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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng. (left), and Vice-Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng. (right), with **Andrea Hazell**, MPP (Scarborough–Guildwood) (centre) during the Chapter's mechatronics workshop on November 25.

NEW MPP SPEAKS AT PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER EVENT PROMOTING LICENSURE

PEO Scarborough Chapter held their annual mechatronics event at the Centre for Immigration and Community Services in Scarborough on November 25 with recently elected MPP **Andrea Hazell** (Scarborough--Guildwood).

During the event, MPP Hazell encouraged students in attendance to pursue careers in the engineering field, and promoted the value of professional engineering licensure. MPP Hazell is the Liberal Critic for Transportation, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and Infrastructure

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PEAK PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

2024 update for the PEAK program (mandatory CPD)

With the enforcing of mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) based on Practice Evaluation and Knowledge (PEAK), beginning in 2024, PEO has outlined the program enhancements that will come into effect beginning January 1. The following outline, published to the PEO website on October 5 ([view here](#)), details the upcoming enhancements:

PEAK exemption for fee remission enrollees

Beginning in 2024, licence holders enrolled in PEO's [fee remission program](#) (such as retired engineers) will be exempt from all PEAK requirements. Following consultations with licence holders and our own risk-based analysis, fee remission enrollees have been exempted because they are non-practising and therefore pose low risk to public safety. Those in fee remission are still subject to the Professional Engineers Act and its regulations in all other respects. Please note: Fee remission may only be requested at the time of licence renewal.

Additional PEAK program features/updates for 2024

- CPD admissibility criteria will be expanded to include supplementary learning such as project management, contract administration, business management, leadership, communications, and health and safety that supports core engineering practice activities. Eighty per cent of your required CPD hours must come from core engineering learning.
- The PEAK program user interface in the PEO online portal has been enhanced with more features and a Help page including FAQs and video guides/tutorials.

More details will be communicated as they become available.

Licence status terminology

Based on feedback we have received, PEO will be updating its licence status terminology in the PEO directory of practitioners. The current terms “Permitted to practise” and “Not permitted to practise” will be changed to “Eligible to practise” and “Not currently eligible to practise.” Licence Status reflects whether PEO permits an individual who is recorded on the PEO register to practise professional engineering in Ontario.

Learn more at PEOPEAK.ca

JUDGE ORDERS FORMER FEDERAL CANDIDATE TO STOP USING TITLE OF ENGINEER



VICTORIA, B.C. -- Former candidate for the People's Party of Canada, **David Hilderman**, has been ordered by a British Columbia judge to no longer refer to himself as an engineer.

The order comes after Mr. Hilderman, who is not licensed as a professional engineer, had described himself on campaign materials and social media as an engineer.

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. took multiple steps to cease using the title, which is protected by British Columbia's *Professional Governance Act* in this scenario. After Mr. Hilderman did not comply, the Association pursued legal action.

On December 1, Justice **Jan Brongers** granted a permanent injunction which prevents Mr. Hilderman from referring to himself as an engineer, or any other title which may cause others to perceive he is a registered professional engineer.

The PEO website states that if you have concerns about either the work of an engineer, or suspect that a person or a company is practising engineering and may not be licensed, you can contact PEO's Enforcement hotline: 416-224-1100 Ext. 1444 or enforcement@peo.on.ca

NEW GREEN MPP SWORN IN



Green Party Candidate **Aislinn Clancy** was elected as the new MPP of Kitchener Centre on November 30. The Green Party now holds two seats in the Ontario legislature.

Newly elected MPP **Aislinn Clancy** (Kitchener Centre) was sworn in to her role on December 21. Joining party leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) MPP Clancy's election victory marks the first time the Green Party of Ontario has held more than one seat in the Ontario legislature.



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. This is the final issue of the PEO GLP Weekly Times for 2023. The next issue will be the *2023 Year in Review*, which will be published on January 12, 2024.

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