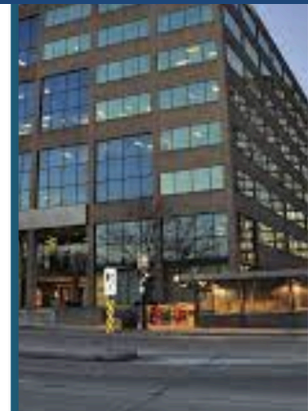




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Michael Tibollo, MPP (Vaughan—Woodbridge), Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, spoke with PEO representatives **Avril Kwiatkowski**, **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., and **Kashmir Siddiqui** P.Eng. at the PEO York Chapter licensing ceremony on May 25.

PEO YORK CHAPTER HOSTS MENTAL HEALTH MINISTER AT LICENSING CEREMONY

WOODBIDGE - PEO York Chapter held a licensing ceremony on May 25 at the Da Vinci Banquet Hall in Woodbridge. The guest speaker was **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan—Woodbridge), Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, who is a regular participant at PEO events.

There were over 50 new licence holders who received their certificates and over 150 people in attendance including PEO’s Vice President **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., East Central Regional Councillor **Hannah Ehtemam**, P.Eng., and PEO Director of Digital Transformation & Information Technology, **Avril Kwiatkowski**.

Minister Tibollo posted his attendance on his own social media page congratulating the new licence recipients and acknowledging the “dedication and expertise of professional engineers.”

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PREMIER ADDS SIX MINISTERS IN CABINET SHUFFLE



Steve Clark, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (left) becomes House Leader, **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) (centre), remains Attorney General, and **Mike Harris Jr.**, MPP (Kitchener—Conestoga) becomes the new Minister of Red Tape Reduction.

The Legislature recessed on June 6 for the summer break a week earlier than anticipated. Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) shuffled his cabinet, reassigning 14 ministers and adding six new ones, bringing it from 30 to 36 members. **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) will also become Government House Leader. Legislators will reconvene on October 21. MPPs affected by the shuffle, in alphabetical order with the new Ministers starred, are:

- **Stan Cho**, MPP (Willowdale) becomes Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.
- **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) becomes Associate Minister of Mines.*
- **Rob Flack**, MPP (Elgin—London—Middlesex) becomes Minister of Farming, Agriculture and Agribusiness.
- **Mike Harris Jr.**, MPP (Kitchener—Conestoga) becomes Minister of Red Tape Reduction.*
- **Trevor Jones**, MPP (Chatham—Kent—Leamington) becomes Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response.*
- **Natalia Kusendova-Bashta**, MPP (Mississauga Centre) becomes Minister of Long-Term Care.*
- **Stephen Lecce**, MPP (King—Vaughan) becomes Minister of Energy and Electrification.
- **Neil Lumsden**, MPP (Hamilton East—Stoney Creek) becomes Minister of Sport.
- **Todd McCarthy**, MPP (Durham) becomes Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement.
- **Sam Oosterhoff**, MPP (Niagara West) becomes Associate Minister of Energy.*
- **Nolan Quinn**, MPP (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry) becomes Associate Minister of Forestry.*
- **Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora—Rainy River) becomes Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation.
- **Todd Smith**, MPP (Bay of Quinte) becomes Minister of Education.
- **Graydon Smith**, MPP (Parry Sound—Muskoka) becomes Minister of Natural Resources.
- **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough—Rouge Park) becomes Associate Minister of Housing.
- **Lisa Thompson**, MPP (Huron—Bruce) becomes Minister of Rural Affairs.

The changes are not expected to affect PEO, as Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte), who oversees the *Professional Engineers Act*, remains in his position. To view the official press release, please see [here](#).

NEWMARKET—AURORA MPP HOLDS FIRST MEETING WITH PEO CHAPTER REPS

NEWMARKET - **Dawn Gallagher Murphy**, MPP (Newmarket—Aurora) met with representatives from PEO York Chapter on May 31 at her constituency office in Newmarket. They were **Chloe Cao**, EIT, who is the Chapter GLP representative for that riding, and Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng. It was the first time MPP Gallagher Murphy has been briefed on PEO issues.

MPP Gallagher was elected in 2022 and serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

During the 30-minute meeting, they reviewed various topics, including PEO's role as the regulator for professional engineering in the public interest, as well as the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*, and the Mandatory Continuing Professional Development/PEAK program.

The delegation discussed a "Take Your MPP to Work Day", potentially to be held at Megalab Group Inc., a local Aurora engineering consulting firm. They also updated the MPP on the Engineers Canada 30x30 initiative which aims to increase the proportion of newly licensed female-identifying engineers to 30 per cent by the year 2030.



Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP (Newmarket—Aurora) met with PEO York Chapter representatives **Chloe Cao**, EIT, and **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., on May 31.



Chloe Cao, EIT, briefed **Dawn Gallagher Murphy**, MPP (Newmarket—Aurora) about PEO issues and potential joint initiatives.

PEO'S SECOND WOMAN PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of life was held for former PEO President, **Mary Jane Phillips**, PhD, P.Eng., on May 29. She passed away on March 18 in Toronto at the age of 92.

The funeral service was held at St. Clements Church, with a number of PEO licence holders including former PEO Deputy Registrars **Roger Barker**, P.Eng., and **Bruce Matthews**, P.Eng.

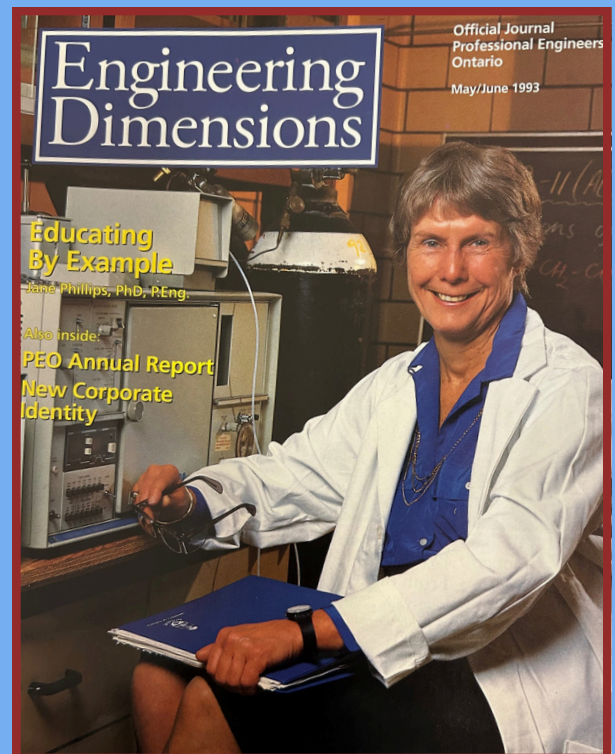
Dr. Phillips was a lifetime member of PEO and served as only the second female President from 1993 to 1994.

She served on the Complaints Committee for 35 years and served as the committee's Chair from 2003 to 2009. Her contributions and long-time service were recognized at the 562nd meeting of PEO Council on April 5.

Dr. Phillips played a leading role in developing the Ethics in Engineering course at the University of Toronto (U of T), and actively participated in committees focused on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, as well as Women in Engineering.

A display at the church following the celebration featured photographs of Dr. Phillips, including one of her as the only woman at a U of T class reunion.

The display also included copies of a 1993 *Engineering Dimensions* issue that had a cover story on Dr. Phillips (see photos right).



Then PEO President, **Mary Jane Phillips**, PhD, P.Eng. on the front cover of a 1993 issue of *Engineering Dimensions*.



This photo also appeared in a 1993 *Engineering Dimensions* profile on **Mary Jane Phillips**, PhD, P.Eng. Also in this photo, are students in her research lab (Lindiwe Cele, Shazam Williams, Anna Malevich, and Donna Leung).

NDP DEPUTY LEADER IS FIRST TO SPEAK AN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE IN LEGISLATURE

On May 28, NDP Deputy Leader **Sol Mamakwa**, MPP (Kiiwetinoog) asked a question in the legislative chamber in his native language, Anishiniimowin, also known in English as Oji-Cree.

Many called this a historical moment as it marked the first time the Ontario legislature has allowed for the interpretation and live transcription of a language other than English and French.

MPP Mamakwa was first elected in 2018 and is the only First Nation legislator at Queen's Park. Since his election, PEO has invited him to participate in PEO events at Queen's Park and his local Northern region Chapter.



NDP Deputy Leader **Sol Mamakwa**, MPP (Kiiwetinoog), made history by speaking Oji-Cree in the legislature on May 28.

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 14.

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