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Former PEO President **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., (centre left) was one of a number of PEO licensees who participated in the 125th annual conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in Ottawa from August 18 to 21. Also in the photo are **Matthew Rae**, MPP (Perth—Wellington), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (centre right), Orangeville's Deputy Mayor **Todd Taylor** (left), and Mayor **Lisa Post** (right).

PREMIER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JOIN PEO LICENSEES AT MUNICIPALITIES FORUM

OTTAWA - Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), and Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte) spoke with municipal leaders, including PEO licensees, at the 125th Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa from August 18 to 21. Over 3,300 participants attended.

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The Premier gave a keynote address at the opening of the conference on the province's legislative agenda, planned when the House reconvenes on October 21.

PEO licensees at the event included:

- **Diane Freeman**, P.Eng., former PEO President and Waterloo City Councillor
- **John Severino**, P.Eng., North Bay CAO and former PEO North Bay GLP Chair
- **Dale Kerr Genge**, P.Eng., Georgina Councillor and former PEO York Chapter GLP rep

Other keynote speakers included:

- **Andrew Coyne**, *Globe & Mail* columnist
- Opposition and NDP leader **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport)
- Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie**
- Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph)
- Federal Housing and Communities Minister **Sean Fraser**, MP (Central Nova)

Minister Downey participated in a Question and Answer Panel with over 30 other Ministers. Attorney General Downey has responsibility of the *Professional Engineers Act* and recently attended PEO's AGM in Barrie.

"With the highest number of attendees to date at an AMO Conference, at over 3300, a sold-out exhibit hall, outstanding educational programming and over 700 meetings with provincial officials, AMO is grateful to be able to support our members and Ontario's communities through this important event," the AMO team wrote on their website.



North Bay CAO and former PEO North Bay GLP Chair **John Severino**, P.Eng., (front right) and Township of Georgina Councillor and former PEO GLP rep **Dale Kerr Genge**, P.Eng., (third from right) both participated in the AMO conference.

PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER VICE CHAIR PARTICIPATES IN MINISTER'S LOCAL EVENT

Santosh Gupta, P.Eng., Vice Chair of the PEO Scarborough Chapter, participated in an annual Community BBQ hosted by **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, at Rosebank Park in Scarborough on August 24.

Mr. Gupta informed Minister Cho of PEO's initiatives to align its licensing process with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACKTA), including eliminating the requirement for 12 months of Canadian work experience.

Mr. Gupta told the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that the Minister "expressed his appreciation to PEO and the Scarborough Chapter." Minister Cho has participated in several other PEO Scarborough Chapter events, most recently providing video greetings to the Chapter's 19th Annual Bridge Building Competition in April.

Minister Cho was first elected in 2016 and has been the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility since 2018.



PEO Scarborough Chapter's **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., (left) attended a Community BBQ on August 24 with his spouse **Malti Gupta** (right) hosted by **Raymond Cho**, MPP (Scarborough North), Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (centre).

PEO EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR ATTENDS BLACK ENGINEERS OF CANADA AGM

OAKVILLE - Black Engineers of Canada (BEC) hosted their AGM at their headquarters in Oakville on August 24. **David Smith**, PEO's Director of External Relations, represented PEO at the AGM.

He said on his LinkedIn that he was "So grateful to join the conversations today at the AGM and fireside chat of Black Engineers of Canada | Ingénieurs Noirs du Canada on behalf of Professional Engineers Ontario... I look forward to many more valuable engagement opportunities between our organizations."

The event was followed by a fireside chat moderated by **Comfort Fadugba**, and featuring **Cherizar Walker** and **Modeste (Mo) Mushier**, P.Eng.

BEC's President and Chair is **Iretomiwa Olukiyesi**, P.Eng., a former PEO Lieutenant Governor Appointed Councillor and London Chapter GLP Chair.



David Smith is PEO's External Relations Director.



Iretomiwa Olukiyesi, P.Eng., is Black Engineers of Canada's President and Chair.

BY-ELECTION CALLED IN BAY OF QUINTE FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH

BELLEVILLE - As reported in the *GLP Weekly Times* issue of August 16, a by-election has been called for the riding of Bay of Quinte on September 19th due to the resignation of **Todd Smith**, MPP. MPP Smith was recently appointed Minister of Education on June 6th, following serving as Minister of Energy for nearly three years.

PEO Quinte Chapter has had a long-standing relationship with their local MPPs.

The main candidates for the upcoming by-election are:



Tyler Allsopp
PC Candidate



Amanda Robertson
NDP Candidate



Sean Kelly
Liberal Candidate



Lori Borthwick
Green Candidate

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. There is no issue next week due to the statutory holiday. Our next issue is September 13.

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