

## PAN Meeting with MPP Yvan Baker (Etobicoke Centre)

On Thursday, June 11, 2015, PAN representative Marilyn Spink, P.Eng., and GLP representative George Comrie, P.Eng., met with MPP Yvan Baker (Etobicoke Centre) and constituency staff.



Marilyn and George began by outlining the differences between, and distinct roles of, OSPE, PEO, Consulting Engineers of Ontario, and Engineers Canada. George provided MPP Baker with a summary on these engineering organizations as well as a summary explaining PEO licenses, certificates, and designations.

The meeting began with a summary of OSPE's most recent report, *Crisis in Ontario's Engineering Labour Market*. Among its many findings, the report indicates that over 33% of engineering-degree holders work in jobs that don't necessarily require a university degree. MPP Baker took interest in the report because youth underemployment is a passion of his. He also explained that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is presently reviewing the funding formula for universities.

The second topic that Marilyn and George addressed was the Ring of Fire, which is an immense resource opportunity that will boost the economy and create jobs for engineers. OSPE recommends that government take a leadership role by front-ending the cost of installing the infrastructure necessary to develop this region. This will, in turn, attract the private sector to begin resource development. MPP Baker explained that contribution from the federal government is also needed on this front.

The third topic that Marilyn and George addressed was the industrial exception.

Thank you to MPP Baker for meeting with OSPE and thank you to Marilyn and George for their continued dedication to the profession!