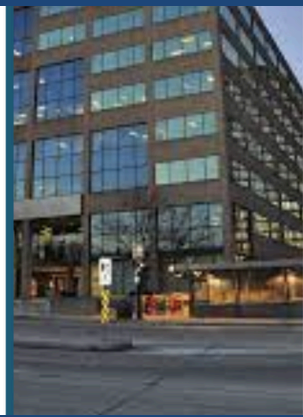


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Andrea Hazell, MPP (Scarborough--Guildwood) presented PEO Scarborough Chapter Chair **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., with a congratulatory certificate at the Chapter's Student Competitions on April 27 at the Scarborough Civic Centre.

MPP SPEAKS AT PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER STUDENT COMPETITIONS

Teams of students from grades three to eight participated in two events with the PEO Scarborough Chapter on April 27 at the Scarborough Civic Centre. The event was kicked off with a speech by local MPP **Andrea Hazell** (Scarborough--Guildwood) who has been a regular participant in chapter events since her election last fall.

The event was the Chapter's 19th Annual Bridge Building Competition and 6th Annual Seismic Resistance Structure Contest. The judging panel included PEO licensees from the local chapter. Seniors and Accessibility Minister **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North) provided video greetings, and Deputy NDP leader **Doly Begum**, MPP (Scarborough Southwest) provided a letter of greetings.

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PEO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER GLP CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH NEW LEADER

KITCHENER - New Ontario Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie** has been travelling the province to meet with residents and hear their concerns.

At an event on May 23 in Kitchener, she had a chance to meet PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng. Mr. Tse is a former Vice-Chair of the PEO Government Liaison Committee. Mr. Tse told *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that during the event, he informed Ms. Crombie of his involvement with PEO.

“She is very receptive and look[s] forward to working with us,” said Mr. Tse.

Ms. Crombie previously served as the MP for Mississauga--Streetsville from 2008 to 2011, and Mayor of Mississauga from 2014 to 2023.

In 2009, during her time as an MP, Ms. Crombie led efforts to have embassies inform internationally educated engineers that licensing was a provincial responsibility. She arranged for the then-PEO president and CEO/Registrar to make a presentation in Ottawa to almost 100 MPs and Senators on behalf of PEO.

Ms. Crombie has been a regular participant in PEO Mississauga Chapter events for many years.



PEO Grand River Chapter GLP Chair **Gabe Tse**, P.Eng., spoke with Ontario Liberal leader **Bonnie Crombie** at an event in Kitchener on May 23.

PEO LICENSEE TO HEAD NATIONAL BODY

OTTAWA - **Philip Rizcallah**, P.Eng., has been selected as the new CEO of Engineers Canada, and is scheduled to take office on August 6.



Following a board-led search, Mr. Rizcallah has been chosen to succeed **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., who will be retiring after six years with the organization. Mr. McDonald was PEO's Registrar from 2014 to 2018.

Mr. Rizcallah received his engineering licence in Ontario and holds degrees from the Technical University of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics, respectively.

According to the announcement from Engineers Canada, he began his career in Halifax working for Human Resources Development Canada as a fire protection engineering and safety officer. He then moved to Ottawa and became the program director and director for the Building Regulations Resource Unit of the National Research Council of Canada for over two decades. More recently, Mr. Rizcallah has been serving as CEO of Accessibility Standards Canada.

The announcement was made by Engineers Canada President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., who is a former PEO president.



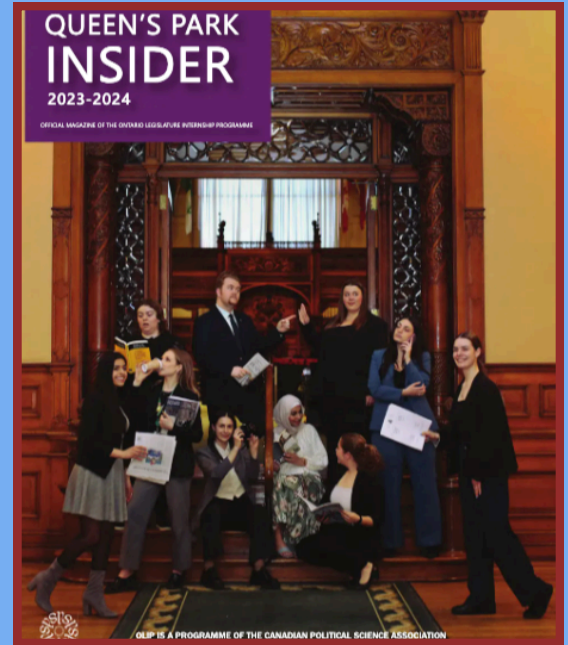
Incoming Engineers Canada CEO **Philip Rizcallah**, P.Eng., (second from right) took part in an Accessibility Standards Canada event in May 2022.

LEGISLATURE TO BREAK JUNE 13

With the legislature scheduled to rise for the summer recess on June 13, Queen's Park has been a busy place.

MPPs have participated in a number of events in recent weeks, including the Ontario Legislative Intern Programme (OLIP) reception on May 14 and the Queen's Park Press Gallery Spring Fling at the MaRS Centre on May 15. PEO was a long-time sponsor of OLIP, which provides opportunities for 10 students per year to work one semester with a government MPP and one semester with an opposition MPP. [To learn more, click here.](#)

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended both events, and had a chance to speak with a number of MPPs on PEO's licensing initiatives, including Dave Smith, MPP (Peterborough--Kawartha). MPP Smith met with then-PEO Peterborough Chapter GLP Chair **Mike Wearing**, P.Eng., on March 15.



Interns from OLIP pose for the cover of Queen's Park Insider.

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 91,500 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/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. Our next issue is June 7.

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