

PAN Meeting with MPP Peter Tabuns (Toronto-Danforth)

On Friday, May 20, 2016, PAN representatives George Crouch, EIT and Paolo Treves, P.Eng. met with MPP Peter Tabuns (Toronto-Danforth). MPP Tabuns is very familiar with OSPE through the long-term work Paolo has done as a PAN rep.

To begin, George and Paolo shared with MPP Tabuns OSPE's position on infrastructure from the 2016 pre-budget submission to the Minister of Finance.

Second, our PAN representatives shared preliminary findings from OSPE's forthcoming report in partnership with the Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors' Association (GTSWCA) and Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO).



From left to right: PAN representative Paolo Treves, P.Eng., MPP Peter Tabuns, and PAN representative George Crouch, EIT.

Based on a survey of 24 projects in Ontario, the study found that:

- Excess soils were hauled long distances from source to receiving sites. Over 70% reported more than 100 one-way trips averaging 98 km to dispose of excess soils.
- The larger projects where more than 100 trips are required for soil disposal generated 370 kg of carbon monoxide and 1,467 kg of nitrogen oxide emissions.

MPP Tabuns agreed with OSPE's finding that reducing the transportation of soil makes economic and environmental sense for the province. To learn more about this joint study, click [here](#). The discussion also touched on subway construction and the Downtown Relief Line.

Thank you to MPP Tabuns for meeting with OSPE, and thank you to George and Paolo for their continued dedication to the engineering profession!