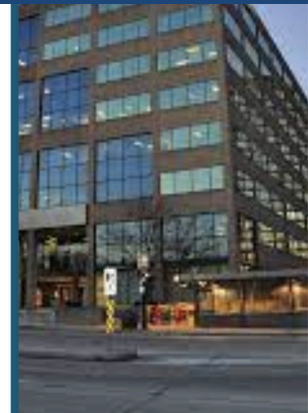




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PEO Brantford Chapter held its AGM and licence presentation ceremony on June 1. The guest speaker at the event was **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford—Brant) (centre, right). Also in the photo are PEO Head Office representatives **Paula Habas** (front row, left) and **James Schembri** (third from right), as well new licensees and chapter executives including GLP Chair **Larry Drebert**, P.Eng.

## MPPS CONGRATULATE NEW LICENSEES AT PEO BRANTFORD CHAPTER AGM

BRANTFORD - **Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford—Brant) was the guest speaker at the PEO Brantford Chapter Annual General Meeting and licence presentation ceremony on June 1. It was hosted at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum in Brantford.

The Chapter’s GLP Chair **Larry Drebert**, P.Eng., told PEO *GLP Weekly Times* that MPP Bouma emphasized the impact of their work, stating, "When you do your job well, people's dreams come true".

Mr. Drebert read remarks from **Bobbi Ann Brady**, MPP (Haldimand—Norfolk) that highlighted the “vital role in society” played by professional engineers.

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MPP Bouma is the Parliamentary Assistant for three ministers: Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Northern Development.

Mr. Drebert also provided an overview of the GLP, emphasizing its importance in ensuring that “the Government, PEO licence holders, and the general public continue to recognize PEO's regulatory mandate and contributions to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism for the public interest”.

Also in attendance were the Director of PEO's Program Management Office, **Paula Habas** and the Director of PEO's Volunteer Engagement, **James Schembri**. Mr. Schembri gave a presentation on the valuable role of volunteers in supporting the regulatory mandate of PEO, describing them “as ambassadors of PEO and engineering leaders who help to build a culture of excellence”.

He also discussed PEO's new licensing model, which aims to fulfill the requirements set by the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*, among other provincial standards.

Over 35 guests attended the event, including eight new professional engineers.



**Will Bouma**, MPP (Brantford—Brant) spoke at the PEO Brantford Chapter Event on June 1.



## PEO LGA COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MINISTERS AND MPPS



**Paul Mandel** speaks with MPP **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor–Tecumseh)



**Paul Mandel** speaks with **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West)

PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointed (LGA) Councillor **Paul Mandel** had a chance to meet and speak with a number of MPPs at a community event in Toronto on June 6.

Participating in the event were Ministers and MPPs such as Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte), Solicitor General **Michael Kerzner**, MPP (York Centre), and Minister of Colleges and Universities **Jill Dunlop**, MPP (Simcoe North).

Councillor Mandel spoke at length with **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor—Tecumseh) and **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West). Mr. Dowie is the only engineer in the legislature and currently serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. MPP Bowman is the Liberal Critic for Finance, Jobs and the Economy. Both are regular participants in PEO Chapter events.

Councillor Mandel said that “as a Lieutenant Governor Appointed Councillor, and the only Chartered Professional Accountant on Council, I always find any interaction with a Minister or MPP very helpful.”

PEO Government Relations consultant **Howard Brown** also participated in the event.

CORRECTION: Last week’s PEO GLP Weekly Times misspelled the name of GLP representative **Kashif Siddiqui**, P.Eng.

## ENGINEERING REGULATORS SIGN AGREEMENT PROMOTING COLLABORATION

WINNIPEG - Engineers Canada held its annual meetings in Winnipeg on May 23. Canada’s 12 engineering regulators from across the country came together to sign a National Statement of Collaboration for the purposes of strengthening their partnership. Here is a link to the [National Statement of Collaboration](#).

The agreement originates from a priority identified in Engineers Canada’s 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, which aimed to actively engage with regulators to gain an understanding of barriers and factors of success leading to partnership and work towards adopting a national agreement.

Outgoing Engineers Canada President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng., said this “collective commitment to collaboration... [by] signing of the statement marks a pivotal step forward for engineering regulation in Canada”.

Ms. Hill, who is also a former PEO President, highlighted the need for partnership and collaboration, explaining that “sharing knowledge and exchanging best practices” is key for engineering in Canada to advance.



An image from the 2024 Engineers Canada Annual Meeting capturing the significant moment when the National Statement of Collaboration was signed on May 23.



These are Engineers Canada representatives from across Canada who have signed the National Statement of Collaboration. The Ontario representatives in the photo are former PEO President **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng., (top row, far left), current PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., (top row, second from right), and former PEO President and outgoing Engineers Canada President **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng.

## NDP ATTORNEY GENERAL CRITIC HOSTS COMMUNITY EVENT

NDP Attorney General Critic, **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre), held a community event on June 6 in Toronto with NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport). MPP Wong-Tam was a guest speaker at the PEO GLP Training Summit in November 2022.

PEO West Toronto Chapter is currently reaching out to their MPPs including both MPP Wong-Tam and MPP Stiles to set up meetings with them with the goal of informing them of PEO's new licensing model.

Many PEO Chapters have met with other members of the NDP caucus to discuss PEO's new licence application process to comply with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*, and its Mandatory Continuing Professional Development/PEAK program.



Ontario NDP Leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport) (left), NDP Attorney General Critic **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre) (right), and Toronto Centre federal NDP candidate **Samantha Green** (centre) at the June 6 community event.

## 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 will be June 21.

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