

ROCK TALK

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2015 OSSGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



2015's annual conference and general meeting in Toronto was an enormous success. A huge thank you goes out to all attendees, exhibitors, presenters, and of course our sponsors! This year's conference brought together presenters on a variety of relevant topics that directly affect the aggregate industry. Participants learned how the use of drones is impacting the cost and feasibility of 3D modeling, how new mitigation strategies are helping to lessen the impacts of species at risk, and, through series of case studies, about how innovative solutions are being implemented to mitigate the longer-term impacts of below water table extraction. And that's not all!

Attendees were treated to a number of different points of view from a diversity of speakers, including a panel of First Nations representatives, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry the Honourable Bill Mauro, James Duncan from Nature Conservancy Canada, and former Toronto Maple Leaf captain Wendel Clark. Their experience and expertise allowed for insightful questions and discussions about the issues faced by the aggregate industry today, and those it may face in the future.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



There's no question: the aggregate industry is one heavily regulated industry. We understand that.

As proud Ontarians, we work hard to be good corporate citizens. We not only meet the requirements set out in the more than 25 different pieces of legislation that regulate us—we consistently exceed them. As the stewards of Ontario's aggregate resources, OSSGA members recognize that collectively we owe a duty of care to the public, and the environment.

That's why we need your help. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is currently conducting a coordinated review of the Greenbelt Plan, Growth Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and Niagara Escarpment Plan.

The outcome of this review must ensure the availability of close to market aggregate supply.

The review has been split into two parts: the first phase, which is coming to its conclusion, is the collection of general comments on the Plans from the public and stakeholders. A set of proposed amendments will then be released, followed by an additional opportunity to provide comments.

Over the past number of weeks the ministry has been holding a series of open houses to solicit comments from the general public on the review. OSSGA sent out notices of these open houses and we thank the many members who attended on behalf of the industry. While the open houses have now come to a close, MMAH is still accepting written submissions as part of the coordinated review of the Plans. These comments are due on May 28, 2015.

We want to make sure the review panel hears the "hole" story. OSSGA is in the final stages of developing its written submission, which we will share once it has been submitted. MHBC Planning was retained by a group of producers to develop detailed documents that will form the body of OSSGA's submission to MMAH. OSSGA, its Plan Review Committee and its board of directors believe the messaging in these documents represents an effective and solid position for the industry on the plan review.

We want to share these findings with you. The full documents are available [here](#). We encourage you to add your voice to the review comments. Please feel free to use this information as a building block for your submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As a united industry we will have a stronger voice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Wigdor".

Ted Wigdor, Chief Executive Officer

More information is available from:

Environmental Registry (<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/>)

The registry number (EBR) is 012-3256

MMAH website (<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10882.aspx>)

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

It's a great honour to serve as Chair of the OSSGA for 2015/2016. We continue to experience many changes in our industry and I am excited for the opportunity to help lead our Association.

I want to thank Malcolm Croskery for his hard work and perseverance as OSSGA Board Chair over the past year, and to all the members of the Board of Directors. Malcolm has helped guide us through a busy year that included a municipal and provincial election, a number of legislative and regulatory changes with impacts on our industry, and the arrival of a new CEO at OSSGA. I believe we also need to recognize the OSSGA staff for continuing to demonstrate day-in and day-out why this Association is a leader and influencer in the infrastructure sector. I'm optimistic because the outgoing Board Chair, Board members, new CEO and staff have together laid a strong foundation for the future of the industry.

Over the past several years, the Board at OSSGA has redefined and adapted the organization's strategic focus. In particular, we have learned to concentrate on how to better serve our membership when faced with constantly evolving challenges. OSSGA's expanded training programs and one-voice approach to key legislative changes offers tangible benefits to all members.

Our industry faces constant change, such as the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review and the review of the *Aggregate Resources Act*, and it is important for us to bolster our strength. The best way to do this is to increase our membership and encourage as many of our fellow producers as possible to join and get involved. Despite doing a great job, we can use more help to improve our industry's image and the economic climate in which we work.

OSSGA is, and will continue to be, a strong voice for our industry. We have clear direction and ask that you get involved to help shape the future of the stone, sand and gravel industry in Ontario. It is our individual members that make up our great team.

Thank you for your efforts, and thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Chair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Gordon".

James Gordon, Board Chair



2015/16 OSSGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



BACK ROW L-R: Mark Geens(Lafarge Canada Inc.), Ryan Essex (Miller Paving Ltd.), Quinn Moyer (Nelson Aggregate Co.), Angelo Muscillo (Bulk Transfer Systems), Darrin Rousselle (Kal Tire), John Buhlman (WeirFoulds LLC), Terry Waites (J.C. Rock Ltd.), Erwin Schulz (AECOM), Ryan Wall (Walker Aggregates), George Lourenco (Capital Paving Inc.), Jennifer Prentice (Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd.), Jim Thomas (Cruickshank Construction), Bill Kester (Waterford Sand & Gravel)

FRONT ROW L-R: Dan O'Hara (Holcim Canada), Steve Bisson (Nelson Aggregate Co.), Ted Wigdor (OSSGA), James Gordon (Fowler Construction), Malcolm Croskery (Pioneer Construction Inc.), Bill Marquardt (CBM Aggregates)

NOT PICTURED: Xavier Guesnu (Lafarge Canada Inc.), Ed Persico (Holcim Canada Inc.), Anne Guiot (Skelton, Brumwell & Associates), John Moroz (CBM Aggregates), Ken Lucyshyn (Walker Industries)



OSSGA runs a full slate of training programs for our members, including certified and industry expert-led training courses and events. We offer common core, generic supervisor, working at heights, accident investigation and more.

The next OSSGA common core training session takes place on May 25, starting at 9 a.m. This program is intended to train anyone working on a Surface Mining Site. The Occupational Health and Safety Act and Surface Miners Training Standard states that anyone working on a Surface Mining Site must have Surface Mining Common Core Requirements Training.

Registration fee for this course is \$275 per person, and includes lunch, and all-day coffee, tea and water. You can register on our website, [here](#).

Covered in this course:

- 3 Core Modules (U5030, U5031, U5032)
- Lock Out/Tag Out
- Fire Extinguisher Procedures for Small Fires
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- Operating Power and Hand Tools
- Climbing, Handling and Working from Ladders and Scaffolding
- Importance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Wearing it Properly
- How to Handle Basic Medical Emergencies



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<http://perkopolis.com/Hotel/OSSGA.html>

OSSGA is pleased to provide this new member benefit – and hope you enjoy all that it offers!

2015 OSSGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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Of course, not all of the conference was limited to serious, productive discussion. There was entertainment and fun to be had as well.

Keynote speaker and comedienne Katie Davis entertained the crowd, sharing her humorous life experiences and even bringing some members of the audience on stage to help illustrate her points on motivation and teamwork. Conference attendees also had the opportunity to visit the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium, or the Hockey Hall of Fame, and then returned to the hotel for the Chair's Dinner, with entertainers including acrobats and fire dancers.

The final day of the conference took place at the Mattamy Athletic Centre, formerly Maple Leaf Gardens, a building with a great deal of sporting and aggregate history. Conn Smythe, original owner of both the Toronto Maple Leafs and C. Smythe Limited Sand & Gravel, was one of the first Bronze Plaque recipients, for Smythe Park. As owner of the hockey team, he gave players jobs with his sand and gravel business to help them make ends meet in the off-season. Smythe built Maple Gardens in 1931, and it was there that Wendel Clark, former Captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs spoke to the crowd about leadership, following the theme of the conference. He told stories of his youth, of breaking into professional hockey as an 18 year old in 1985 after being selected first overall in the NHL entry draft, and how he uses his experiences to help young players breaking into the league today. After speaking, Wendel joined conference attendees for a skate on the ice, and signed copies of his book, *My Life in Hockey*, all the while regaling a captive audience with anecdotes from his playing days.

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Frank Kielbowich of Walker Aggregates accepts the Progressive Rehabilitation Award

A great crop of award winners was showcased this year, highlighted by CBM Aggregates' Sugarbush Pit, which earned the Outstanding Achievement in Property Rehabilitation Award. Today, the Sugarbush Pit site has clearly been rehabilitated to a natural state with aquatic vegetation taking hold within the wetland and fringe areas, and strong evidence of colonization by native vegetation on upland areas adjacent to the wetland feature.

2014 INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT AWARD WINNERS:

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PROPERTY REHABILITATION

CBM Aggregates – Sugarbush Pit

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

- CBM Aggregates – Aberfoyle Pit
- CBM Aggregates – Sunderland Pit
- Dufferin Aggregates – Acton Quarry
- Dufferin Aggregates – Butler Pit
- Dufferin Aggregates – Flamboro Quarry
- Dufferin Aggregates – Milton Quarry
- Dufferin Aggregates – Mosport Pit
- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Bearbrook Quarry
- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Caledon Pit
- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Dundas Quarry

- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Oro-Medonte Pits
- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Woodstock Quarry
- Walker Industries – Duntroon Quarry
- Walker Industries – McGregor Quarry
- Walker Industries – Ridgemount Quarries
- Walker Industries – Severn Pines Quarry
- Walker Industries – Vineland Quarries & Crushed Stone
- Walker Industries – Walker Brothers Quarries

PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION

- CBM Aggregates – Clarington Pit
- CBM Aggregates – McNally East Pit
- CBM Aggregates – Sunderland Area Pit 4
- CBM Aggregates – Sunderland Pit Sandpile/Stockpile
- CBM Aggregates – Westwood Pit
- Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. – Shepherd Pit
- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Bateman Pit
- Lafarge Canada Inc. – Flaherty Central Pit
- Walker Industries – Duntroon Quarry

PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT

Lafarge Canada Inc. – Burford Pit

Congratulations to all of the Industry Advancement Award winners!



Nicolle Bellissimo of Dufferin Aggregates accepts the Biodiversity Award



Monica Kwok, Lily Xia and Belinda Ching (not pictured) from the University of Guelph took first place for their design, Beetopia

OSSGA administers an annual Student Design Competition. Working in partnership with The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC), this competition helps educate students with respect to compatible after-uses of former aggregate properties, promote public and academic awareness of the land-use potential of former aggregate sites in Ontario, and provide students with an awareness of career opportunities in the industry and to showcase their design skills.

This past year, students were tasked to develop a rehabilitation plan for Lafarge's Uxbridge (Regan) Pit and Uxbridge Township's 7th concession pit. Students were invited to enter the competition, which included being provided an opportunity to tour the site, examine the existing rehabilitation site plans and develop their own progressive and final rehabilitation plans for the site. Monica Kwok, Lily Xia and Belinda Ching from the University of Guelph won this year's competition with their entry entitled Beetopia. It details plans to transform the two pits into a pollinator-friendly 'utopian' habitat.

Thanks to the work of the rehabilitation committee we have already selected a Vicdom site in Uxbridge Township for the 2015 competition.

TOP 10 UNDER 40



As we are well aware OSSGA members have come to represent the best of the best in the aggregate industry. The March/April 2015 issue of *Rock To Road* magazine features a cover story on the top 10 under 40 in the aggregate industry nationwide. Three of those ten are members of the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association. They are Amma Wakefield of Miller Paving, Alex Caruana of Polydeck Screen Corporation, and Karly Winfield of Provix Inc.

The theme of our annual conference this year was Next Generation Leadership, and it's great to see the next generation of leaders emerge and be recognized by those outside of our association.

Congratulations to Amma, Alex, and Karly. We thank you for your contributions to our industry, and look forward to more great things from you in the future!

Click [here](#) for the full article in *Rock To Road*.

HEARTLAND FOREST DONATION



On April 15, members of OSSGA's Niagara Regional Committee presented a cheque in the amount of \$4,200 to Heartland Forest, a 93 acre park in Niagara Falls featuring accessible trails, playgrounds, a nature centre, allowing visitors minimal barriers to enjoy recreational activities in natural surroundings.

The centre relies heavily on donations to operate, but those who run it are working hard at making the operation self-sustaining. To that end, they have been renting out the building for weddings and other events; but it was missing one feature that most other wedding venues have – a dance floor. This donation will fully fund the purchase of a modular dance floor which will help make this an even more attractive venue for weddings.

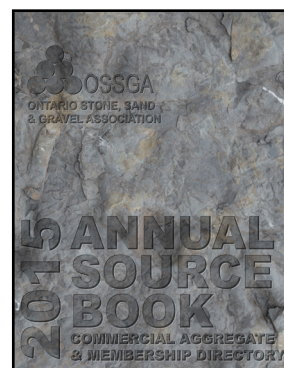
Thank you to Nelson Aggregate Co., Lafarge Canada Inc., MHBC Planners, WSP Global, Waterford Sand & Gravel, Nortrax, Golder Associates Ltd., and Walker Aggregates Inc. for their generous donations.

SOURCE BOOK

ANNUAL SOURCE BOOK

We will be putting together the 2016 Source Book shortly, and ask that **all members update and check their Source Book listing for accuracy.**

Please send all changes/updates to Jay Millington, Manager, Communications for OSSGA at jmillington@ossiga.com or call him at (647) 727-8779



OPERATIONS, HEALTH & SAFETY SEMINAR

OSSGA held its annual Operations, Health & Safety Seminar at the Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel on January 21st and 22nd, and managed to entertain while educating and refreshing those in our industry about many aspects of on-the-job safety. We were fortunate to have the Honourable Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour speak to the crowd, and we had plenty of expert speakers on subjects ranging from tire awareness and jaw crusher repairs to working at heights and more. Attendees were also treated to two entertaining and powerfully emotional keynote speakers – former NHL goaltender Clint Malarchuk and Carl Dixon, former member of the musical group The Guess Who.

Thank you to all attendees, presenters and a full house of exhibitors in the trade show area for a great event, and of course, thank you to all of our great sponsors for their support:

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Bob Gagne of Automatic Welding Inc. speaks to the crowd about jaw crusher repair.



Exhibitors were kept busy showing off their products and services to attendees.



Keynote speaker Clint Malarchuk delivers a moving speech to a captivated audience.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TECHNICAL TOUR

October 19 – 23, 2015

Seven active sites, lunch with the British Columbia Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (BCSSGA), learn about west coast best practices, sturgeon fishing on the Fraser River, a tour of the Britannia Mine Museum and more!

Whether it is gold, silver, copper, granite, limestone or cement, we've got it all on this five day, four night tour through the interior and surrounding areas of beautiful British Columbia.

- Copper Mountain Mine - Get up close and personal with the largest secondary crusher in the world
- Have a "blast" at two of Mainland Sand and Gravel's largest operations
- Visit two Lafarge Canada properties: Lafarge Kamloops Cement Plant and Pitt River Quarries
- Tour the Kal Tire Kamloops OTR site, where rubber hits the road
- Join board members of the BCSSGA for lunch in the scenic Town of Squamish
- Fishing anyone? Enjoy a sturgeon fishing expedition with your colleagues and network
- Tour the Britannia Mine Museum which is now a National Historic Site – ride the haulage tunnel and see the old equipment in action

Registration and information about the tour will be available at www.ossqa.com as of May 15. Space is very limited and confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Rate - \$2,675 plus HST includes: most meals, all hotel stays, bus transportation, return flights from Toronto to Vancouver via Air Canada, sturgeon fishing expedition and fishing licence, all site tours and mine museum entrance. Rate does not include incidentals, alcohol at meals, lunch on Monday, dinner on Thursday, any luggage over the Air Canada standard allowance and trip insurance.



Monday, October 19

8:00am – 10:05am Air Canada Toronto to Vancouver
 10:05am – 11:00am Gather luggage and board bus
 11:00am – 11:45am Lunch
 11:45am – 3:00pm Drive to Kamloops
 3:00pm – 5:00pm Lafarge Kamloops Cement Tour
 5:00pm – 6:00pm Drive to Kamloops Hotel
 6:00pm – 6:30pm Hotel Check and freshen up
 6:30pm – 8:30pm Dinner – Sponsored by Kal Tire

Tuesday, October 20

6:30am – 7:00am Breakfast at Leisure at Hotel
 7:00am Sharp Depart Hotel
 7:00am – 7:15am Drive to Kal Tire OTR

7:15am – 8:45am
 8:45am – 9:00am
 9:00am – 10:30am
 10:30am – 11:30am
 11:30am – 1:00pm
 1:00pm – 3:45pm
 3:45pm – 5:45pm
 5:45pm – 6:15pm
 6:15pm – 9:45pm
 9:45pm

Wednesday, October 21

6:00am – 7:00am Breakfast at Leisure at Hotel
 7:00am – 7:15am Drive to Fishing Docks
 7:15am – 12:30pm Sturgeon Fishing Expedition

Kal Tire OTR Tour
 Drive to Aggregate Site TBD
 Aggregate Site Tour TBD
 Drive to Merritt
 Lunch
 Drive to Copper Mountain Mine
 Copper Mountain Mine Tour
 Light Dinner Pickup/Eat on Bus
 Drive to Chilliwack
 Hotel Check-in & Free Evening

12:30pm – 12:45pm
 12:45pm – 2:00pm
 2:00pm – 2:30pm
 2:30pm – 5:00pm
 5:00pm – 5:30pm
 5:30pm – 6:15pm
 6:15pm – 8:30pm
 8:30pm

Thursday, October 22

7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast at Leisure at Hotel
 8:00am – 8:30am Drive to Pitt River Quarries
 8:30am – 10:00am Pitt River Quarries Tour
 10:00am – 12:00pm Drive to Squamish
 12:00pm – 2:30pm Lunch with BCSSGA Board Members

Return to Hotel
 Freshen Up/Lunch at Leisure in Hotel
 Drive to Sumas Mountain
 Mainland Sand and Gravel Site Tour
 Drive to Langley
 Hotel Check-in & Freshen Up
 Group Dinner
 Free Time

2:30pm – 2:45pm
 2:45pm – 4:15pm
 4:15pm – 5:30pm
 5:30pm

Friday, October 23

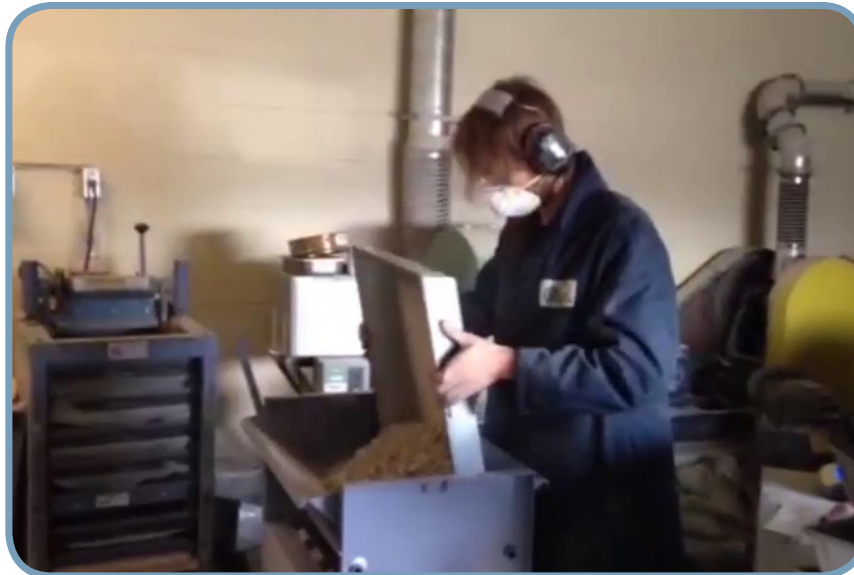
6:30am – 7:30am Breakfast at Leisure at Hotel
 7:30am Sharp Bus departs hotel for airport
 7:30am – 8:15am Drive to Vancouver Airport
 10:00am – 5:55pm Air Canada Vancouver to Toronto

*sites and schedule subject to change



This past year, we had five excellent videos submitted for the My Job Rocks! video contest. The videos took differing approaches, but all resulted in outstanding final products, successfully showcasing a number of aspects of our industry.

We were grateful to have two expert judges for this year's contest, Craig Shouldice, owner of Shouldice Media, and Christine Bentley, a veteran journalist best known as a former anchor on CTV in Toronto.



Of course, while all of the videos demonstrated that a lot of work had been put into them, there can be only one winner. The winner of this year's contest was Golder Associates. Thanks to Golder for showing that not everything in our industry happens on the floor of a pit or a quarry. They gave us some insight into the science behind the production. The team at Golder obviously enjoys what they do, and they do it well.

For winning the My Job Rocks! video contest, Golder Associates received a complimentary pass to the conference and AGM, and a slide on the OSSGA homepage announcing their win.

You can view this year's submissions on our [YouTube channel](#).

Please be on the lookout for information coming your way soon about the 2015 video contest. We hope to see even more great videos this year!



For those who have joined us on previous OSSGA Rehabilitation Tours, you know what a great learning experience it can be, as well as a perfect opportunity to network. This year will be no exception.

The event includes special guests and demonstrations like never before. The tour and presentations feature agricultural rehabilitation throughout the Owen Sound area and the Grey and Bruce County regions including visiting sites rehabilitated by The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC), Harold Sutherland Construction and wetland created by Ducks Unlimited. Hands-on demonstrations include soil testing and the use of drones to assess sites. Join us June 22nd for a dinner and presentation, followed on June 23rd by drone demonstrations, soil sampling, presentations and tour.

Registration is now open at [this link](#).



A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE 2015



OSSGA encourages its regional committee members to reach out to your municipal councils, to increase their understanding of our industry, establish relationships, communicate OSSGA's key messages and gain valuable feedback.

We are in the process of updating the presentation to include current issues. When it is complete, we will also be producing a video tutorial on how to deliver this municipal presentation. This video will be made available on the members' section of OSSGA.com. In addition, we will be hosting a webinar for potential presenters to gain comfort in giving this presentation.

If feasible, consider having your regional committee host the presentation as an event, inviting pertinent guest speakers and serving a small breakfast. Hosting the event rather than presenting directly to council also allows you to invite other stakeholders who may find the presentation valuable. Our Waterloo-Wellington-Brant Regional Committee found that this approach resulted in an excellent response.

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The AV-900 allows you to generate volumes for inventory control and high-accuracy orthophotos for site management and topographic mapping when and as often as needed. It can dramatically improve turnaround times for volume analysis while improving accuracy and lowering costs. Unlike drone systems designed for inspection video or larger area fixed-wing systems, the AV-900 was designed from the ground-up for precision photogrammetric mapping of stockpiles.



GeoCue is a new OSSGA member, and can be found in the new member listings on page 13.

In April, **MTE Consulting Inc.**'s Peter Gray received the June Callwood Award as well as a 20-Year Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

The June Callwood Award recognizes dedicated individuals and non-profit organizations that, like the late June Callwood, have made a lasting and meaningful contribution to their communities or have provided significant support to volunteer activities.

Both of the awards recognize Peter's contributions to the Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival. The local festival is committed to empowering children to become environmental stewards. Peter is proud when the children who participate in the program become catalyst for change by taking new found respect back to their own environments.

He is also one of the founding directors and is the volunteer president of the Children's Water Education Council (CWEC). This is a registered, non-profit charitable organization that in 1994 initiated the first Children's Groundwater Festival. The festival has educated more than 600,000 children about a wide variety of water-based issues and concepts. This year it will be run in 27 communities across Ontario and will educate 60,000 children from grades two to five. Moreover, about 750 parents and 500 high-school students volunteer to run the festival.

Peter's vision, commitment and passion have been instrumental to the successful endeavors of both the Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival and the Children's Water Education Council.



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Drum motor manufacturing.

OSSGA would like to correct an error from the previous issue of Rock Talk. **Matrix Solutions** was mistakenly listed as Natrix Solutions. You can find them at www.matrixsolutions.com.

OSSGA WELCOMES NEW STAFF



We are pleased to announce a new member to the OSSGA team – Sharon Armstrong, has joined us as our Vice President, Communications and Operations.

Sharon is responsible for all facets of communications and will be working closely with the CEO, staff, committees and the Board to develop an effective communications strategy to increase brand awareness. She will directly manage communications activities that promote, enhance and protect OSSGA's brand reputation, including our publications, media and stakeholder relations, digital media and brand strategies.

Sharon brings with her a wealth of experience from the association world. Prior to joining OSSGA, Sharon served a number of national and provincial associations including the Retail Council of Canada, Certified Management Accountants of Ontario, Canadian Professional Sales Association, Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Business Telecommunications Alliance and the Toronto Lung Association.

In these roles Sharon was responsible for all aspects of marketing and communications, including brand management, member recruitment, advertising, media relations, social media, as well as strategic planning, risk management, human resource management, operations, project management and professional development programming. In her operations capacity, all of these skills will be leveraged.

Sharon holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto (1990), a Masters of Business Administration from the Ivey School of Business (2002), and a Certified Management Accounting designation (2007).

In her off hours – don't be surprised to find Sharon and her Telecaster guitar playing a Beatles tune or two!

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMON CORE SURFACE MINER TRAINING

May 25, 2015

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 is now open at [this link](#).

REHABILITATION TOUR AND DINNER

June 22/23, 2015

Owen Sound area

Join us June 22nd for a dinner and presentation, followed on June 23rd by drone demonstration, soil sampling, presentations and tour. Register today for the tour and dinner. Registration is now open at [this link](#).

GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 9, 2015

Cardinal Golf Club

Time to dust off your clubs and join over 400 of your industry colleagues for an incredible day of golf and networking. Registration is \$299 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 opportunities available too so be sure to check out all of the options available. Registration will be open soon at [this link](#).

OPERATIONS TOUR AND DINNER

September 16/17, 2015

Collingwood area

Join 120+ of your colleagues to get up close and personal with operations in the Collingwood area. Details are being finalized, and will be available soon. Mark your calendars! Registration will be open in early July at [this link](#).

You don't have to wait for Rock Talk to check out what exciting events are coming up. Check out OSSGA's calendar of events to secure your spot and make sure you don't miss out.

Remember that sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Julie Harrington at (905) 507-0711 extension 208 for details.

WATCH FOR MORE EVENTS AND TRAINING COMING THIS FALL INCLUDING: ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP, CURLING BONSPIEL, GENERIC SUPERVISOR, COMMON CORE, AND MORE!

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