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Associate Minister of Mines **Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville) (back row, centre right), and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton) (back row, centre) participated in PEO Oakville Chapter's licensing ceremony on September 18.

## PEO OAKVILLE CHAPTER HOSTS MINES MINISTER AND MPP AT LICENSING CEREMONY

OAKVILLE - PEO Oakville Chapter held their fall licensing ceremony for 33 new professional engineers on September 18.

**Stephen Crawford**, MPP (Oakville), Associate Minister of Mines, and **Zee Hamid**, MPP (Milton), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance participated in the event and congratulated the new licensees.

PEO Oakville Chapter GLP Chair **Yousef Jamous**, P.Eng. highlighted "the strength and importance of the partnership that the PEO Oakville Chapter has cultivated with provincial and local government officials."

Also participating in the event were Oakville Mayor **Rob Burton**, Oakville Councillor **Tom Adams**, PEO West Central Regional Councillor **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., and PEO Director of Governance **Marina Solakhyan**.

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## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTER PARTICIPATES IN PEO YORK CHAPTER TAKE YOUR MPP TO WORK DAY



Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan—Woodbridge) (fourth from right) participated in a Take Your MPP to Work Day hosted by PEO York Chapter on August 8.

VAUGHAN - PEO York Chapter hosted **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan—Woodbridge), Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions for a Take Your MPP to Work Day at Apex Technical Ltd.'s office in Vaughan on August 8.

Minister Tibollo was given a tour of the Apex facilities, met with key team members, and gave remarks about the importance of professional engineering to the future of Ontario.

The event was hosted by PEO York Chapter's GLP Rep **Kashif Siddiqui**, P.Eng., and GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., who have previously met with Minister Tibollo on multiple occasions.

The Take Your MPP to Work Day initiative aims to demonstrate the contributions of professional engineers to MPPs and to emphasize PEO's role in licensing and regulating engineers who serve the public interest. This initiative helps MPPs gain a deeper understanding of both PEO and the vital work performed by professional engineers.

Minister Tibollo was first elected in 2018 and is an active participant in PEO York Chapter events. He previously served as Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and as Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.



## LIBERALS HOST POLICY CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Former PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson** (second from left) attended the Liberal AGM on September 20 in London. With her are (from left to right): Toronto City Councillor **Parthi Kandavel**, University—Rosedale Liberal nomination candidate **Pam Jeffery**, **John Fraser**, MPP (Ottawa South), **Adil Shamji**, MPP (Don Valley East) and Eglinton—Lawrence Liberal Candidate **Vince Gasparro**.

LONDON - The Ontario Liberal Party held their 2024 Policy Conference and Annual Meeting in London on September 20-22 at RBC Place London, with over 1,200 attendees.

Several PEO licence holders participated in the event, including former PEO East Central Regional Councillor **Marta Escedi**, P.Eng., and Mississauga Chapter licensee **Jawad Haroon**, P.Eng., who were both delegates at the conference.

Guest speakers included Liberal Leader **Bonnie Crombie**, former Toronto Chief City Planner **Jennifer Keesmaat**, Queen's University Dean of Medicine **Jane Philpott**, former B.C. Premier **Christy Clark**, and nine MPPs including **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa—Vanier) who chaired the conference and is the Liberal Attorney General critic.

Also attending were former PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson** and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.



Former PEO Councillor **Qadira Jackson** (centre) with **Stephanie Bowman**, MPP (Don Valley West) (right).

## CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURALISM MINISTER ANNOUNCES LEAVE OF ABSENCE



**Michael Ford**, MPP (York South—Weston) (left) has announced a temporary departure from both his roles as MPP and as Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, citing health reasons.

His office said he plans to return within a couple of months, but no official date has been set.

**Graham McGregor**, MPP (Brampton North), Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform (right) will be taking on Minister Ford's responsibilities until his return.

## 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 October 4.

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