

PAN Meeting with Minister Reza Moridi (Richmond Hill)

On Friday, June 17, 2016, PAN representative John Forkan, P.Eng. met with the Honourable Reza Moridi (Richmond Hill). Minister Moridi has strong knowledge of OSPE and its mandate. Over the years, Minister Moridi has met with many OSPE representatives and gave greetings at various OSPE events.

The main topic that John discussed was Surplus Baseload Generation and the impact it has on hydraulic generation, as well as some of the hydraulic projects. John also addressed how curtailment is increasing per the daily generator output data and, in the case of hydraulic generation, water data.

Minister Moridi spoke about the increases in the price of electricity and the difficulty this poses for seniors and those on fixed incomes. The Minister also mentioned that power rates in Ontario are still very competitive when compared with neighboring provinces and states, including Chicago, Detroit, and New York. However, John noted that power rates have doubled in the last 10 years and Southern States have become more competitive.

John noted that hydraulic energy should be at the top of the value chain for renewable generation since it is a dispatchable generation resource unlike wind and solar that is intermittent.

Minister Moridi also discussed the history of the power market in Ontario. With the introduction of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), all power increases are overseen by the OEB. John noted that while the OEB oversees the rate increases of utilities, it does not deal with rates for contracted power, which is where the majority of the rate increases are coming from.

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



From left to right: PAN representative John Forkan, P.Eng. and the Honourable Reza Moridi (Richmond Hill).