

2014 OSSGA ANNUAL REPORT



Ready For Tomorrow

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This is an industry that leads by example and the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) is at the forefront of making sure we're ready for tomorrow.

This report details just some of the outstanding work done collectively by the Association members, committees, board and staff. It underscores why 2014 was a year of progress for OSSGA and the aggregate industry.

Whether at Queen's Park, with stakeholder and community groups, with mayors and municipalities, or at meetings, seminars and conferences around the province, OSSGA has worked hard to build relationships that have given our members credibility.

We're out there making allies and getting things done. 2014 was a year of leading the way on all fronts!

Government

- Met with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Bill Mauro, and reached out to Minister of Transportaion Steven Del Duca and Toronto Mayor John Tory with questions about Ontario's aging infrastructure
- As part of the Core Infrastructure Alliance (made up of OSSGA, ORBA, OSWCA, OHMPA and RMCAO), held receptions for NDP leader Andrea Horwath and then-PC leader Tim Hudak. Also co-hosted a hospitality suite at AMO, attended by municipal and provincial officials
- Sent questionnaire to NDP, PC and Liberal parties prior to the provincial election to solidify their thoughts on our industry
- Sponsored a breakfast at the Ontario Liberal Convention and attended a Trillium Dinner in the Minister's riding
- Bill 56, the *Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act*, died on the order paper with the call of a provincial election, although we hope to see it reintroduced in a new session of the legislature
- OSSGA was represented at numerous government consultations on the *Aggregate Resources Act* review
- Held a breakfast briefing for the PC caucus, and hope to do the same for the NDP and Liberals in 2015

Training & Development

- Surveyed members asking them what training they need and would like OSSGA to offer
- Rolled out a comprehensive Training Program – offered by OSSGA for OSSGA members
- Published the training booklet detailing training programs, tours and seminars OSSGA offers
- Bill Marquardt, chair of the committee toured the province and spoke to regional committees to introduce

the breadth and depth of OSSGA's Training Program

- Created a custom Aggregates 101 training course that educates attendees on a high level about every stage of our industry – from definitions to licensing, processing to rehabilitation

Operations and Technology

- The committee was involved in a variety of training and education initiatives
- The Operations, Health and Safety Seminar was planned by the committee and ran successfully with topics such as conveyor guarding and noise regulations
- In April the committee coordinated the annual Operations and Equipment Training Day in Dundas to kick start a new season and educate front line workers
- The Operations Tour brought together a diverse group of attendees with the most registrants in over seven years, visiting sites in the Orillia area. They played host to an Israeli delegation who joined the tour to better understand the Canadian aggregate industry
- Plans are in place to bring back OSSGA's out of province tour with visits to aggregate and mining sites in British Columbia in 2015. More information will be available in April

Health and Safety

- Presented 116 awards to member companies in recognition of 12 months of work without a lost-time injury
- Awarded five individual safety awards in recognition of dedication to health and safety in the workplace, a gold, silver and bronze with two honourable mentions
- Continued discussions with the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association, Workplace Safety North and the Prevention Office to improve the level of service and training to our industry
- Formed a working group with IHSA to further health and safety training initiatives
- Continued to hold OSSGA-run Supervisor and Common Core Training sessions

Rehabilitation

- Awarded the Bronze Plaque to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority for the rehabilitation of the Wildwood Pit in St. Marys, a ceremony was held in September at the wildwood conservation authority attended by the Mayor of Zorra Township, CA staff and board, OSSGA board members, rehabilitation committee and staff
- We held another excellent Rehabilitation Tour in the Sudbury area last August, with over 35 participants viewing world-leading restoration of mining landscapes

including forest floor transplants to re-green the city; re-greening the slag piles, and pit rehabilitation back to agriculture and forest

- Developed and launched OSSGA's first ever Biodiversity award which aligns with Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy
- Contributed to the OSSGA Industry Advancement Awards this year with 35 award applications received.
- Hosted guest judges from Ducks Unlimited, Nature Conservancy of Canada, MNRF and Puslinch Township
- Welcomed the University of Toronto Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design to participate in the 2015 Student Design competition; they will be working on their designs during the winter semester of 2015

Species At Risk

- Bank swallows were listed as Threatened on the Species at Risk in Ontario List on June 27. OSSGA kept members informed by issuing electronic notifications at regular intervals leading up to and following the listing, in April, May and June
- Continued discussions with the chair of the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO) and MNRF to investigate ways to improve information and data transfer about species that have the potential to be listed. Committee members attended COSSARO meetings in March, June and December
- Participated in a workshop hosted by MNRF and Bird Studies Canada to guide the development of a draft Recovery Strategy for Bank swallows. Representatives from OSSGA and five member companies were present. The draft will be evaluated in March 2015
- Presented to over 300 operational staff at the Operations, Health & Safety Seminar on Species at Risk Awareness in the Aggregate Industry
- Going forward, the committee will continue to track the listed species, identify those that are common in our industry and focus efforts to working with MNRF to find management solutions that provide an overall benefit to the species

Environment

- Updated the ACME Aggregates package to align with the NPC-300 noise guidelines released in November 2013 and submitted to the MOECC for review at the end of 2014. ACME Aggregates is an example Environmental Compliance Approval application for Air & Noise Planned and executed a tour for MOECC Approvals Engineers in May, visiting Dufferin Aggregates' Flamboro Quarry and CBM's David Pit, showcasing air & noise environmental aspects of each site to give them a better appreciation of real world circumstances
- Completed Section One of OSSGA's Environmental Management Guide. Significant input from Active

Members and Associate Members. Section 2: Best Management Practices is well on its way to completion and will be posted on OSSGA's website in 2015. The guide will highlight both a practical and functional approach to environmental management systems

- Hosted an Environmental Management workshop with over 30 people in attendance and 15 presenters covering topics from environmental law, dust, noise and hydrogeology to importing fill and compliance assessment reporting

Communications

- The Association continued to keep members informed through:
 - ➔ 39 editions of the E-News bulletin
 - ➔ two issues of our *Rock Talk* newsletter
 - ➔ two editions of *Avenues* magazine
 - ➔ The 2015 *Annual Source Book Directory*
- OSSGA held a discovery workshop to drive the development of communications strategies to shape public opinion over the long-term
- Developed a general brochure, detailing the needs, uses, and consumption of aggregate in Ontario, as well as other information about our industry. This brochure is intended for multi-year use at meetings with stakeholders and provincial and municipal government representatives, and other potential informational uses
- Created the 2014 *Report to Ontario's Communities* to showcase OSSGA's good work with NGOs, on rehabilitation and in engaging communities. This report, designed to support our social licence to operate, and our responsible interim land use key message, is our second annual edition that will be publicly available and used in meetings with government and stakeholders
- Co-ordinated with Carleton University Earth Sciences Outreach Coordinator to provide a tour for their annual Teachers Field Trip in early June in the Ottawa region. Site tours of active pits, quarries and pit rehabilitation were led by The Karson Group and Miller Paving Ltd.
- Part III of a comprehensive study of the rehabilitated aggregate sites in Ontario (sites that have been extracted, the licence has been surrendered and the land has been rehabilitated to another land use since the 1971 *Pits and Quarries Control Act*) was completed in the summer of 2014. A total of 701 sites have now been studied. The results of the study confirm that the provincial legislation and land use policies of the Government of Ontario are working
- The "*My Job R-O-C-K-S!*" video competition engaged one of our industry's most valuable assets - people who work every day in Ontario's pits and quarries. The videos are now posted on YouTube
- Updated municipal toolkit PowerPoint presentation for use in presenting to municipal governments

Land Use Planning

- Reviewed final Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and communicated new policy to membership
- Sat on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Stakeholder Task Force on the PPS
- Continued work on the OSSGA response to the 2015 review of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan – including forming a committee to lead the review
- Continued work on a document to assist producers with the official plan policy review
- Submitted correspondence to MMAH regarding possible changes to the Land Planning and Appeal System
- Began work on social licence document for membership
- Participated as a committee member on the City of Kawartha Lakes Secondary Plan
- Participated in a number of Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) issues, including the proposed Significant Woodlands Policy, Public Interest Advisory Committee, and the NEC ESA position
- Successfully negotiated with regions and municipalities across the province to develop comprehensive land use planning policies in municipal official plans to ensure OSSGA member interests are reflected in long-term natural resource management strategies
- Met with officials and helped review the following municipal official plans and, in some cases, the subsequent OMB referral:
 - ➔ Halton ROPA 38
 - ➔ City of Kawartha Lakes
 - ➔ Region of Waterloo
 - ➔ City of Ottawa
 - ➔ Region of Niagara
 - ➔ Simcoe County
 - ➔ Dufferin County

Regional

- Active regional committees in Eastern Ontario, Northern Ontario, Niagara, Waterloo-Wellington-Brant and Grey-Bruce-Simcoe Counties
- Regional committees connect producers in each area on local and provincial issues, informing and involving members, and developing a common front on local and provincial issues
- Each regional committee kept members up to speed on provincial issues such as the ARA Review and the

- aggregate levy, and local issues such as municipal official plans, membership drives and municipal outreach
- The Waterloo-Wellington-Brant committee set up a bursary in memory of Don Lockhart for the heavy equipment operator program at Conestoga college. OSSGA WWB Committee gave \$1,000, which was matched by the Lockhart family
- The Grey-Bruce-Simcoe committee brought in a number of guest speakers to speak to its members, including an MNRF inspector, Dennis Lever — Mayor of Puslinch and Chair of TAPMO, and MPP Bill Walker
- Niagara Committee members hosted a meeting with representatives from the Region of Niagara for a discussion about the recently commenced Niagara Official Plan Review
- Northern Committee members sponsored OSSGA's rehabilitation tour in Sudbury

Material Specifications

- Provided technical support to membership
- MTO Liaison Committee has met with MTO regularly in order to work together in developing provincial specifications
- Worked with ARO to develop standards for certification

Transportation

- Continued to engage with MTO on aggregate haulage and axle weight issues.
- Participated in the Northern Multimodal Transportation Study, Multimodal Goods Movement Strategy and Peel Goods Movement projects.

Membership

- OSSGA continued to offer a number of informational sessions, networking opportunities and social events for members, including the annual ski day, golf tournament and curling bonspiel
- The Association welcomed 11 new members in 2014, ending the year with 102 Active Members and 181 Associate Members, with no net increase in members over 2013

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