

PAN Meeting with MPP Harinder Malhi (Brampton-Springdale)

On Friday, March 14, 2016, PAN representative David Thomas, P.Eng. met with MPP Harinder Malhi (Brampton-Springdale).

David last met with MPP Malhi in October 2014, so he provided MPP Malhi with an update on OSPE's most recent report on the labour market conditions facing engineers in Ontario. David also shared OSPE's pre-budget submission that the Society presented to Minister Charles Sousa in January 2016. This document outlines the six policy areas OSPE is active on as well as policy recommendations for government.



From left to right: PAN representative David Thomas, P.Eng. and MPP Harinder Malhi.

The first topic that David addressed was the challenges of climate change as well as the cost of energy in Ontario. The second topic David discussed with MPP Malhi was infrastructure, namely the traffic congestion in Brampton. Congestion, as David pointed out, impacts the city's competitiveness, expansions, and engineering jobs. MPP Malhi mentioned that several projects are in the works to address the congestion, such as the expansion of GO Train service and highways 410 and 427. The third topic that MPP Malhi and David discussed was research and innovation. MPP Malhi mentioned Brampton will open another hospital in 2016/2017, which should create a number of innovation/research-centric business opportunities and engineering jobs.

Thank you to MPP Malhi for meeting with OSPE and thank you to David for his continued dedication to the engineering profession!