

PAN Meeting with the Honourable Michael Coteau (Don Valley East)

On Friday, December 9, 2016, PAN representative Troy Parker, P.Eng. and GLP representative Fred Saghezchi, P.Eng. met with the Honourable Michael Coteau (Don Valley East).

Troy provided Minister Coteau with a copy of OSPE's 2016 report, *Excess Soil Management: Ontario is Wasting a Precious Resource*, which was produced in partnership with the Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Construction Association (GTSWCA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO).



From left to right: Troy Parker, P.Eng., Minister Michael Coteau (Don Valley East), and Fred Saghezchi, P.Eng.

The report surveyed 24 projects on the management of excess soil for infrastructure projects and identified a potential savings of \$14 billion if best management practices are implemented. As the provincial government endeavours to balance its budget and meet its climate change objectives, the improved management of excess soils can contribute to the achievement of both goals

Minister Coteau took great interest in OSPE's report. He was previously on an aggregates subcommittee and is knowledgeable about soil, sand, and gravel usage in the province. He expressed particular interest in learning about the policy recommendations outlined in the report as it relates to protecting agricultural land.

Thank you to Minister Coteau for meeting with OSPE and for your interest in engineering analysis to conserve the province's soil and money.