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FORMER PEO PRESIDENT AND GLP REP MEET WITH MINISTER AND HOUSE LEADER

GANANOQUE - PEO representatives spoke with two government leaders at an event in Gananoque on August 17. Former PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., and Thousand Islands Chapter GLP representative **Graham Houze**, P.Eng., participated in the annual 'Afternoon in the Islands' with Government House Leader **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), and **Rob Flack**, MPP (Elgin—Middlesex—London).

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MPP Flack also serves as the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness. He was first elected in 2022 and this was his first opportunity to meet with PEO representatives.

House Leader Clark regularly participates in PEO Thousand Island Chapter events and was the guest speaker at two PEO GLP training summits. He also participated in an independent GLP audit which interviewed PEO Councillors, Chapter reps, and over 10 MPPs.

The PEO delegation had the opportunity to review PEO's work with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* and its impact on licensing. Ms. Bergeron and Mr. Houze also briefed the MPPs on local chapter activities and discussed the possibility of Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), attending a future PEO event.

Also attending this year's annual event were **Sean Webster**, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier, **Quinn Anastas**, Policy Advisor for Labour Minister **David Piccini**, MPP (Northumberland—Peterborough South), as well as PEO Government Relations Consultants **Howard Brown** and **Charlie Echlin**.



Former PEO President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng. (middle left), and PEO Thousand Islands Chapter's GLP rep **Graham Houze**, P.Eng. (left), spoke with Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness **Rob Flack**, MPP (Elgin—Middlesex—London) (middle right) at an event held on August 17 in Gananoque. Also in the photo is **Glenn O'Connor**, Chair of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Practice Legislation Committee (right).

PEO KINGSTON CHAPTER MEETS WITH LOCAL MPP FOR FIRST TIME

SMITH FALLS - The PEO Kingston Chapter had a productive meeting with **John Jordan**, MPP (Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston) at his Smith Falls office on August 13. Participants of the meeting included Kingston Chapter's Chair **Susan Shi**, P.Eng., GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., and GLP rep **Sevda Salimi**, EIT, who organized the meeting.

They discussed the role of PEO and other engineering organizations in Ontario and emphasized PEO's responsibility as the regulator of the profession in the public interest. The delegation briefed MPP Jordan on how PEO revised its licensing process to comply with the requirements of FARPACTA, including removing the 12-month Canadian work experience requirement.

MPP Jordan was also invited to the Chapter's New Licence Ceremony and Golf Tournament on October 2, their AGM in February 2025, and a planned PEO 'Take Your MPP to Work Day' in 2025, all of which the MPP expressed interest in attending.

MPP Jordan was first elected in the June 2022 provincial election and currently serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness. This was the Chapter's first meeting with MPP Jordan.

Mr. Bashir served as one of only two Chapter reps on the PEO Government Liaison Committee.



John Jordan, MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston), met with PEO Kingston Chapter on August 13. Also in the photo are Chair **Susan Shi**, P.Eng. (centre right), GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng. (right), and GLP Rep **Sevda Salimi**, EIT (left).

CO-CHAIRS FOR UPCOMING ANNUAL LIBERAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

LONDON - Liberal MPP's **Lucille Collard** (Ottawa—Vanier) and **Andrea Hazell** (Scarborough—Guildwood) have been appointed as co-chairs for the Ontario Liberal Party's annual general meeting (AGM) and policy conference. It will be held in London from September 20 to 22.

MPP Collard is the Liberal Critic for Justice Issues and Francophone Issues. She has responsibility for the oversight of the Attorney General's Ministry.

MPP Hazell is the Liberal Critic for Transportation, Multiculturalism, and Women's Issues.

For more information about the Ontario Liberal Party's conference, please visit [here](#).



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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 August 30.

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