

PAN Meeting with the Hon. Michael Coteau (Don Valley East)

On Wednesday, August 17, 2016, Tom Markowitz, P.Eng., OSPE Energy Task Force member, and Patrick Sackville, Policy and Government Relations Lead, met with the Hon. Michael Coteau (Don Valley East).

The meeting focused on various policy issues, with a particular emphasis on the important role engineers play in society and at the policymaking table for decisions related to science, technology, and infrastructure.

Tom and Patrick shared OSPE's most recent reports, including

[*Ontario's Energy Dilemma: Reducing Emissions at an Affordable Cost*](#). The pair also reiterated OSPE's concerns about the lack of a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) in the Government of Ontario's Climate Action Group. Minister Coteau encouraged OSPE to meet regularly with this and other important government groups to ensure the voice of engineers is heard. OSPE looks forward to implementing the Minister's advice in the coming months.

Having met with OSPE in the past, Minister Coteau has strong knowledge of the organization's mandate. Minister Coteau agreed to speak up for Ontario's engineers in government decision-making involving science, technology, and infrastructure.

As the Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, he expressed particular interest in attracting more underrepresented girls and boys to study STEM. This is also an area of importance to OSPE and one that we will continue to address.

Thank you to Minister Coteau for meeting with OSPE, and thank you to Tom for his continued dedication to the profession!



From left to right: OSPE Policy and Government Relations Lead, Patrick Sackville, Minister Michael Coteau (Don Valley East), and Energy Task Force member, Tom Markowitz, P.Eng.