

Re: “CBC admits it wrongly reported hyped-up insurance ‘climate risks’,” Terence Corcoran, Feb. 1

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) believes that both green and grey infrastructure projects are needed in Ontario. A blanket approach cannot be used province-wide to plan, sustain or repair municipal assets.

As a member-based advocacy organization, OSPE allows the engineering community to share research and collectively prepare recommendations for government. As part of this process, OSPE collaborates with other organizations and experts to ensure our data and messaging is sound.

On January 30, OSPE hosted a green infrastructure roundtable with professional engineers and representatives from the insurance industry, environmental groups and conservation authorities. Some common views included:

- More reliable data that adequately considers costs and benefits of green infrastructure is needed
- The current rhetoric of grey versus green infrastructure is not constructive – they are complimentary and can enhance each other
- A project-by-project analysis is important to determine what type of infrastructure is required given a specific set of variables
- Municipalities must consider innovative solutions to accommodate population growth, development and changing weather patterns

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