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PEO and PCL Construction representatives with **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga—Malton) (centre left) at the Toronto Pearson Airport's new Terminal 3 baggage facility on May 31 for a PEO Take Your MPP to Work Day. Also in the photo are (left to right) PCL Supervisor **Chris Wilkinson**, PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Rep and PCL Project Manager **Erem Altunbulakli**, P.Eng., PCL's SP Operations Lead **Nicole Tanel**, PEO Mississauga Chapter GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and **Mouwafak Ayoub**, P.Eng., Chair of the Mississauga Chapter's Environment, Energy & Transportation Committee.

PEO CHAPTERS HOST TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY AT AIRPORT BAGGAGE FACILITY

MISSISSAUGA - **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga—Malton) had a chance to see the work of professional engineers at a special viewing at the new Toronto Pearson Airport baggage system at Terminal 3 on May 31.

The viewing was arranged by two PEO Chapters - West Toronto and Mississauga - as part of a Take Your MPP to Work Day event with PCL Construction and the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) as the host organizations.

MPP Anand, who is one of two Parliamentary Assistants to the Minister of Finance, was chosen for this introduction as he is the local MPP for the airport area.

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Striving to create a smooth and efficient passenger experience, the GTAA tasked PCL Construction in a joint venture with the Beumer Group to install a new automated baggage system inside of Terminal 3 of Toronto Pearson Airport.

Equipped with automated robotics on a rail system, the Early Baggage Storage (EBS) system stores bags for passengers until their plane has arrived, before recirculating them back to the baggage handling system to be delivered for the departing flight. It has a capacity to hold up to 1,400 bags.

“We were pleased to share this project with MPP Anand,” said event host **Erem Altunbulakli**, P.Eng., PEO West Toronto Chapter GLP Rep and the PCL Project Manager for the baggage initiative. The project “represents a crucial step in creating a next-generation Toronto Pearson Airport.”

Other attendees at the event included:

- **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., Mississauga Chapter’s GLP Chair
- **Nicole Tanel**, PCL SP Operations Lead
- **Chris Wilkinson**, PCL Supervisor
- **Mouwafak Ayoub**, P.Eng., Chair of the Mississauga Chapter’s Environment, Energy & Transportation Committee
- **Abhiraj Minhas**, who is the Special Assistant to MPP Anand.

The aim of Take Your MPP to Work Day events are to showcase the work of professional engineers to MPPs and to highlight the role of PEO in the licensing and regulation of engineers working in the public interest.

This allows MPPs the opportunity to gain a better understanding of PEO as well as the work of professional engineers.



PEO chapter and PCL Construction representatives at Toronto Pearson Airport with **Deepak Anand**, MPP (Mississauga—Malton).



PCL Supervisor **Chris Wilkinson** (left) speaks with MPP **Deepak Anand** (Mississauga—Malton) (right) and event host **Erem Altunbulakli**, P.Eng. (middle).

ONTARIO RESIDENT ORDERED TO CEASE REPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS AN ENGINEER



The following is taken from a release issued by PEO on June 11

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto on May 28 issued an order against **Amr Adel Moustafa Robah** prohibiting him from engaging in the practice of professional engineering. It also restricts him from 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. Click [here](#) to see the press release.

This order came following Mr. Robah continuing to falsely represent himself as an engineer and misuse engineers' seals in the Greater Toronto Area after a 2018 conviction for similar violations of the *Professional Engineers Act* (the "Act"). At the time of his previous conviction, Mr. Robah pled guilty before the Ontario Court of Justice for misusing an engineer's seal on six occasions and faced a \$27,500 fine.

More recently, he has also been caught submitting municipal permit applications stamped with the seals of two professional engineers without their knowledge or consent.

PEO sought the order in the interest of public safety, and the Court ordered Mr. Robah to pay over \$88,000 in costs to PEO.

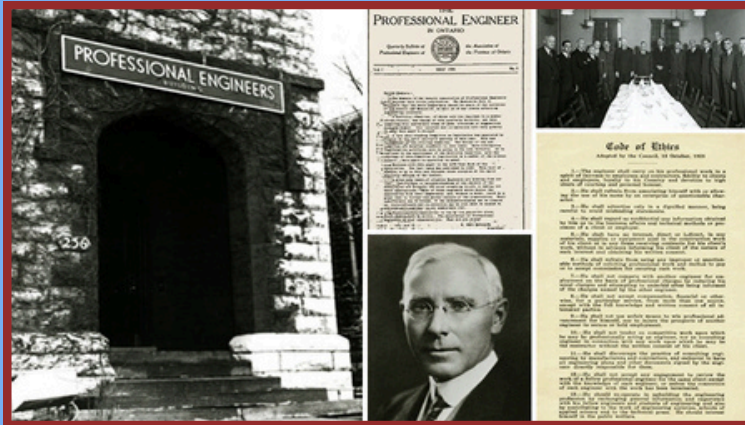
PEO's release stated, “Robah has never held a licence, temporary licence, limited licence, provisional licence, or certificate of authorization, nor acted under and in accordance with a certificate of authorization, under the provisions of the act.”

Mr. Robah currently serves as a senior project manager at YEJ Studio + Consulting Inc.

PEO reminds the public that the unauthorised use or forgery of a professional engineer's seal on construction or design drawings is a quasi-criminal offence under sections 40(2)(c) and 40(3)(b) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. Such conduct may also result in criminal charges under the Criminal Code of Canada. PEO administers the “Act” to serve and protect the public interest by licensing Ontario's 90,000 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 authorised professional engineering companies at <https://peo.on.ca/directory>. Inquiries regarding unlicensed individuals and unauthorised companies may be made to PEO through its enforcement hotline at 416-840-1444 or 1-800-339-3716 ext 1444 or at enforcement@peo.on.ca.

PEO CELEBRATES 102ND ANNIVERSARY



A collage of documents and photographs on PEO's history posted on PEO's social media.



PEO's 102nd birthday cake with the theme, "One PEO".

PEO celebrated its 102nd anniversary on June 14. The day marked over a century of dedication to protecting the public interest through the regulation of the engineering profession in Ontario. Congratulations PEO!

Since its establishment in 1922, PEO has undergone significant "transformation initiatives to become a more modern and responsive regulator".

Currently, PEO holds responsibility for the licensing and regulating of over 90,000 licence and certificate holders across the province.

To celebrate this special occasion, PEO arranged for an exciting day at the Toronto Zoo for their staff.



PEO staff celebrating the regulator's 102nd anniversary and over a century of regulatory excellence.

NATIONAL BODY ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

A new president has taken office at Engineers Canada for the 2024-2025 term. **Michael Wrinch**, P.Eng., former Engineers and Geoscientists BC President, replaces **Nancy Hill**, P.Eng, who is a former PEO president.

Mr. Wrinch earned a PhD in power systems from the University of British Columbia and a Master's Degree in signal processing from the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

He serves on the board of Technical Safety BC and is a recognized Fellow of Engineers Canada.



John Van der Put, P.Eng., was selected as President-Elect. He is a current President of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial regulators that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada.

In addition to Ms. Hill, the Ontario Directors of Engineers Canada include **Christian Bellini**, P.Eng, **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng, **Arjan Arenja**, P.Eng, and **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng.

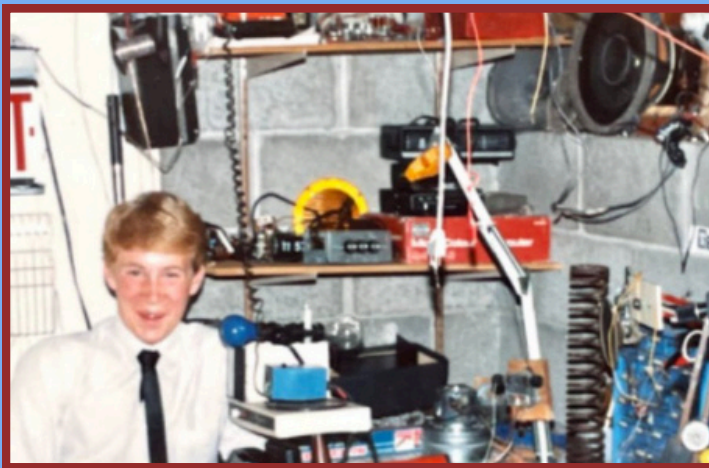


Photo of **Michael Wrinch**, P.Eng., as a teenager showing an early interest in engineering.

MILTON MPP APPOINTED AS PA TO FINANCE MINISTER

Following the announcements made in last week's *PEO GLP Weekly Times* on the recent provincial cabinet shuffle, two additional changes have been made to legislative responsibilities:

- **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton), who was elected May 2, has been appointed as a Parliamentary Assistant to Finance Minister **Peter Bethlenfalvy**, MPP (Pickering—Uxbridge). MPP Hamid is part of the PEO Oakville Chapter which has a longstanding relationship with their MPP's.
- **Rob Flack**, MPP (Elgin—Middlesex—London) has a new title as he is now the new Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. A number of professional engineers work in this Ministry.



Zee Hamid, MPP (Milton) poses for a photo alongside his parents.



Rob Flack, MPP (Elgin—Middlesex—London) has been given a new title.



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 28.

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