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BALANCING ACT: When conservation meets extraction

The recent purchase of Bluebird Ranch by the Couchiching Conservancy is an example of how diverse groups can work together to create lasting environmental value

Following a lengthy acquisition process, the 206-acre Bluebird Ranch in Carden Township officially came under the wing of the Couchiching Conservancy land trust organization on May 27.

The occasion was marked by an unveiling ceremony attended by various project supporters, including members of the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA), Ontario Chair of the Nature Conservancy of Canada Margaret Kelch, as well as ornithologists and representatives from the Carden Field Naturalists, to name just a few.

"(The event) was celebrated as a great example of how diverse groups can work together to

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PARTNERSHIPS: Bluebird Ranch Purchase

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From left to right: Mark Bisset, Couchiching Conservancy; Rob Wilson, Nature Conservancy of Canada; Moreen Miller, OSSGA; Ron Reid, Couchiching Conservancy; Margaret Catto, Toronto Ornithological Club

Based in Orillia, ON, the non-profit, non-government organization has been active in the Carden Plain for over 20 years, working to protect environmentally sensitive lands through innovative partnerships. Since 1993, the Couchiching Conservancy has helped protect 10,000 acres of special natural lands – some of which have included rare global ecosystems. Bluebird Ranch is the most recent acquisition among 23 other properties.

Located in Carden Township at the foot of Wylie Road, Bluebird Ranch will link directly to Windmill Ranch to the north, creating a large area of protected land. The grassland section of the property provides an excellent habitat for birds, such as Meadowlarks, Bobolinks and Bluebirds. Other portions of the property contain critical habitat for endangered species, including the Loggerhead Shrike and Henslow's Sparrow. Future plans for the site include a solar-powered water system for grazing cattle, restoration of patches of grassland and fence building.

For more information on the Couchiching Conservancy, please visit www.couchichingconserv.ca.

accomplish something of lasting value," said Ron Reid, Carden program coordinator for the Couchiching Conservancy, at the ceremony.

Last summer, OSSGA co-sponsored a dinner and silent auction with the Couchiching Conservancy at the Carden Recreation Centre in Sebright, ON, netting over \$12,000 towards the Bluebird Ranch purchase. The fundraiser hosted 85 guests, including nearly all of the 11 aggregate companies with operations on the Carden Plain.

"Couchiching Conservancy has been a driving force in co-operative discussions between our industry and local residents who have struggled to find the balance between conservation and aggregate extraction," said OSSGA CEO Moreen Miller. "The success of this project suggests that conservation and extraction *can* co-exist and find a sustainable balance," added Miller.

The Couchiching Conservancy would like to thank the following contributors for their generous support:

- The **Weaver clan volunteers** for building the sign;
- **Ron Jenkins** for use of his bluebirds photo;
- **Bill and Faye Duggan** for their efforts in the acquisition process;
- **The Natural Areas Conservation Program**, a Nature Conservancy of Canada - Government of Canada partnership, which provided nearly 50% of the funding;
- **The Carden Alvar Acquisition Fund**, created by Lou and Judy Probst;
- **The McLean Foundation**;
- **Members of the Toronto Ornithological Club**, led by John and Margaret Catto;
- **OSSGA Carden member companies**, including:
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EVENTS: Heritage Toronto Walk

Photos: Marta Blocki

'Quarry Lands' Featured on Toronto Walking Tour

The area around Toronto's Victoria Park Avenue and Gerrard Street East — once a transportation and industrial hub — is disappearing as the quarries and industries that sprouted up around the railway are transformed into a residential and commercial neighbourhood.

Volunteer walk leader for Heritage Toronto Walks Ed Freeman led a group of keen observers across a large sand and gravel bar that once stood about 50 metres above present-day Lake Ontario.

"Besides being used as a raw material to manufacture sand-lime bricks, the Lake Iroquois Sandbar produced sand for polishing glass and marble, as well as gravel for roofing, reinforced floors and concrete work, road and general foundation work," explained Freeman.

The deposit was recognized early on as a very useful material for road repairs.

The Divisional Point railway yard extended from Victoria Park to Main Street and was called York station (located where the GO station is today). Sand was and is still used to supply grit to rails for traction to this day. Around the turn of the century, the yard employed between 100-200 people (depending on the season).

Lumber yards once occupied the south edge of the yard, while the York Sandstone Brick Co. (1913-1940s) - then the Cooksville Brick and Tile Co. - were located on the east side. Further east was the Toronto Brick Co. that produced sand-lime bricks from 1919 to 1961 when the operation shifted to the Don Valley Brick Works (now Evergreen Brick Works). At its height, Don Valley Brick Works produced about 60 million bricks per year, which helped erect many important Toronto landmarks, including Massey Hall, Old City Hall, Casa Loma, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Timothy Eaton buildings

in Moncton, NB and Winnipeg, AB.

Today, part of the property is owned by private developer Gerrard Clonmore Developments (GCD) and Build Toronto development agency, which has been assigned responsibility for the city-owned section of the Quarry Lands site.

According to the Concerned Citizens of Quarry Lands Development (CCQLD) website, Build Toronto is considering a low-density development with single-family homes, a large park space and a retail development at the northwest corner of the site.

CCQLD advocates sound planning principles guided by responsible and balanced development where communities can live and play.

For more information on the Quarry Lands, please visit www.gerrardclonmore.com. For tour info, visit www.heritagetoronto.org.



Adjacent to the property is The Quarry Village - a quarry-themed retail plaza, offering medical and dental services, as well as a restaurant - The Quarry Cafe.

Apart from great food and a friendly atmosphere, the eatery also features historic photos of the Quarry Lands during their heyday.

Best Practices for Site Rehabilitation

Photos: Cynthia Robinson

OSSGA provides learning opportunity



OSSGA's annual exploration of the various approaches to property rehabilitation featured an extended program this year with presentations over dinner on Monday evening, followed by a full day of site tours.

By Andrew Macklin

Building a strong plan for the redevelopment of a pit or quarry once aggregate has been extracted is an important component of any new site application. Any additional information that can be provided to support your plans for rehabilitation, such as hard data and concrete examples of successful redevelopment, only help to support your application moving forward.

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) recently provided its members with an opportunity to become educated about solutions for pit and quarry rehabilitation by offering a site tour in southwestern Ontario that was attended by a broad range of representatives from across the industry.

The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) is currently conducting an afforestation research project to look at opportunities for the creation of biodiversity offsets at secondary locations. Currently being practised in some U.S. states, the research looks at the potential of allowing pit and quarry owners to open up new sites in exchange for reforestation on a secondary site in a similar geographical area. However, the question that is being investigated is how long will it take a newly planted site to reach similar canopy and ground layer growth to an old forest site.

Led by Dr. Paul Richardson, the tour of a woodlot just outside of St. Williams, ON provided a look at a development model for indigenous plant and tree species at different stages of growth. The development will help researchers yield comprehensive data that can be used by site developers looking at ecological offsets as part of pit and quarry

applications that will include forestation removal.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is actively involved in pursuing vegetation solutions for various types of pit and quarry rehabilitation projects. The NCC has two former sand pits as part of its St. Williams Nature and Ecology Centre property.

On the first sand pit site, PhD student Brian Ohsowski led the group through a discussion about his research being conducted on tallgrass prairie restoration using arbuscular mycorrhizal inoculants and soil supplements.

Ohsowski's research is providing insight into the industrial-scale replacement of native prairies. His research is also the first to incorporate the use of biochar - a fine-grained, porous black carbon created from the high-temperature combustion of organic matter. Using these techniques can help provide pit and quarry owners with native vegetation replanting strategies that also incorporate techniques for greater plant survival and persistence.

The second sand pit site showed the results of natural growth over a 15-year period. In the case of this pit, the surrounding forest helped provide natural seeding for the area. The sun-baked area presented a variety of plant species, some of which were invasive species that needed to be controlled. The invasive species were controlled using spot herbicide, and then replaced with the planting of desired species.

One of the problems presented was the use of ATVs in the open area. Plant species in the early stages of growth aren't often seen as valuable to the land, and thus recreational vehicle users will travel on the lands. Tom Broadstreet, a conservation biologist

with the NCC, talked about the need for site protection during the early stages of plant growth in order to prevent destruction from ATVs and other recreational vehicles.

Recreational facilities continue to be a popular land use for former pits and quarries, which is exactly what was done on 64 acres of former Lafarge pit lands in Paris, ON.

Originally operated by Paris Sand and Gravel in 1928, the 500-acre site produced an average of just over one million metric tonnes of aggregate each year. In 1999, with the aggregate extracted from a portion of the site, 60 acres were transferred to the County of Brant for the creation of Green Lane Park. In 2005, an additional four acres were added to the county's holdings.

The resulting sports park contains four first-class baseball diamonds as well as two high-quality soccer fields. The quality of the rehabilitation project was so high that OSSGA awarded Lafarge with its highest honour for site rehabilitation - The Bronze Plaque award. Also, the County of Brant named its baseball diamonds Lafarge Fields in appreciation for the work that was done.

In addition to the site tour, OSSGA recently released a study entitled: "Study of Aggregate Site Rehabilitation in Ontario, 1971-2009". This comprehensive study looks at the types of rehabilitation projects that have been successfully completed in two distinct regions of Ontario.

Thanks to event sponsors **Nortrax**, **TOARC** and **Lafarge Canada Inc.**

For a copy of the study, please visit www.ossga.com. Reprinted with permission from Aggregates and Roadbuilding Magazine.

OSSGA EVENTS



Golf Tournament 2012



Congratulations to first place winners (left to right): **Bill Dwyer, Darrin Rousselle, John Huthersall and Mike Crowley of Kal Tire** (see photo below, centre), with a score of -12. The team members all won BlackBerry PlayBooks, courtesy of **ELRUS Aggregate Systems Inc.**

Thanks to your support, OSSGA raised **\$855** towards charity!



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Operations & Service Training:

Awash with information!

OSSGA's annual on-site training course, which focuses on the safe operation of a wide range of plant equipment, turned its attention to wash equipment on May 25.

Hosted at Automatic Welding Inc. in Ayr, ON, the full-day, hands-on event consisted of six modules, including fresh water and slurry pump maintenance, screen cloth application, tightening and maintenance, as well as front end loader circle check with tire and bucket application and maintenance.

All 72 attendees also had an opportunity to explore three in-pit modules that examined recovery systems, density

separation and classifying tank and wash screws.

OSSGA would like to thank **Nortrax, W.S. Tyler, Toromont CAT, Kal Tire, Automatic Welding and Lafarge Canada Inc.** for their generous contributions.

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OSSGA MUNICIPAL TOOL KIT

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) is pleased to present a new tool kit to help engage municipal partners in discussion about the aggregate industry.

Developed in conjunction with OSSGA's Education Committee, the Municipal Tool Kit was designed to help OSSGA members and stakeholders to:

1. **Establish** face-to-face relationships between local producers and municipal elected representatives
2. **Communicate** with municipal elected representatives on matters pertaining to OSSGA's Key Messages and gain quality feedback from municipalities on matters of interest to them
3. **Increase** local council's understanding of the aggregate industry and support OSSGA's position on provincial policy matters

The kit includes a consistent set of messaging that can be customized to help educate municipalities on the benefits and challenges facing aggregate operations in specific communities. Training video included.

To download your free tool kit, please visit
www.ossiga.com/Members/political_action_toolkit.htm (member password required).

For questions or comments, please contact Cynthia Robinson,
OSSGA Environment & Education Manager, at crobinson@ossiga.com
or call (905) 507-0711 ext 6.



NEW FEATURES/UPGRADES:

- **News Module:** RSS News Feed, Facebook commenting, Twitter sharing
- **Multimedia Module:** Manage PDFs, videos, audio files, etc.;
- **Secure Log-In Module** for OSSGA members only;
- **Photo Album Module:** Slide shows, photo galleries etc.;
- **Events/Calendar Module:** Linking to Event Registration module;
- **Store Module:** E-commerce checkout compatible with Hosted Checkout bridge for secure publications and video purchasing
- **Banner Ads:** Option for members to purchase banner ad space
- **And much more!**

OSSGA WEBSITE UNDERGOES MAJOR OVERHAUL

As many of you already know, the face of OSSGA's online presence, www.ossga.com, is changing.

Effective this winter, OSSGA's decade-old member website will be replaced by a new, more intuitive, user-friendly site with unique tools designed to help OSSGA members get the most up-to-date, complete information on everything aggregate.

OSSGA has teamed up with the creators of OSSGA's award-winning website, www.theholestory.ca, for this project. Field Day Inc.'s familiarity with the industry, sharp creative edge and technical prowess, will ensure our expectations are once again met - and exceeded.

OSSGA is excited about this new initiative and looks forward to hearing from you!

To submit your comments and/or suggestions, please contact Marta Blocki at (905) 507-0711 ext. 1 or e-mail mblocki@ossga.com.



OSSGA Staff Roster Expanding!

As OSSGA's Director of Communications, Greg Dennis will engage external OSSGA

stakeholders in discussions about Ontario's resource management challenges and opportunities to develop new and innovative ways of showcasing the outstanding work of OSSGA member companies.

He will also work closely with the OSSGA team on issues pertaining to the environment, education, legislation, training and communications to find sustainable solutions and assist OSSGA members and stakeholders in understanding the immediate and long-term effects of new ideas in the industry.

In addition, Greg will handle media enquiries related to the business.

For the past five years, Greg has worked at Queens Park in a similar role in the Ministries of Government Services, Health and Labour. He has an extensive media background that includes full-time, senior producer positions with Global TV, Canada.com and freelance work with the CBC, Canadian Press and Alliance TV.

The Maritime native is president of the Scarborough Stingers Rep Baseball Club and a self-proclaimed passionate Red Sox fan and rock aficionado.

Greg has been living in Toronto since 1990.

To contact Greg Dennis, please call (905) 507-0711 ext. 8 or e-mail gdennis@ossga.com.



OSSGA is also pleased to welcome back Julie Harrington as the association's new Training & Development Manager.

Julie, who was in charge of OSSGA events in the past, is a Certified Meeting Professional with work experience at Research In Motion and Conestoga College.

In addition to coordinating many of OSSGA's existing events, Julie will be responsible for developing and implementing a wide range of new networking and educational training programs to include more detailed and innovative solutions for OSSGA members in a variety of critical areas.

We are delighted to have Julie back on board and wish her and Greg all the best in their current roles.

Julie can be reached by e-mail at jharrington@ossga.com or by calling (905) 507-0711 ext. 5.

EVENTS cont'd

"Social media

is like word of mouth on steroids," says Jeff Bowman of The Marketing Pad.

According to Bowman, three out of four North Americans use social technology, which is now the fourth most popular online activity—ahead of personal e-mail.

Based on these numbers, Bowman, who assists companies in developing social media plans, predicts social networking for business will likely be the norm three to four years from now. Will your company be left behind?

Joining Bowman on August 14 were Andreea Beiju of Holcim (Canada) Inc. and Caitlin Burley of Golder Associates Ltd. in a full-day OSSGA seminar on the importance of incorporating social media into an overall marketing plan.

With Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter continuing to grow at explosive rates, Beiju believes social media is no longer an option, it's a necessity.

"Stakeholders have the ability to co-shape our reputation everyday – and we need to be at the table," she said during her presentation at OSSGA's Mississauga training facility.

Holcim joined the social media bandwagon with Twitter in late 2009, steadily building its list of followers. The free service allows the company to share news about their initiatives, launches and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in real time. But Beiju also contends that



Jeff Bowman of The Marketing Pad leads an introductory presentation on social media



Photos: Marta Blocki
Fran DeGouveia of Nortrax shares a report on her group's social media plan for the company

social media is not a standalone activity. To be successful, social media must be part of and aligned with a company's brand, marketing, sales, CSR and strategic goals. It also requires a dedicated, knowledgeable staff and a defined process.

After lunch, Burley challenged seminar participants to develop and present their own social media plans by dividing them into breakout groups.

OSSGA would like to thank refreshment sponsor **Lafarge Canada Inc.** For info on OSSGA events, please contact Julie Harrington at (905) 507-0711 ext. 5 or e-mail jharrington@ossiga.com.

Caledon Pit Run & Food Drive



On October 20, the Lafarge-Aecon Sand and Gravel Pit in Caledon, ON will host the inaugural Caledon Pit Run/Walk and Food Drive in support of Caledon Community Services (CCS).

The event will provide a unique opportunity for runners to experience a 5-km cross-country run or 1-km walk through a scenic portion of an active pit. Lafarge Canada Inc. and Aecon Construction and Materials Limited will also be hosting an open house, kids' activities, sponsor expo, food drive and a rehabilitation tour during the event.

CCS is a not-for-profit community-impact organization that provides programs and resources for residents of Caledon and surrounding communities.

For more information and to register online, please visit www.caledonpitrun.ca.

Mine Over Matter Triathlon Fundraiser



Swim like the boat sank; bike like you stole it; and run for your life! - James Parkin, MHBC Planning

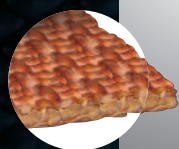
MHBC Planning participated in the Mine Over Matter Triathlon on August 26 at Kelso Quarry Park in support of longtime employee Glen Harrison. Harrison is recovering from a year-long battle with Multiple Myeloma, an incurable cancer of plasma cells found in bone marrow. Harrison has returned to work on a part-time this fall.

So far this year, MHBC has raised over \$8,000 to help fund Myeloma research. This is the company's third consecutive year participating in the event, which is held at the Milton Limestone Quarry (now owned by Conservation Halton). The quarry, which first opened in 1958 to provide construction materials for Highway 401, has been rehabilitated to include a lake surrounded by forested slopes and exposed cliff faces. The surrounding escarpment trails and ski hill provide a challenging and scenic route for the mountain biking and running portion of the triathlon. MHBC was also involved in the after-use planning of the site.

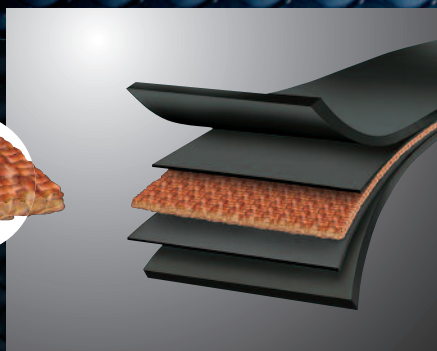
MHBC would like to thank all event participants, spectators and contributors for their support.

For more information, please visit, <http://myelomacanada.akaraisin.com/mineovermatter/MHBC>.

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For the second year in a row, Cruickshank Construction Limited has been named one of *Maclean's Magazine's* "Green 30" for 2012.

Maclean's ranking, which was featured in the May 7 edition of the magazine, highlights a number of important Cruickshank environmental activities, including recent asphalt plant retrofits, energy audits and the use of GPS and other tools to optimize operations while minimizing environmental impact.

"It's a great honour to be recognized by Maclean's for our efforts," said Cruickshank CEO Steve Cruickshank. "We're deeply committed to implementing environmental practices – and very proud of our employees, who work hard every day to maintain that commitment."

The commendation is based on Aon Hewitt's Employee Green Index, which focuses on employers' environmental strategies and activities, and their efforts to consider long-term social, environmental and economic impacts when making decisions.

Cruikshank recently hired an energy specialist to research and implement energy savings projects across the company, and has achieved ISO 14001:2008 and ISO 9001:2004 certification for its environmental commitment in the highway maintenance division. Retrofit projects underway at two Cruickshank asphalt plants will result in significant energy savings, as well as the ability to include more recycled materials in asphalt products.

On the road, Cruickshank uses a compilation of GPS tracking, equipment monitors and weather data to maximize

operations efficiency while minimizing downtime. Anti-idling policies, speed-limiting devices and route optimization systems also help to decrease emissions and reduce fuel consumption.

Other ongoing practices include using Cold-In-Place Recycling equipment, which recycles asphalt into paving material to produce an immediately usable road surface while cutting fuel consumption by 80 percent and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent. The company has also upgraded lighting, insulation and equipment in offices and manufacturing plants, as well as revamped heavy equipment to more efficient machinery with maintenance and tracking programs, and installed alternative energy sources at several sites.

Founded in 1956, Cruickshank provides professional road, bridge and infrastructure construction services to both private and public sector clients in Ontario, Alberta and the United States. The company motto, "We do our level best" is a reflection of Cruickshank's commitment to employees, clients and the environment. For the past three years, Cruickshank has been named as one of the Top 50 Best Small and Medium Employers in Canada, and has also won a 2011 Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies award.

For more information, please visit www2.macleans.ca/2012/04/27/canadas-green-30-for-2012/.

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Dynapac Unveils 5th Generation CA Single Drum Vibratory Rollers

Dynapac USA has introduced four new models of their CA-series single drum vibratory rollers. The CA5000, CA5500, CA6000 and CA6500 have been equipped with a number of enhancements over previous models, including optimized drum amplitude, Automatic Bouncing Control and an overall design that makes it easier to service the equipment.



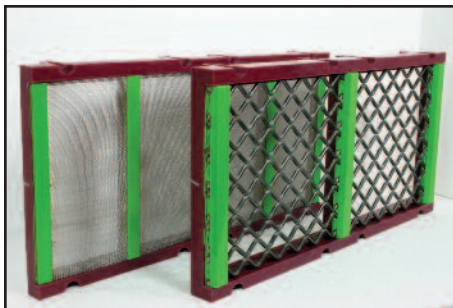
Atlas Copco Introduces HB 4100 Heavy Breaker

Atlas Copco's new addition to its heavy hydraulic

breaker line, the HB 4100, provides better performance and higher efficiency than the preceding model and weighs less. Designed for carriers in the 40- to 70-tonne weight class, it has a service weight of 4,100 kg, but is as powerful as other, much heavier breakers.

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Major Wire Introduces 1x2-ft Modular Panels with Vibrating Wire Flex-Mat® 3 Advanced Technology



in addition, each new 1x2-ft Flex-Mat 3 Modular panel increases total screen media open area by up to 55 percent when compared to using two traditional 1x1-ft polyurethane or rubber panels to cover the same screen deck area. No screen box changes are necessary to switch to the larger panels.

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Celebrating more than 125 years in business, Major Wire designs, manufactures and markets screening solutions, including Flex-Mat® 3 High-Performance, Self-Cleaning Screen Media in Tensioned and Modular versions, OptimumWire and stainless steel woven wire cloth for the quarry, mining, recycling and industrial markets. Major Wire is ISO 9001:2008 registered.

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Montreal-based Major Wire Industries Limited now offers a full line of new 1x2-ft (305-610 mm) Flex-Mat® 3 Self-Cleaning Modular screen media panels. This new screen media size fits virtually any flat-surface screen deck, so screening operations using traditional 1x1-ft (305x305 mm) and 1x2-ft polyurethane and rubber panels can increase existing screening capacity and in-spec material throughput up to 50 percent. Screening operations can choose between pin-, grooved-, snap- and step-types in opening sizes of 30 mesh, or 0.0197 in (0.5 mm), up to 1.575 in (40 mm). Proven Flex-Mat 3 Modular 1x1-ft panels were first introduced in 2007.

Both Flex-Mat 3 Modular's 1x1-ft and 1x 2-ft panels provide up to 50 percent more screen media open area than traditional rigid polyurethane and rubber panels. In

MHBC and Meridian (Barrie) are pleased to announce the merging of their offices effective October 1, 2012.

The Partners of MHBC are delighted to have Jim Dymont and his highly qualified team in Barrie join forces with MHBC. Jim has over 30 years of professional planning experience focusing largely on municipalities throughout the Province.

Jim and his team will complement MHBC's dynamic group and the merger will allow the combined office to continue providing high quality planning services, innovation and creative problem solving to our ever expanding Client base.

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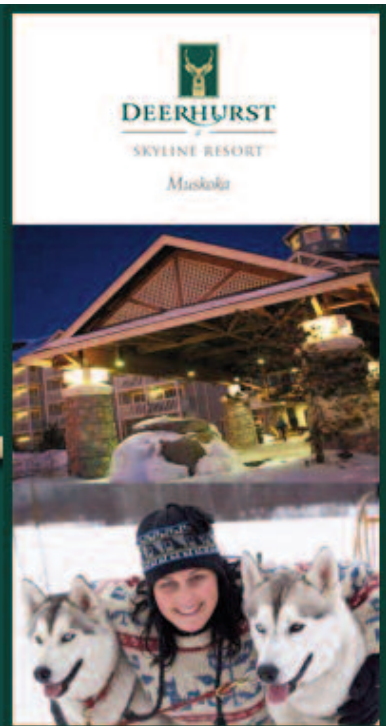
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The fall 2012 issue of OSSGA's bi-annual industry magazine, *Avenues*, has gone to print and will be available shortly. OSSGA would like to thank all sponsors and contributors for their generous support. The next issue will be published in time for OSSGA's Annual General Meeting in February 2013.

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