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## OSSGA AGM OUT OF THIS WORLD

A big thanks goes out to all of the 2014 OSSGA AGM attendees, exhibitors and presenters. This year's AGM in Ottawa featured informative presenters on a variety of topics, memorable social activities, such as skating on the Rideau Canal, and talented entertainers including Elton John, Tina Turner and Mick Jagger tribute artists. Attendees were also treated to captivating keynote speakers Brian Thwaites, who taught the crowd to 'Train Your Brain', and retired Colonel Chris Hadfield, who capped this year's AGM with an 'out of this world' talk on his experiences in space and on Earth.

Hadfield entertained AGM attendees with inspiring tales from his life, from deciding as a young boy watching the Apollo 11 moon landing that he was going to be an astronaut, to the experience of commanding the International Space Station (ISS). Following his riveting speech, he signed copies of his book, *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*.

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# THEIR JOBS R-O-C-K !

In 2013, the OSSGA Education Committee launched its first video competition. We called it, “My Job R-O-C-K-S!” We asked our members to tell us what they love about working in the aggregate industry. Once the call was out it was just a matter of time before the videos started rolling in, showcasing some of the many fantastic jobs in the industry. We received videos from both active and associate members – it was extremely encouraging to see the participation and engagement within the association.

The winner of OSSGA’s first ever *My Job R-O-C-K-S!* video contest was Dave Munro of Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd., and the videographer was Craig Shouldice. The prize was a complimentary pass to our AGM and since Dave couldn’t make it to the AGM this year, we are going to defer that prize for him to attend in 2015. In addition we have posted the winning video on our website.

Thank you to all who participated in OSSGA’s first ever video contest in 2013. We hope that these videos will be the start of a great story of how fantastic it is to work in this industry. Please help get the word out by watching the videos on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/theossga](http://www.youtube.com/theossga), and sharing them with others. As you can see, it doesn’t have to be a professional quality video. We hope to see even more videos submitted for the second video contest which will open in June, with videos due in mid-October.



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# MESSAGE FROM MOREEN MILLER



As I prepare to leave OSSGA after a very dynamic and challenging five years, staff have asked me to pen a short note to you, our members.

Since the end of 2008, the aggregate industry and OSSGA have been faced with many new and complicated issues. These include the first aggregate licence application to have a ministerial zoning order, a quarry application of such size and impact that it changed the way our industry is viewed by communities, the first comprehensive review of the *Aggregate Resources Act* since 1997, the emergence of a possible certification system for construction materials, OMB decisions that have questioned our ability as an industry to achieve social licence, and four different ministers in the Ontario Natural Resources portfolio. These are just a few of the issues that we have faced.

It would be easy to say that the rate of change is increasing, but it seems in hindsight that change has just become constant. Even though it may seem that things have been getting tougher and tougher, so has our industry. Just this year, the province renewed its commitment to strong aggregate resource management policies through the new Provincial Policy Statement. The results of the Aggregate Resources Act review have confirmed that change is needed and that our good ideas and hard work will support positive changes in the legislation. Licences are indeed getting approved; in Caledon, where aggregate industry challenges have been a given for 30 years, a licence was approved last year with NO referral to the OMB for the first time. The hill is steep but we are good climbers.

They say its harder to write a three paragraph document than it is a three page document. That being said, it would hard to fit onto two pages how much I have enjoyed my role at OSSGA over the past five years. It is equally hard to find the right way to say thank you.

Thank you to the Board of Directors who supported my efforts and worked closely with me every week through many tough decisions. Thank you to the outstanding and truly dedicated OSSGA staff team who made my job very easy. But the biggest thanks must go to the 285 member companies who, as members of OSSGA, contribute their time and expertise to help make our industry better. Having great members makes it very easy to work hard and achieve great things. Your ongoing work to make our industry better and more resilient for the future has been outstanding and made it easy to come to work every day. Thanks so much for the opportunity you gave me to contribute.

  
Moreen Miller



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## OSSGA NEWS: NEW STAFF MEMBER



Our new Communications Manager, Jay Millington has come to us via quite an indirect route, both literally and figuratively. Jay graduated from Mohawk College with an Applied Arts Diploma in Television Production, which led to positions shooting and editing both video and photos for two Premiers and a Leader of the Official Opposition between 1999 and 2011. Over that time, he developed many relationships within government, before leaving Queen's Park and completing a post-graduate corporate communications certificate from Sheridan College.

Jay joins us most recently from a stint as the Tourism and Marketing Coordinator for the Town of Inuvik, NWT, the most northerly town in Canada.

Jay will work with OSSGA Director of Communications & Marketing Dan Muys to advance OSSGA's communications objectives. Among other projects Jay will be putting together Rock Talk, Avenues and the Annual Source Book. He will also act as staff liaison for the Specifications Committee, Awards Committee, Niagara Regional Committee, Waterloo-Wellington-Brant Regional Committee and the Communications (formerly Education) Committee. He is also looking forward to sitting on the Provincial Outreach Committee. 



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# NEW OSSGA BOARD CHAIR

The past few years have seen a wide range of issues before our industry, including the Aggregate Resources Act Review; a number of municipal official plan deliberations, Safe, Productive Infrastructure Friendly vehicle (SPIF) Regulations, transportation and trucking studies, as well as the release of Cornerstone's draft standards.

In the next year OSSGA will continue to:

- Work with government to ensure that the implementation of the recommendations from the ARA review committee will be based on feasibility and good science.
- Monitor municipalities official plan reviews to ensure consistent approaches to provincial issues are maintained.
- Continue to work with the MTO to review and correctly implement SPIF regulations that will work for our members and our industry.



Malcolm Croskery

As OSSGA continues with its mission to be a strong voice for industry, it's critical for our members to stay engaged. This can be achieved by participating in OSSGA's many committees and events.

To get involved I strongly advise you to visit our new website at [www.ossga.com](http://www.ossga.com), or talk to an OSSGA staff member.

On behalf of OSSGA, congratulations to Moreen Miller on her recent appointment. While we are sad that she is leaving her staff role at OSSGA, we're pleased that she will continue to be part of the industry and know this is a good move for Moreen and her family at this time.

Moreen leaves a legacy of significant accomplishment in her time leading OSSGA. Her work on the review of the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA), Provincial Policy Statement and with TAPMO Mayors on the aggregate levy working group are just three of the most notable.

With a strong strategic plan in place, bolstered by a team of dedicated staff, OSSGA will continue to serve as an experienced and credible voice, for both industry and government, as we move forward into the next year and beyond.

Thank you for your commitment. I look forward to serving as your Chair in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Croskery'.

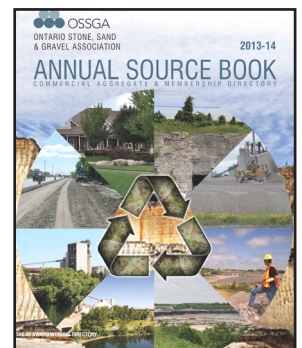
Malcolm Croskery, OSSGA Board Chair

## ANNUAL SOURCE BOOK

We will be putting together the 2014-2015 shortly, and ask that **all members update and check their Source Book listing for accuracy.** To update your free listing in the Annual Source Book, please visit the appropriate link:

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# OSSGA CEO SPEAKS TO BILL 56



*Moreen Miller speaks at committee hearing*

On March 27, OSSGA CEO Moreen Miller spoke at Queen's Park to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs during their public hearings on *Bill 56, Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act, 2014*. The OSSGA input into the future direction of aggregate recycling in Ontario was well received by all three parties, and following these hearings, Bill 56 was sent back to the legislature for third reading.

Representing OSSGA, but with support as well from the Infrastructure Alliance, Miller told the Committee, "Recycling asphalt pavement and concrete aggregate may not be trendy or flashy, but it is one of the easiest and most effective ways to preserve our non-renewable resources, save on transportation costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save taxpayers' money."

Miller also reinforced to the MPPs present that using recycled aggregate is not only the right thing to do environmentally, it is also the right thing to do technically and economically. Roads built with recycled aggregates are every bit the equivalent to any other road in the province.

We need to ensure that the recycled products continue to meet or exceed the very same specifications as primary aggregates, which means we have to continue to raise our level of technical proficiency.



The hope is that Bill 56 will show that our industry has the science, business model and the consensus for action and responsibility that will help to build Ontario's aggregate recycling industry.





# MEETING WITH LEADERS

OSSGA, as part of the Infrastructure Alliance, which includes the Ontario Hot Mix Producers, Ontario Road Builders' Association, Ontario Sewer & Watermain Construction Association and Ready Mixed Concrete Association of Ontario have been making an effort to bend the ear of the leaders of all three major political parties in Ontario.



*Tim Hudak speaks with OSSGA Board Chair Malcolm Croskery*

OSSGA sponsored a breakfast at the Ontario Liberal Party AGM and attended the Northern Trillium

Dinner, a Liberal Party fundraiser with Premier Kathleen Wynne, Hon. David Oraziotti, Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Infrastructure Alliance held a reception at the Toronto Hilton Hotel for NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, also attended by MPP Taras Natyshak, who is the NDP critic for labour and is experienced in heavy construction projects across the province. Approximately 30 people attended the reception for their chance to speak with Ms. Horwath, and she didn't disappoint. She was approachable, and eager to hear what our members had to say – nearly as eager as our members were to let her know how the NDP can help with infrastructure issues, no matter what role they play in the configuration of the next legislature.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Infrastructure Alliance held a similar reception for PC Leader Tim Hudak at the Westin Hotel - Bristol Place. Having spent a good deal of time as the PC Critic for Infrastructure Renewal, Hudak has a good grasp on the issues faced by our collective industries. Also attending from the Ontario PC Party was MPP Sylvia Jones, who holds the position of PC Caucus Chair. It was a fun night with a great deal of discussion surrounding infrastructure projects and Bill 56.

OSSGA and the Infrastructure Alliance have had a productive Spring thus far in terms of political outreach, and there is more planned in the near future.

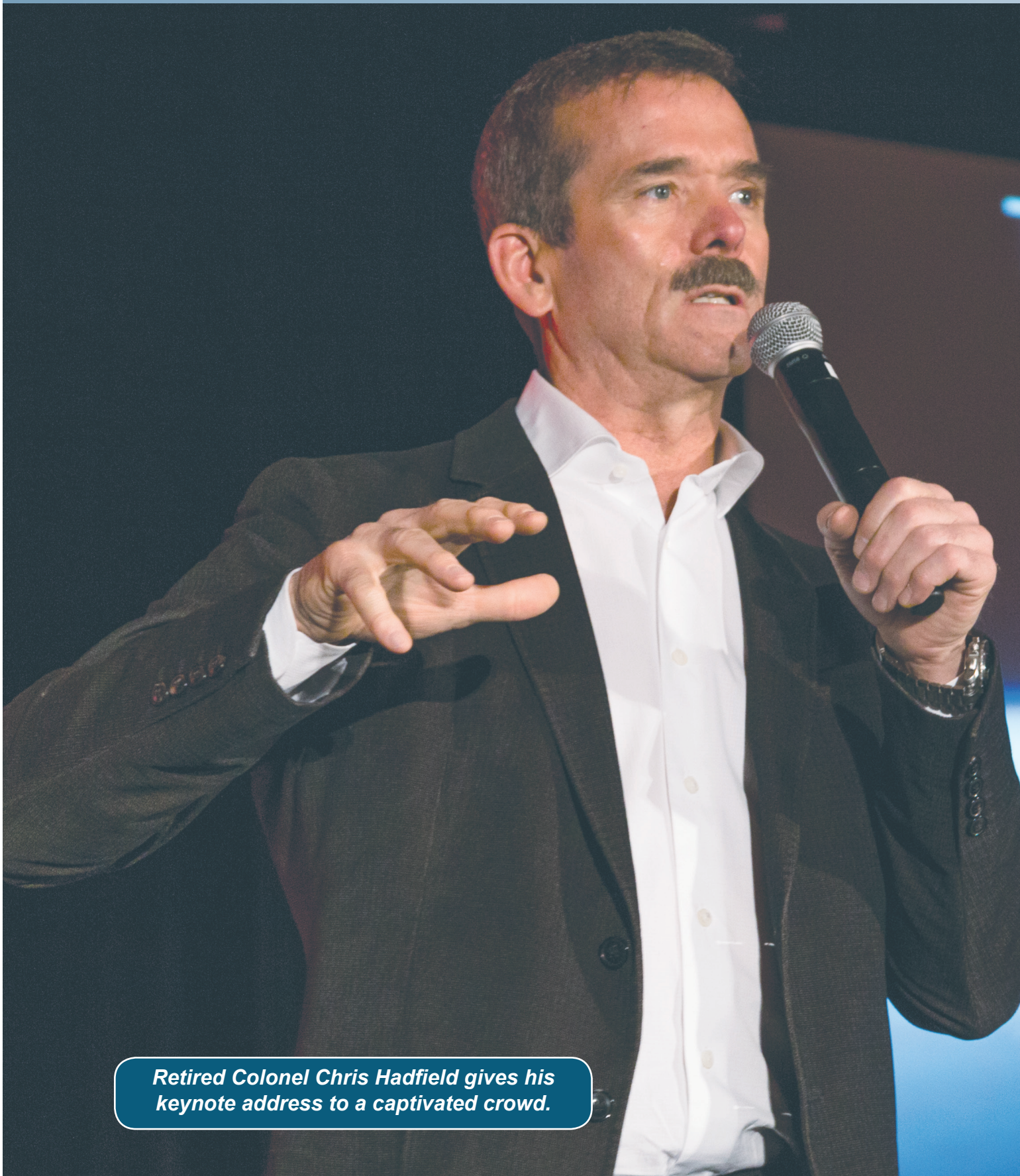


*Andrea Horwath speaks to members of the Infrastructure Alliance*

STAY TUNED... 



# OSSGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



*Retired Colonel Chris Hadfield gives his keynote address to a captivated crowd.*



# AG: February 26-28, 2014 - Ottawa, ON

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## INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

A great crop of award winners was highlighted this year by Lafarge Canada Inc.'s West Paris Pit, which earned the award of excellence. To receive this award, a site must already have earned the Progressive Rehabilitation Award, Community Relations Award and the Property Enhancement award, including all seven "gold bars". The award recognizes producers that go above and beyond industry standards in all areas of consideration. Lafarge is continually improving their West Paris Pit site, and fostering partnerships with municipal governments and the community.



### AWARD WINNERS:

#### AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

- West Paris Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

- Acton Quarry - Dufferin Aggregates
- Carden Quarry - Miller Paving Ltd.
- Patterson Quarry - Miller Paving Ltd.
- Severn Quarry - Walker Industries

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD:

- Acton Quarry - Dufferin Aggregates
- Cayuga Quarry - Dufferin Aggregates
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- Milton Quarry - Dufferin Aggregates
- Mosport Pit - Dufferin Aggregates
- Ogden Point Quarry - Dufferin Aggregates
- Redford Pit - Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd.
- Duntroon Quarry - Walker Industries
- Severn Quarry - Walker Industries
- Vineland Quarries & Crushed Stone - Walker Industries
- Walker Brothers Quarries - Walker Industries

#### PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION AWARD:

- Ayr Pit - CBM Aggregates
- David Pit - CBM Aggregates
- Lakefield Pit - CBM Aggregates
- Lakefield Pit, West Floor - CBM Aggregates
- McDonnell Pit - CBM Aggregates
- Brown Pit - Dufferin Aggregates
- Mosport Pit - Dufferin Aggregates
- Spears Pit - Harold Sutherland Construction
- Brown Lund Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Dodds Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Giordano Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Orillia Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Talbot Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Uxbridge Regan Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- West Paris Pit - Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Anten Mills Pit - Walker Industries
- Edgar Pit - Walker Industries

#### PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT AWARD:

- Lincoln Quarry - Nelson Aggregate Co.
- Uthoff Quarry - Nelson Aggregate Co.
- Waynco Pit - Waynco Ltd.

Congratulations to all of the Industry Advancement Award winners.



# OSSGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: February



*Steve Bisson, Walker Industries*



*Heather Melcher, Golder Associates*



*Kevin Fitzpatrick & Kevin Trimble*



*Anson Le, Lafarge Canada Inc.*



*James Gordon, Fowler Construction  
& Chris Hadfield*



*Lynette Mader, Ducks Unlimited*

## STUDENT DESIGN AWARDS

In 2013, students from the University of Guelph's Landscape Architecture program and Fanshawe College's Landscape Design Program were tasked with developing site plans for Lafarge's Stead-Day Pit in London including a design concept for the progressive rehabilitation, final rehabilitation and end use of the site once extraction is finished.

Students from both schools toured the site together to see an operating pit in person. With site plans and maps in hand, they got

a sense for where they were in relation to the features on the drawings. Areas already rehabilitated (through progressive rehabilitation) gave students an idea of what the industry currently does.



*Emilio Martinez Lara accepts Student Design Award*

The students had until January to send in their design boards. OSSGA brought in a panel of judges who reviewed each design following a list of criteria with a scoring scheme. The design that scored the highest was awarded first place and a cash prize, presented onstage at the AGM.



# January 26-28, 2014 - Château Laurier, Ottawa, ON

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## **BRONZE PLAQUE TO BE PRESENTED**

This September, the OSSGA will be presenting the Bronze Plaque Award to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and partners for the rehabilitation of the Wildwood Pit. The pit is located near the town of St. Mary's on the border of Oxford and Perth counties.

Wildwood Pit was active in the 1950s and 1960s, and exhausted by 1971. The conservation authority purchased the land in 1957 and in 1963 began to extract material for the Wildwood Dam.

In 1996, the conservation authority began a rehabilitation project in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources. The rehabilitated pit now features a tall grass prairie plantation, a fen, a very dry – almost arid section that is home to many lichens and plants, a pond for amphibians and reptiles, and higher dry areas, including gravel ridges and mounds. Some unusual grasses and deciduous trees have also moved in to some of these sheltered areas.



### **Bronze Plaque Ceremony**

Date: Thursday September 25

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Wildwood Conservation Area

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*Members' Corner is an outlet reserved exclusively for OSSGA members to feature company updates and product news in Rock Talk. Please note that space is limited and submissions may be edited for length, content and grammar.*

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# OSSGA SESSION ON ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, a number of OSSGA members participated in an informative and timely session on Aboriginal engagement. It's an increasingly important issue for the Ontario aggregate industry.

In fact, the topic proved so popular that the morning session "sold out" early and an afternoon session was added to extend the value of this presentation to more members.

One of the top Aboriginal law experts in the country, Tom Isaac, led the discussion which included the evolution of Aboriginal issues and consultation over the past 30 years, the role and duty of government to act and implications for natural resource extraction industries.

Tom is a partner with the law firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP – leading their Aboriginal Law Group. He is an authority on this topic and has published the definitive reference on Aboriginal relations -- *Aboriginal Law: Commentary and Analysis*, 2012.

Prior to joining Osler, Tom was Chief Treaty Negotiator for the Province of British Columbia – a role which brought him face-to-face with Aboriginal communities on a frequent basis. He has also represented aggregate, mining, energy and forestry as clients and has argued cases before Ontario courts as well as the Supreme Court of Canada.

Feedback from OSSGA members on the session was very good. A constant refrain was that the information and advice provided was very timely as many aggregate operators have been hearing from First Nations in proximity to their sites over the past year.



Tom Isaac speaks to OSSGA members



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Registration is \$295 per golfer and includes a round of golf, golf cart, driving range, continental breakfast, lunch, gourmet dinner, grand prize ticket and drink ticket! Space is limited and we always sell out, so register today. There are lots of great sponsorship items available too so be sure to check out all of the options available.

## **REHABILITATION TOUR AND DINNER**

**August 13/14, 2014**

### **Sudbury Region**

Mark your calendar for this year's bus tour which will take you to a variety of sites that have unique highlights. Join us August 13th for a dinner and presentation followed by a tour of some of Sudbury's best practice rehabilitation sites on the 14th. Registration will be open in late June.

## **OPERATIONS TOUR AND DINNER**

**September 17/18, 2014**

### **Orillia & Simcoe County**

Join 120+ of your colleagues to get up close and personal with operations in the Orillia area. Highlights include stops at Nelson Aggregate Uthoff Quarry, Walker Aggregates Severn Pines Quarry, J.C. Rock Norland Quarry and others. Also, we will visit with associate members like Tiremaster and others. Mark your calendar for the networking dinner on September 17th followed by a full day tour on the 18th. Registration will be open in late July.

## **GENERIC FIRST-LINE SUPERVISOR TRAINING**

**November 17 – 19, 2014**

### **OSSGA Office, Mississauga**

This three day certified training program covers modules U6300 – U6305. Registration will be open in early September.

## **COMMON CORE SURFACE MINER TRAINING**

**November 20, 2014**

OSSGA Office, Mississauga  
This one day certified training program covers the first three modules of the Common Core Surface Miner required training U5030, U5031 and U5032. Registration will be open in early September.

## **2015 OPERATIONS, HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR**

**January 21 & 22, 2015**

**Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel, Mississauga**

## **2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**February 25 – 27, 2015**

**Hilton Toronto Hotel, Toronto**

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OSSGA is a non-profit industry association representing over 285 sand, gravel and crushed stone producers and suppliers of valuable industry products and services that supply most of the 152 million tonnes of aggregate consumed annually in the province to build and maintain Ontario's infrastructure needs.

OSSGA works in partnership with government and the public to promote a safe and competitive aggregate industry contributing to the creation of strong communities in the province.



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