

## PAN Meeting with the Honourable Brad Duguid (Scarborough Centre)

On August 29, 2017, PAN representative Sunny Rahul Roy, EIT and Patrick Sackville, Policy and Government Relations Lead, met with the Honourable Brad Duguid. Minister Duguid is Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Growth.

Minister Duguid was very familiar with OSPE and its activities, so Sunny focused the constituency meeting on whether residential developments across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) are meeting green technology standards. Although the upfront costs are high, studies indicate this investment cuts energy expenditures within five to ten years.

Minister Duguid noted that the current government has a few initiatives in place in response to the growing green technology demands. The government's priority is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector as it is the largest contributor, followed by transportation and eventually buildings, both residential and commercial.

Minister Duguid added that implementing green technology as a requirement in building development is a slow but crucial process. Moreover, the Ontario building code needs to be amended, and the Minister added there are positive changes being made every year.

Lastly, Sunny, Patrick and Minister Duguid discussed electric vehicles. Ontario is the first jurisdiction to have a smart meter system set in place, but to be a champion in this field, more needs to be done. This includes continuing to build a better and sophisticated smart power system, adding more charging stations in the GTA, and continuing to use solar panels within public transportation shelters and stops.

Thank you to Sunny for his dedication to the engineering profession, and thank you Minister Duguid for meeting with OSPE!



From left to right: Sunny Rahul Roy, EIT, Minister Brad Duguid, and Patrick Sackville, OSPE Policy and Government Relations Lead.