



PAN Meeting with MPP Jack MacLaren (Carleton - Mississippi Mills)

On Friday, March 6, 2015, PAN representative Andrew Lawton, P.Eng., met with MPP Jack MacLaren (Carleton - Mississippi Mills) to discuss two topics: Alternate Financing and Procurement (AFPs) and the underemployment of Ontario's engineers based on OSPE's recent report, *Crisis in Ontario's Engineering Labour Market: Underemployment Among Ontario's Engineering-Degree*. As a P.Eng., MPP MacLaren is familiar with OSPE and has, in fact, met with Andrew on two previous occasions on behalf of OSPE.

OSPE does not oppose AFPs in principle, but stresses to government that they must be used where appropriate and fair to all parties. A key concern is that with the current structure of AFPs, engineering employers subsidize the labour costs of engineering employees for the benefit of the Ontario government.

OSPE is very active in having the procurement process streamlined and transparent, and is especially concerned with the interests of small-to-medium sized companies.

Thank you to MPP MacLaren for meeting with OSPE and thank you to Andrew for his continued dedication to the profession!