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Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East) (left) and PEO President-Elect **Greg Wowchuk**, P. Eng. (right), present a professional engineering licence to **Olga Arevalo-Quintero**, P.Eng. (centre) during the PEO East Toronto licensing ceremony on January 10.

DON VALLEY EAST MPP PARTICIPATES IN PEO EAST TORONTO LICENSING CEREMONY

Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East) was the guest speaker at the PEO East Toronto Chapter licensing ceremony on January 10. The event was held at the Arts and Letters Club in downtown Toronto, and was attended by almost 70 people, including over 25 new licence holders.

MPP Shamji spoke during the event about his father's experience as a professional engineer. PEO President-Elect **Greg Wowchuk**, P.Eng., also spoke.

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Licence recipients celebrate following their ceremony at the Arts and Letters Club on January 10.

MPP Shamji has also previously spoke at the PEO East Toronto Chapter's licensing ceremony in December 2022. Click [here](#) to read about MPP Shamji's involvement in the ceremony. He currently serves as the Liberal Critic for Health, Northern Development, Indigenous Affairs, and Colleges and Universities.

During his speech to attendees at the licensing event, President-Elect Wowchuk congratulated all recipients, and explained the purpose of a professional engineering licence. The following is an excerpt from his speech:

“The great truth is that licensure is not a burden, it is *value added*. It enhances your résumé. It tells employers that you possess top-notch educational credentials, have competence coming from years of work experience, and are ethical and of good character. It also reminds *you* that you have a solemn duty to be competent, hard-working, and ethical. By becoming a P.Eng., you also have established a sort of fraternal connection with your peers.”

President-Elect Wowchuk would go on to encourage professional engineers to become more involved in the political process, citing the value of the profession as “the world’s problem solvers.”

“Engineers enjoy high levels of public esteem and character. I think more of us should step forward to serve our country, our province, our city -- and our profession.”



Adil Shamji, MPP (Don Valley East), addresses attendees at the PEO East Toronto licensing ceremony on January 10.

PEO YORK CHAPTER MEETS WITH MINISTER OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS LICENSURE

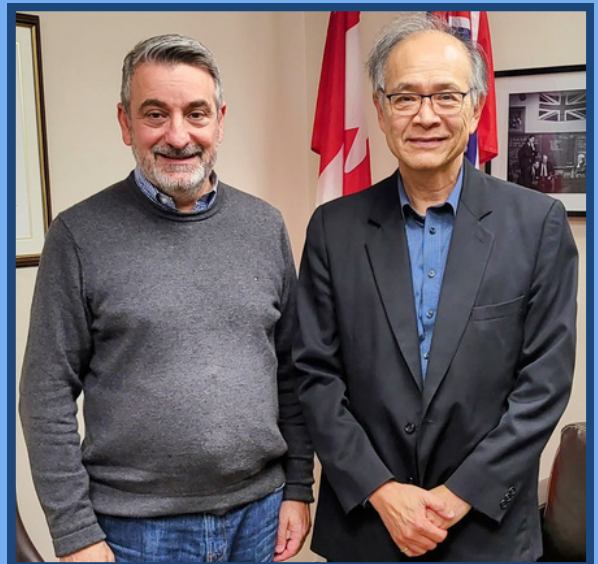


Legislative Affairs Minister **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham-Stouffville) (left) spoke with PEO York Chapter GLP Representative **Michael Chiu**, P.Eng. (right) at his constituency office on November 17.

STOUFFVILLE - Legislative Affairs Minister **Paul Calandra**, MPP (Markham-Stouffville) met with new GLP Representative **Michael Chiu, P.Eng.**, on November 17 at his constituency office in Stouffville. Also attending the meeting was PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour, P.Eng.** Minister Calandra also serves as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Government House Leader.

Minister Calandra was first elected in 2018, and did an exclusive interview with the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* in August of 2021 where he shared his thoughts on the role that PEO plays in regulating and advancing the practice of engineering to protect the public interest.

PEO York Chapter has responsibility for nine ridings, including those held by the President of the Treasury Board, and the Ministers of Education, Transportation, Francophone Affairs, Mental Health and Addictions, and Children, Community and Social Services.



ONTARIO MAN ORDERED TO REFRAIN FROM REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS A P.ENG.



The following is taken from a release issued by Professional Engineers Ontario

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto has prohibited a Toronto man, **Michael Stephen Archer**, from engaging in the practice of professional engineering, using the titles of "Professional Engineer" and "P.Eng." as an occupational or business designation, and making or using an engineering seal, without an engineering licence.

In 2022 and 2023, Mr. Archer, who is not a professional engineer, repeatedly used the title of "P.Eng." as an occupational designation. He additionally threatened to practice professional engineering, to provide to the public services within the practice of professional engineering, and to make and use an engineer's seal without being licensed, contrary to the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO sought the order in the interest of public safety, and The Court ordered Mr. Archer to pay costs of \$25,000 to PEO.

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 GLP REP HOLDS DISCUSSION WITH MPP AT PUBLIC SKATE EVENT



PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Representative **Larry Pastuch**, P.Eng., (left) spoke with **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

BRAMPTON - **Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North) hosted a public skate event on January 6 at the Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre. During the event, PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Representative **Larry Patusch**, P.Eng. had the opportunity to meet MPP McGregor and follow up on a request for an in-person meeting to discuss PEO licensure updates. MPP McGregor serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

MPP McGregor was first elected to office in 2022. He previously served as an assistant to Red Tape Reduction Minister **Parm Gill** (Milton), who at the time was the Member of Parliament for Brampton-Springdale.

The Brampton Chapter has responsibility for six MPPs, including:

- **Sylvia Jones**, MPP (Dufferin--Caledon), Deputy Premier, Minister of Health,
- **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South), Transportation Minister,
- **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre), Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity,
- **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, and
- **Hardeep Singh Grewal**, MPP (Brampton East), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION INVITED TO PEO SYMPOSIUM IN MISSISSAUGA

Transportation Minister **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South) has been invited to attend the PEO “Engineering Today for Tomorrow” symposium on Saturday, February 24 in Mississauga. The event will take place at the Trinity Hall Canadian Coptic Centre.

This will be PEO’s first regional symposium for their seven chapters in the west central region, which includes West Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga and Oakville.

This first-of-its kind seminar is designed to provide Ontario’s professional engineers with credits toward their new professional development program.



Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP (Brampton South) (left) speaks with Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., (centre right) at a Brampton Board of Trade event in 2019. Also shown are Treasury Board President **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) (centre left) and **Amarjot Sandhu**, MPP (Brampton West), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure (right).



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>

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