

## PAN Meeting with MPP Arthur Potts (Beaches—East York)

On May 19, 2017, Tamajit Chakraborty, EIT, a PAN representative for the Beaches – East York riding, met with MPP Arthur Potts. MPP Potts is currently the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

The meeting centred on OSPE's 2015 report, *Crisis in Ontario's Engineering Labour Market*, which found that around 30% of engineering-degree holders worked in jobs that did not require a university degree and only 30% worked as engineers or engineering managers. MPP Potts noted that this finding may owe to oversupply of engineering graduates and degree-holders.

Tamajit added that OSPE is a strong proponent of work-integrated learning opportunities. Experiential learning opportunities help engineering students bridge their classroom training to the workplace, and build the soft skills that industry demands. MPP Potts noted that the province is taking steps to address this by investing in its Career Kick-Start Strategy.

MPP Potts was very familiar with OSPE's mandate, having attended the Society's 9<sup>th</sup> Queen's Park Reception in April 2017.

Thank you to Tamajit for his dedication to the engineering profession, and thank you MPP Potts for meeting with OSPE!



From left to right: MPP Arthur Potts and Tamajit Chakraborty, EIT.