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## MPP AGREES TO SPEAK AT PEO KINGSTON CHAPTER AGM AND LICENSING CEREMONY

KINGSTON - PEO Kingston Chapter GLP Rep **Reza Kashi**, EIT, spoke with local MPP **Ted Hsu** (Kingston and the Islands) at a Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce event on January 9.

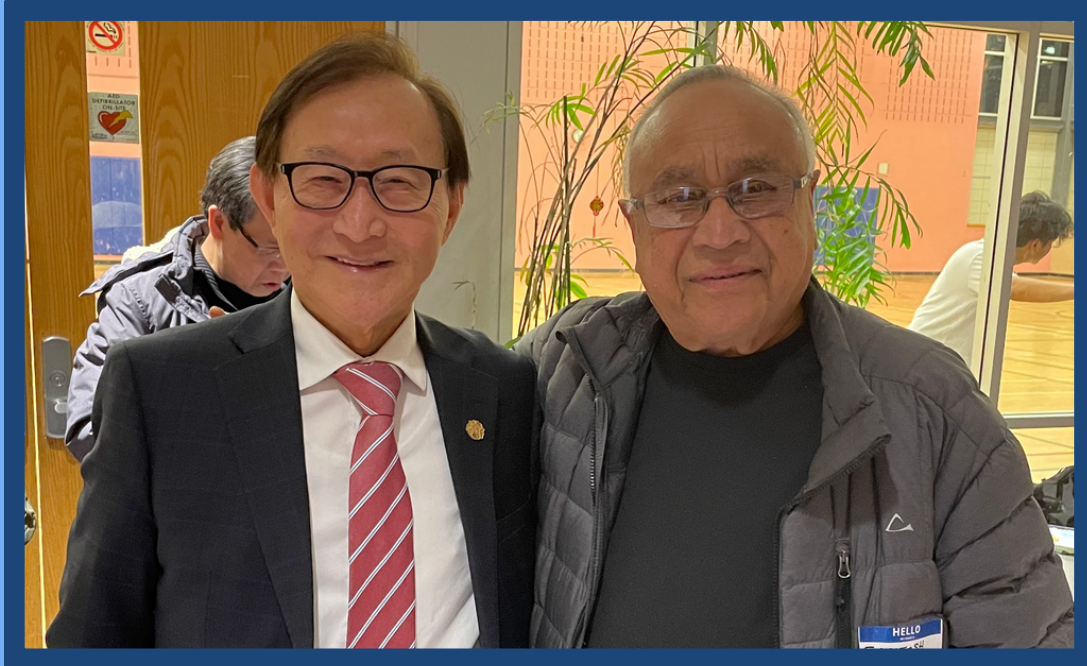
Mr. Kashi had a chance to discuss the upcoming PEO Kingston Chapter AGM which MPP Hsu is scheduled to attend on February 15. MPP Hsu will speak on the importance of licensure and will also present new licensees with their certificates.

MPP Hsu, who was first elected to provincial office in 2022, is a physicist and is the Liberal Critic for Energy, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

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# PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN MINISTER'S NEW YEAR'S LEVEE



PEO Scarborough Chapter Vice-Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., (right) spoke with **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) (left) at the MPP's New Year's Levee on January 18.

PEO Scarborough Chapter Vice-Chair **Santosh Gupta** participated in the New Year's Levee of **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) which was held on January 18 at the Miliken Park Community Centre. MPP Cho also serves as the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.

Mr. Gupta, a former PEO Councillor, told the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that he spoke "with the Minister on PEO's initiative to modify its licensing process and to remove the 12-month Canadian Experience required to get a P. Eng. licence."

Minister Cho was first elected provincially in a 2016 by-election. A former City of Toronto councillor, he is a regular participant in PEO Scarborough Chapter activities such as PEO licensing ceremonies and other events.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in a New Year's Levee for **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West), on January 13 at the Toronto Botanical Garden. He had a chance to speak with her about PEO regulatory issues.

MPP Bowman is the Liberal Critic for Finance, Treasury Board, and Agriculture, and Food and Rural Affairs.



**Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West)



# PEO 2023 GLP TRAINING SUMMIT FEATURED IN WINTER EDITION OF *ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS*



**Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton) (centre-right) was the guest speaker at the PEO GLP Training Summit on November 18, 2023. Also in the photo are PEO chapter representatives **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., **Penelope Williams**, P.Eng., and **Zaineb Al-Faesly**, P.Eng.

The 2024 Winter Issue of PEO's *Engineering Dimensions* is now available [online](#). The 48-page edition features a two-page story by **Adam Sidsworth** on the joint GLP Summit and Chapter Leaders Conference that was held at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport Hotel on November 18, 2023. The article, titled "Chapter Leaders Discuss Engagement, Team Building" highlights the work of PEO volunteers in ensuring that elected representatives understand the crucial work of PEO as the profession's provincial regulator.

Other articles in this issue include an update on PEO's Continuing Professional Development Program/PEAK, as well as extensive information regarding candidates and voting in the 2024 PEO Council election.



Speakers at the November 18 event included PEO President **Roydon Fraser**, P.Eng. (back row, centre left), **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga-Malton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Toronto's Chief Engineer **Jennifer Graham Harkness**, P.Eng. (second row from back, centre right), and regulatory legal expert **Ken Jull** (second row from back, centre). Image: Engineering Dimensions

## GROWING SUPPORT FOR PEO'S PRACTICE EVALUATION AND KNOWLEDGE PROGRAM (PEAK)



As reported on page 3 of this week's *PEO GLP Weekly Times*, *Engineering Dimensions* magazine has important news regarding PEO's new continuing professional development program.

The article, titled "2024 PEAK Updates Explained," by Marika Bigongiari, outlines the steps that have taken place in the PEAK program over its seven-year development. Also mentioned are program changes introduced for 2024, including exemptions for fee remission enrollees and expanded CPD admissibility criteria.

[To learn more, click here.](#)

PEO STATUSES			PEO ALLOWANCES AND RESTRICTIONS			PEAK PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS		
My practice status	My licence status	Why I have these statuses	I'm an engineer allowed to use the designation (P.Eng. or LL/LET/LEL)	I can practise and seal engineering documents	I'm eligible to be the designated engineer for a Certificate of Authorization	The annual Practice Evaluation element applies to me Due every Jan. 31	The annual Professional Practice Module element applies to me Due every Jan. 31	The annual CPD Report element applies to me Due every Dec. 31
Practising	Eligible to practise	I'm currently practising or expect to practise this year	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Not practising	Eligible to practise	I'm not currently practising and opt in to CPD hours	✓	✓ I must change status to 'Practising' within 30 days of resuming practice	✗	✓	✓	✓
	Not currently eligible to practise	I'm not currently practising and opt out of CPD hours	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
		I'm enrolled in fee remission	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
		My licence is suspended for disciplinary reasons	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗

# OVER 1800, INCLUDING PREMIER AND MPPS, PARTICIPATE IN ROMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) was a guest speaker at the 2024 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference Annual Conference on January 22 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) held their annual conference in Toronto on January 22 and 23. Speakers included Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), Official Opposition Leader and NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport), Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie**, and Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph). The conference also included a ministerial panel that looked at a number of issues with 28 ministers including Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie--Springwater--Oro-Medonte) who has responsibility of the PEO file.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended the conference and had a chance to speak with a number of Ministers and MPPs about PEO regulatory issues.

## 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 February 3.

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