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PEO Scarborough Chapter Vice-Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., (left) attended a Back to School BBQ hosted by **Aris Babikian**, MPP (Scarborough—Agincourt) (right) on September 15 in Scarborough.

PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER GLP VICE-CHAIR ATTENDS MPP BBQ

Aris Babikian, MPP (Scarborough—Agincourt) hosted a Back to School BBQ on September 15 at Terry Fox Park in Scarborough. PEO Scarborough Chapter GLP Vice-Chair **Santosh Gupta**, P.Eng., attended the event.

Mr. Gupta told the PEO GLP Weekly Times that he informed MPP Babikian of how PEO has modified its licensing process to align it with the requirements of the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), including eliminating the requirement for 12 months of Canadian experience.

Mr. Gupta also invited the MPP to upcoming PEO Chapter events.

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PREMIER PROMOTES STEM AT TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE EVENT



Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), spoke at the Toronto Region Board of Trade's Annual Policy Priorities-Setting Session on September 12.

The Toronto Region Board of Trade held their Annual Policy Priorities-Setting Session on September 12. The event was hosted by the Board's President & CEO **Giles Gherson**, a former Deputy Minister at Queen's Park who had responsibility for several PEO legislative initiatives.



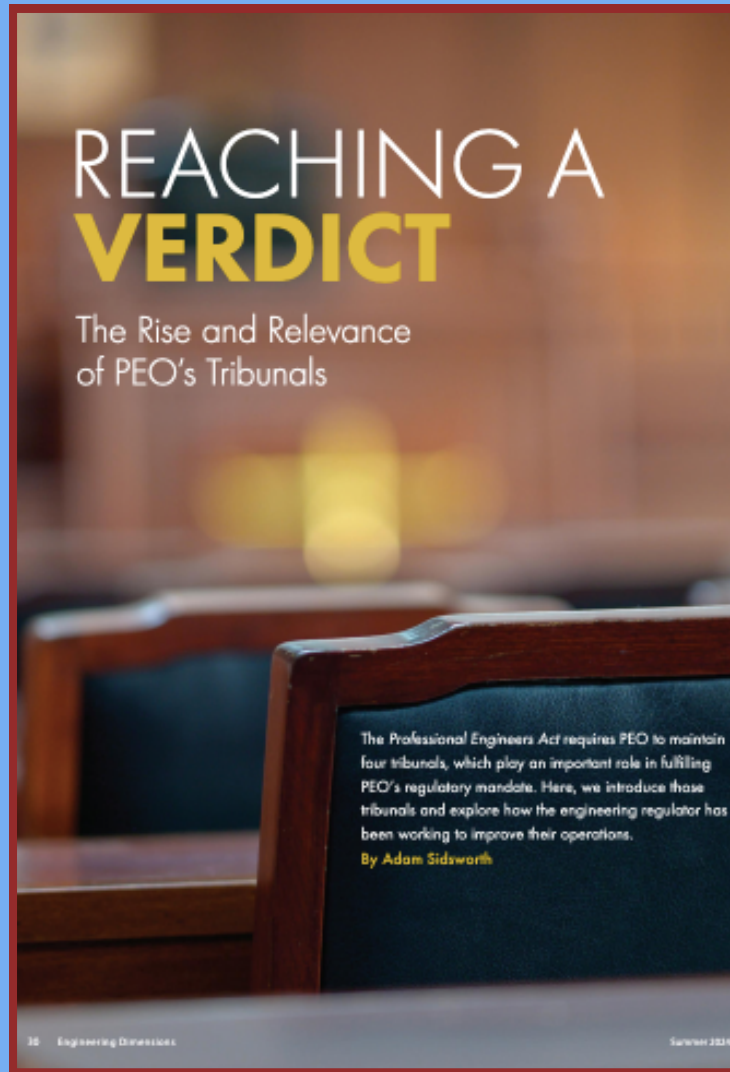
Toronto Region Board of Trade's President & CEO **Giles Gherson** hosted the event.

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North), was the keynote speaker at the event, and spoke about a number of issues, specifically highlighting the importance of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) sector in Ontario's economy.

PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown** attended the event and had a chance to speak with Economic Development Minister **Vic Fedeli**, MPP (Nipissing), thanking him for his participation in PEO's North Bay Chapter events.

Also attending the event was Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga—Streetsville), who has participated in a number of PEO's Mississauga Chapter events.

ENGINEERING DIMENSIONS FEATURES BOTH CPD AND PEO'S TRIBUNALS IN RECENT ISSUE



The Summer 2024 issue of *Engineering Dimensions* featured stories answering the most commonly asked questions about PEO's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirement, the importance of PEO's tribunals, and an in-depth interview with PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng.

In the cover story by **Adam Sidsworth**, the structure and role of PEO's four tribunals are outlined, highlighting the key milestones in their establishment. He explains, "PEO has a 102-year-old history, but it wasn't until the 1984 amendments to the *Professional Engineers Act* (PEA) that PEO's tribunals were established, effectively removing the role of Council in disciplining licence holders who were found guilty of professional misconduct or incompetence. The PEA amendments also introduced the Complaints Committee (COC), which oversees complaints brought to PEO's attention and decides which ones warrant discipline; and the Discipline Committee (DIC), a formalized tribunal analogous to a court of law."

To read the full issue, please see [here](#).

NEW MPP AT QUEEN'S PARK



Premier **Doug Ford** (left) with newly elected Bay of Quinte MPP **Tyler Allsopp** (right).

BELLEVILLE - A by-election was held in the riding of Bay of Quinte following the resignation of former MPP **Todd Smith**. After a closely watched race, **Tyler Allsopp**, the PC candidate, has been elected as the new MPP for Bay of Quinte.

MPP Allsopp has served as a Ward 1 Councillor for Belleville since 2021. He also served as the treasurer of the Enrichment Centre for Mental Health in Belleville.

“Tyler is exactly the type of leader we need at Queen’s Park... I’m proud to welcome him to our strong team,” said Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North).

OTTAWA AREA MPP ANNOUNCES SHE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION



Lisa MacLeod, MPP (Nepean) has announced that she will not be seeking re-election.

MPP Macleod was first elected in a 2006 by-election, and held a number of Ministerial posts including Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

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 September 27.

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