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Stephanie Bowman, MPP (Don Valley West) (centre) and Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh) (centre right) participated in the PEO GLP training session in 2022. Also in the photo are then PEO North Bay GLP Chair **Donovan Rainbow**, P.Eng., (left) then PEO East Toronto Chapter Rep Tracy Garner, P.Eng., Government Liaison Committee (GLC) Vice Chair Asif Khan, P.Eng., (centre left) PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter Rep Juliana Otero, P. Eng., (second from the right) and GLC Chair Jeffery Lee, P. Eng., (right).

PEO TO HOLD COMBINED VOLUNTEER SYMPOSIUM AND GLP TRAINING SUMMIT

Things are moving quickly in the planning of the 2024 PEO Volunteer Symposium, which will take place at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto on November 30.

The theme will be 'Recognizing our Volunteers' Role in Regulation.' This will be the first time the volunteer symposium and the GLP Training Summit will be combined into the same itinerary.

PEO CEO/Registrar Jennifer Quaglietta, P.Eng. sent 'Save the Date' invitations to all chapters this summer, encouraging them to send delegates to the conference.

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MPP NEWS

MPP CAUCUSES DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE LINEUP PRIOR TO HOUSE RETURNING



Ontario's PC caucus met in Simcoe—Grey to prepare for the upcoming legislative session.

COLLINGWOOD - Ontario's MPPs have been meeting to prepare for the new legislative session, which begins on October 21.

Brian Saunderson, MPP (Simcoe—Grey), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General hosted Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte), and the rest of the PC caucus in Collingwood last week. MPP Saunderson is also Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

The Attorney General has responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act.*

Lisa Gretzky, MPP (Windsor West) hosted Opposition and NDP Leader, **Marit Stiles**, MPP (Davenport), and their caucus colleagues in Windsor last week. MPP Gretzky is a regular participant in PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter activities.

Ontario Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie** will be hosting her party's Annual General Meeting and Policy Conference in London from September 20-22. Co-Chairs of the conference are Attorney General Critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa—Vanier), and **Andrea Hazell,** MPP (Scarborough—Guildwood).

Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner**, MPP (Guelph) will be hosting his party's Annual General Meeting from November 8-10 in Kingston.

For more information, please visit the individual Party websites.



Ontario's NDP caucus met in Windsor to prepare for the upcoming legislative session.

PUBLIC SECTOR NEWS

NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS ANNOUNCED



Nancy Kennedy, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming



Shannon Fuller,
Deputy Minister of Education



Sarah Harrison, Deputy Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) has added three new Deputy Ministers to the public service lineup.

- Nancy Kennedy has been appointed Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming.
- Sarah Harrison has been appointed Deputy Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement.
- Associate Secretary of Cabinet **Shannon Fuller**, Deputy Minister of Policy and Delivery, has also been appointed as Deputy Minister of Education.

David Corbett continues to serve as Deputy Attorney General, a position he has held since 2020 after previously serving as Deputy Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. He is also the former Chair of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal. In addition to his role as Deputy Attorney General, he is the Deputy Minister of Northern Development, Indigenous Affairs, and First Nations Economic Reconciliation.

Deputy Ministers are appointed as the most senior public servant in each Ministry, and are responsible for their Ministry's day-to-day operations.

BRUCE—GREY—OWEN SOUND MPP ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION



MPP **Rick Byers** (Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board (centre left) spoke at PEO Georgian Bay Chapter's AGM on April 6.

Rick Byers, MPP (Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound), Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board, has announced that he will not be running for re-election.

MPP Byers was first elected in 2022, and was the guest speaker at the PEO Georgian Bay Chapter AGM and licensing ceremony on April 6.



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

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