MP (Ottawa Centre), a former Ontario Attorney General and **Ted Hsu**, MPP (Kingston and the Islands) in a three-ballot contest on December 2 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Over 1000 people were in attendance.

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Mississauga Mayor **Bonnie Crombie** (centre) celebrates PEO's 100th anniversary with members of the PEO Mississauga Chapter during their licensing ceremony on July 19, 2022 (photos top and bottom).

On July 19, 2022, Mayor Crombie helped PEO Mississauga Chapter celebrate PEO's 100th anniversary at a licence certificate ceremony.

"Mayor Crombie is frequently invited to attend events all over Mississauga and has on many occasions, participated in PEO Mississauga Chapter activities with our MPPs," said PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng. "As a result of the Chapter's work, she is very familiar with PEO's regulatory mandate."

In 2009, during her time as an MP, Mayor Crombie led efforts to have the federal government recognize PEO's efforts to get embassies to educate international educated engineers that licensing was a provincial responsibility.

She arranged for both PEO's then President and CEO/Registrar to make a special presentation to the federal Ontario Liberal caucus at the House of Commons in Ottawa.



PEO LONDON CHAPTER HOSTS LOCAL MPP



Members of the PEO London Chapter, as well as other attendees of the joint PEO/London Multicultural Community Association event in London on November 25. Pictured (from left to right) are PEO London Chapter Representative **Raul Moraes**, P.Eng., **Marcia Coura**, London Police Sergeant **Alcindor Pierre**, **Meghan Rae**, **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth--Wellington), PEO London Chapter Representatives **Stela Stevandic**, P.Eng., and **Peter Broad**, P.Eng., **Sergio Stevandic**, PEO London Chapter Chair **Steven Yu**, P.Eng., and **Louise Liu**.

LONDON - PEO London Chapter welcomed MPP **Matthew Rae** (Perth--Wellington) to an event they organized with the London Multicultural Community Association on November 25th at the London Polish Hall. MPP Rae is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

MPP Rae has been previously updated on PEO's work with the provincial government on the new *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*, as well as PEO's implementation of mandatory continuing professional development.

During the event, PEO London Chapter GLP Chair **Steven Liu**, P.Eng., invited MPP Rae to attend their next licensing presentation, as well as the Chapter's next AGM.

MPP Rae has met with the PEO London Chapter multiple times, including before his time in office, when he served as an assistant to former Perth--Wellington MPP **Randy Pettapiece**.

MPP **Matthew Rae** (Perth--Wellington) spoke during the joint LMCA/PEO event at the London Polish Hall on November 25.



PEO ISSUES STATEMENT ON USE OF FABRICATED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER'S SEAL

TORONTO, Nov. 28, 2023 - The Ontario Court of Justice at Kitchener fined a New Brunswick man, **Jay Lawrence Harding**, \$50,000 for using a fabricated professional engineer's seal in the course of performing "inspections" and "non-destructive tests" of cranes, lifting devices and related parts.

Between 2019 and 2021, Mr. Harding, operating through a sole proprietorship (AJ Ontario Hoist Inspections), used a fabricated seal bearing Harding's name and the title "licensed professional engineer" in the course of performing a large number of "inspections" and "non-destructive tests" of cranes, lifting devices and related parts in several municipalities across Southwestern Ontario.

On November 22, 2023, Mr. Harding pled guilty to 27 counts of breaching section 40(2)(c) of the *Professional Engineers Act* in connection with this conduct. Her Worship **Michele Thompson** imposed a \$50,000 fine on Mr. Harding.

Additionally, on August 29, 2023, the Honourable Justice **Michael Gibson** of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Kitchener issued a permanent statutory injunction under section 39 of the *Professional Engineers Act* prohibiting Mr. Harding from holding himself out as a professional engineer or using an engineering seal in Ontario in the future.

Matthew Howe and **Jeffrey Wang**, both from the Toronto law firm Polley Faith LLP, represented PEO on the matter.

PEO reminds the public that the unauthorized use or forgery of a professional engineer's seal on construction or design drawings is a quasi-criminal offence under the *Professional Engineers Act*. Such conduct may also result in criminal charges under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Professional Engineers Ontario administers the *Professional Engineers Act* to serve and protect the public interest by licensing Ontario's 85,000 individual practitioners and engineering firms. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names. When retaining the services of an engineer or engineering firm, the public may search the directories of licensed professional engineers and authorized professional engineering companies at <https://peo.on.ca/directory>. Inquiries regarding unlicensed individuals and unauthorized companies may be made to PEO through its enforcement hotline at 416-840-1444 or 1-800-339-3716 ext 1444 or e-mail at enforcement@peo.on.ca.

PEO COUNCIL AND CEO/REGISTRAR COMMEMORATE MEMORIES OF DECEMBER 6TH VICTIMS

Members of the PEO leadership team commemorated the anniversary of the December 6th, 1989 shooting at École Polytechnique in Montreal. Tributes included a moment of silence at the 560th Council meeting on November 16th, as well as statements released by PEO CEO/Registrar **Jennifer Quaglietta**, P.Eng. ([read here](#)), and President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. ([read here](#))



“Twelve of the victims were engineering students across many disciplines--mechanical, civil, chemical, materials,” said Ms. Quaglietta in a LinkedIn post. “Their lives were cut short by a misogynist who couldn’t bear to see women studying engineering - a supposedly ‘male profession.’”

“Over the last many years, this reflection has led to significant efforts by the engineering profession to look inward, to be honest about the gender bias that exists, and then to take steps towards removing barriers that women engineers, and women wishing to become engineers, experience.”

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 15.

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