

PAN Meeting with MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers (Ottawa-Vanier)

On February 17, 2017, Kevin Wright, P.Eng., PAN representative for the Ottawa-Vanier riding and member of OSPE's Research and Innovation Task Force, met with MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers.

The focus of the meeting was OSPE's 2015 report, *Crisis in Ontario's Engineering Labour Market*, as well as the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach to increase work integrated learning opportunities for engineering students and recent graduates.



From left to right: MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers (Ottawa-Vanier) and Kevin Wright, P.Eng.

As the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Status of Women, MPP Des Rosiers was particularly interested in the findings in OSPE's report that pertained to women and international engineering graduates. Kevin informed MPP Des Rosiers about OSPE's mentorship program, which matches young women in the early stages of their engineering careers with a professional engineer who provides support with career planning and advice to navigate the licensure process. The program is funded by Status of Women Canada.

MPP Des Rosiers spoke of the value of including engineering perspectives to address community and public policy issues. She also expressed interest in future discussions with OSPE.

Thank you to Kevin for his dedication to the engineering profession, and thank you MPP Des Rosiers for meeting with OSPE!