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PEO SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER GLP REP PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MPP

PEO Scarborough Chapter Treasurer and GLP rep **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., had the opportunity to speak with his MPP **Vijay Thanigasalam**, (Scarborough-Rouge Park) at an event on August 6 at Canmore Park in Scarborough.

MPP Thanigasalam, who serves as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure and has been supportive of PEO in the past.

He has participated in the PEO Scarborough Chapter National Engineering Month event in 2021 as well as the chapter's Mathletics Competition in 2020.

MPP Thanigasalam is one of six MPPs associated with PEO Scarborough Chapter. The chapter meets regularly with them to build their relationship in the public interest.

It is very important for GLP reps to develop and maintain relationships with their MPPs so that they are able to comfortably contact them when they have concerns regarding regulatory issues.



PEO Scarborough Chapter Treasurer and GLP rep **Samuel Jacob**, P.Eng., spoke with **Vijay Thanigasalam**, MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River) at an event in Scarborough on August 6.

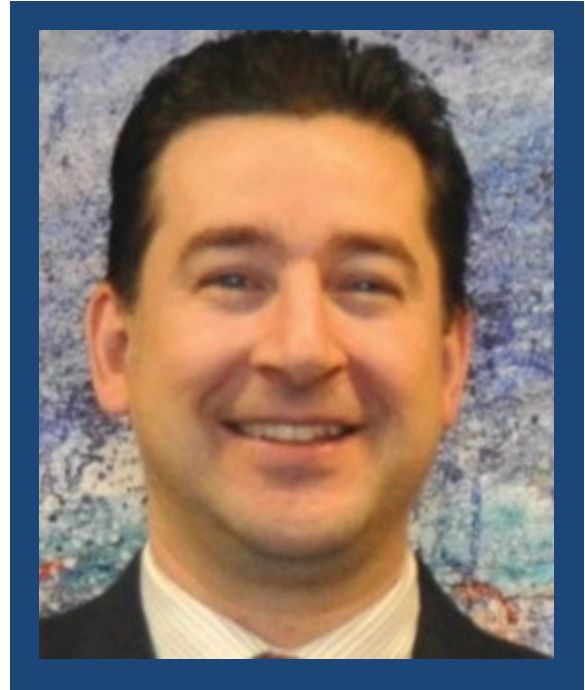
PEO CHAPTERS OFFICE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR TAKE OVER GLP

Following the retirement of Government Liaison Programs Manager **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., this month, responsibility for the PEO GLP chapter activities has been transferred to Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**.

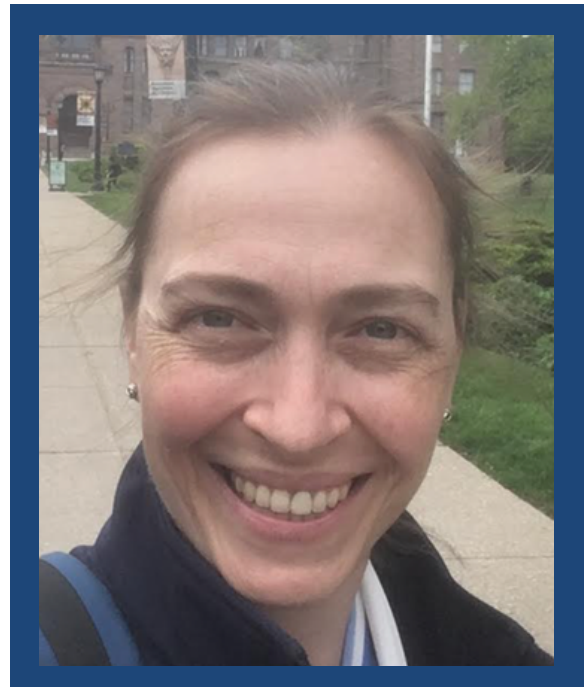
David Smith, Director of External Relations and his team will have overall responsibility for the program.

PEO will continue to benefit from the support from **Howard Brown** and his team at Brown & Cohen Communications & Public Affairs who helped launch the GLP in 2005. They have overseen the GLP training and MPP relations ever since.

"In light of Jeannette's retirement, the GLP program will be transferred to the Chapter Office with support from **Howard Brown**," Ms. Hamilton said in a note to the 36 PEO Chapters, "Please forward your GLP questions to Sharon (Gillan) or myself. GLC activities not involving the chapters will be transferred to PEO's External Relations department with **David Smith**."



Director of External Relations **David Smith**



Chapter Coordinator **Julie Hamilton**

PREMIER ANNOUNCES BACKUP MINISTERS



Greg Rickford, MPP
(Kenora-Rainy River)



Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP
(Brampton South)



Michael Tibollo, MPP
(Vaughan-Woodbridge)

Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North) announced the new list of backup ministers on August 17. Backup ministers selected for Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte), the Ministry that most impacts PEO, include:

- Minister of Indigenous Affairs **Greg Rickford**, MPP (Kenora-Rainy River)
- Treasury Board Secretary **Prabmeet Sarkaria**, MPP (Brampton South)
- Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions **Michael Tibollo**, MPP (Vaughan-Woodbridge)

As reported in previous issues of the *GLP Weekly Times*, other key MPPs affecting the Ministry of the Attorney General include:

- **Brian Saunderson**, MPP (Simcoe-Grey), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General
- NDP Attorney General critic, **Kristyn Wong-Tam**, MPP (Toronto Centre)
- Liberal Attorney General critic **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa-Vanier)



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MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* features one newly elected MPP, **Hardeep Grewal**, (Brampton East) and one re-elected opposition member **Stephen Blais**, MPP (Orleans), so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, [click here](#).

HARDEEP GREWAL, MPP



Hardeep Grewal, MPP
(Brampton East)

Hardeep Grewal represents the Progressive Conservative Party. He is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Grewal has worked as a real estate broker.

He has been very involved in his community working with the Guru Gobind Singh Children Foundation as well as with Canadian South Asians Supporting Independent Living (C-ASIL).

STEPHEN BLAIS, MPP

Stephen Blais is a member of the Liberal Party. He was first elected in a 2020 by-election. He currently serves as his party's Caucus Chair as well as critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation, and Economic Development and Trade.

Prior to his election to the Legislature, MPP Blais was an Ottawa City Councillor for three terms in Cumberland Ward. He also worked as Executive Assistant to former Ottawa West-Nepean MPP **Jim Watson** while Mr. Watson was serving in the Ontario Cabinet.

Additionally, he worked for Carleton University in the capacity as a media and communications advisor.

He earned his Bachelor's of Social Sciences from University of Ottawa.

He previously met with PEO representatives **Johnny Zuccon**, P.Eng., **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., **Cliff Knox**, P.Eng., and **Howard Brown** in November 2020 after he was elected provincially. He also attended the PEO Ottawa Chapter Annual General Meeting in 2021.



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(Orleans)

PEO EASTERN ONTARIO REPS SPEAK WITH MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

GANANOQUE - Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) held his annual Afternoon in the Islands in Gananoque on August 20.

Past GLP Chair of the PEO Thousand Islands Chapter **Graham Houze**, P.Eng., PEO Kingston Chapter's GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., and past Chapter Chair **Lionel Ryan**, P.Eng., all attended the event and took the opportunity to discuss with the Minister PEO's recent activities.



PEO Kingston Chapter's GLP Chair **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., (left) past Chapter Chair **Lionel Ryan**, P.Eng., (second right) with past PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP Chair **Graham Houze**, P.Eng., (right) spoke to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **Steve Clark** (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) at an event on August 20. Also in the photo is local MP **Michael Barrett**.

Also attending the event were PEO Kingston Chapter's **John Armitage**, P.Eng., Senator **Bob Runciman**, who is a former Ontario Minister and MPP, **Michael Barrett**, MP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Minister Clark has spoken at PEO GLP meetings, events and conferences many times in the past. He is very familiar with PEO and its initiatives to comply with amendments to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACKTA) and its work to bring in compulsory professional development (CPD) by January 2023.

PEO Thousand Islands Chapter past GLP Chair **Graham Houze**, P.Eng., (right) spoke with Senator **Bob Runciman** at Minister Clark's event in Gananoque on August 20.



GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter's **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Question: Which three MPPs did GLC Vice Chair **Asif Khan**, P.Eng., meet with on July 26?

Answer: **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes), **Andrew Dowie**, MPP (Windsor-Tecumseh), and **Michael Ford**, MPP (York South-Weston).

This week's question: Name one of the keynote MPP speakers at the 2022 Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference.

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to Erika Murray at erika@brown-cohen.com by Monday, August 29.

You may only win once in a four-week span.



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng. is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Sunday, August 28 at 12 PM - Capital Pride Parade in Ottawa with the Ontario Liberal MPPs. Location: TBD. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#).

Sunday, August 28 at 2 - 5 PM - Annual Summer BBQ with Robin Martin, MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health. Location: Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, North York. Cost: free. To register, [click here](#). Vegetarian and kosher available.

Friday, September 30 at 7:30- 9:30 AM - Mississauga Board of Trade Breakfast with local MPPs. Location: Residence Inn by Marriott, Mississauga Southwest, 2145 North Sheridan Way, Mississauga. Cost: \$55 for members, \$75 for non-members. To register, [click here](#).

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 90,000 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/index.php/aboutpeo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue is September 2.

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