

PAN Meeting with the Honorable Chris Ballard (Newmarket-Aurora)

On Thursday, June 23th, Patrick Sackville, OSPE Policy Analyst, and Daniel Liao, PEO York Chapter Government and Business Liaison Director, met with the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing and Poverty Reduction.

The main topics of the meeting included Ontario's energy system and the Climate Change Action Plan as they relate to provincial housing strategies. On each of these portfolios, Patrick and Daniel noted that government should consult engineers during policy formulation and development.

Patrick noted that Ontario is taking important steps to address climate change, but the key to these initiatives is that they must realize results. Pointing to the core findings of OSPE's 2016 report, *Ontario's Energy Dilemma*, the challenges resulting from the Green Energy Act are an example of the consequences of poor planning and failure to include engineers in policy development.

Patrick explained to Minister Ballard that OSPE and Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) stand as a united resource to government in executing the Climate Change Action Plan as a partnership approach will ensure that decisions are rooted in evidence.

Minister Ballard also discussed the importance of Ontario's Building Code with Daniel. It was a successful meeting that achieved a willingness for future collaboration.

Thank you to Minister Ballard for meeting with OSPE, and thank you to Daniel for joining us to further serve the engineering profession!



From left to right: GLP PEO York Chapter representative, Daniel Liao, the Hon. Chris Ballard (Newmarket-Aurora), and OSPE Policy Analyst, Patrick Sackville.