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Photo: Bot Construction Group



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OSSGA Showcase Demo

— New OSSGA Event Brings Heavy Equipment to Life! —



Sixteen OSSGA exhibitors paraded the latest and greatest in product innovation, state-of-the-art equipment and cutting-edge technology on October 9 at the association's first-ever Showcase and Demonstration event.

Hosted by Holcim Canada Inc.'s Aberfoyle site near Guelph, ON, the showcase featured live equipment demonstrations, show and tell at exhibitor tents and an opportunity to network with hundreds of industry representatives, including a broad cross section of top equipment suppliers and technology experts.

Combining efficiency with versatility, some of the featured products on display included "intelligent" on-board anti-collision systems, remote stockpile measurement tools, mobile mapping systems, innovative mobile wash plants and much, much more!

For a photo spread and list of sponsors and exhibitors, please see pgs. 6-7.

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Few industry events feature an island tour as the first stop on the agenda. On September 18, however, more than 50 participants made their way to Manitoulin Island for a special tour of Lafarge Canada Inc.'s Meldrum Bay Quarry as part of OSSGA's annual Operations Tour.

"I have never attended one of these tours before and I could not believe (OSSGA) packed so much into two days!" said Lowell Brown of V. J. Pamensky Canada Inc. "It was interesting to see how the Lafarge quarry had expanded over the last few years."

Located on the west end of Manitoulin Island in the northern part of Lake Huron, Lafarge's marine quarry marked the official kick-off to a two-day tour featuring five other outstanding aggregate operations in northern Ontario.

Meldrum Bay Quarry (see photo 1 below) began operations in 1980 by Seeley and Arnil Construction and was purchased by Lafarge in 1986. Today, the quarry ships dolomitic limestone throughout Canada and the United States along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

Other sites on the tour included:

- **Pioneer Construction Inc.**, where participants visited the granite quarry, concrete plant, cement rail delivery system, storage area and shop
- **Atlas Copco Mining and Rock Excavation** (see photo 2 below), where attendees witnessed how quality key parts are made available at optimal efficiency
- **Rail-Veyor Technologies Global** (see photo 3 below), demonstrating how quickly, quietly and safely Rail-Veyor transports materials at its test site

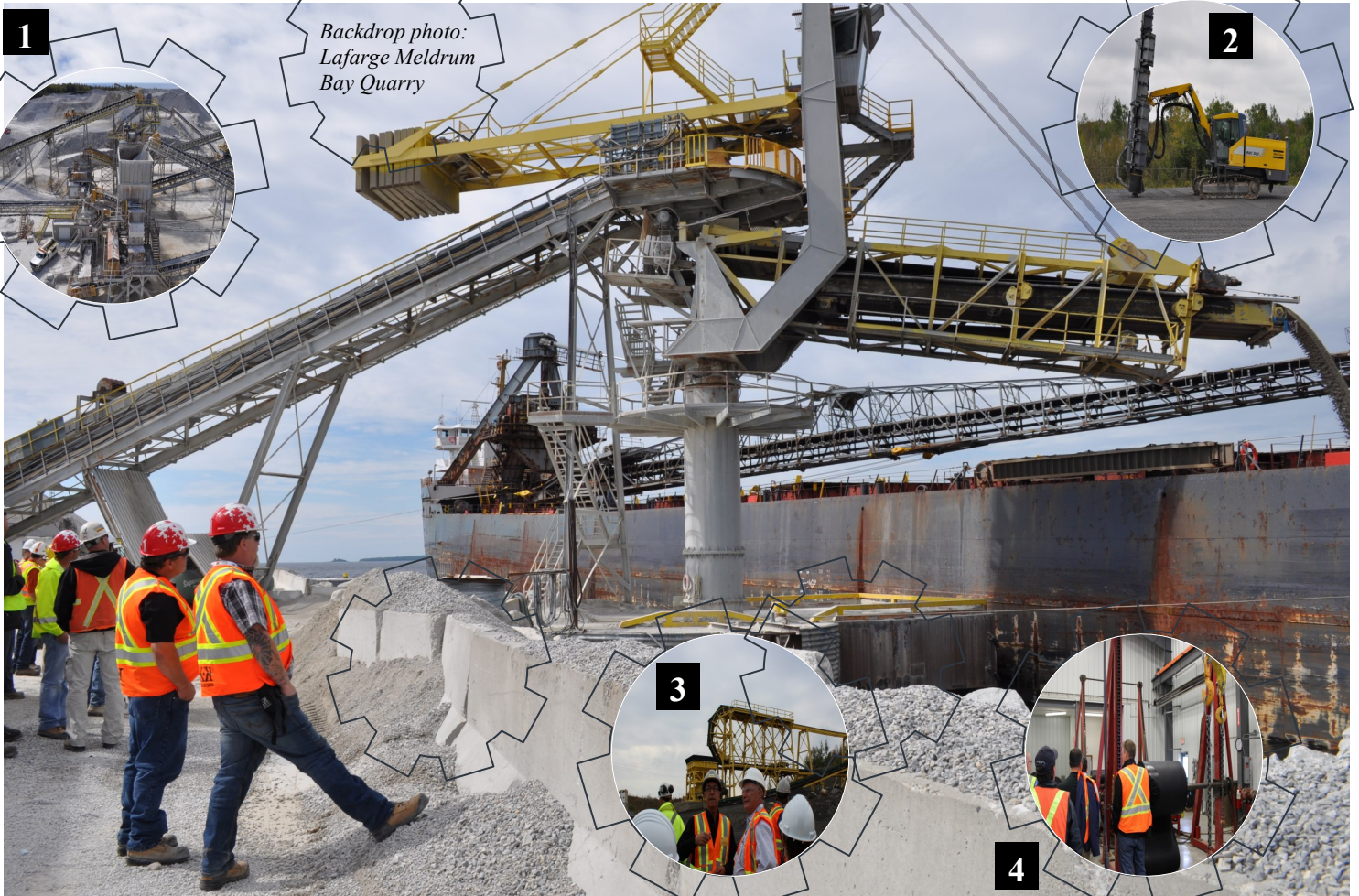
- **Grant Aggregate & Industrial Supply Inc.** (see photo 4 below), featuring a tour of a combined 40,000 square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space

- **Bot Construction Group** (see cover photo) and its work on a large-scale project south of Sudbury that includes a four-lane expansion of Hwy. 69 over 11.2 km.

"The tour gave me a new appreciation for the great expense a contractor goes to when constructing a highway through rugged terrain," added Brown. "I was particularly interested to see how waterways were kept from being contaminated with foreign material."

For more info on the Operations Tour, or other OSSGA events, please contact Julie Harrington at jharrington@ossga.com or phone (905) 507-0711 ext. 5.

Backdrop photo:
Lafarge Meldrum
Bay Quarry



OSSGA EVENTS

Mayor
Dennis Lever

Local Aggregate Industry
Presentation

LOCAL AGGREGATE INDUSTRY BREAKFAST PRESENTATION:

Puslinch Mayor and chair of the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) Dennis Lever gave an update on TAPMO on November 29 in Cambridge to local mayors, councillors and key municipal staff. Three other industry experts also delivered presentations that morning on water management in the aggregate industry, recycling and the Ministry of Natural Resources' role in managing aggregates.

Photo: OSSGA breakout session on Aggregate Operations and Agricultural Land, ARA Review Workshop, November 28

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OSSGA ARA Workshop & More

AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT REVIEW WORKSHOP:

Following a lengthy review process, the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on General Government recently tabled a report on its review of the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA), proposing 38 recommendations in the following areas:

- Improved Public Information on Aggregate Operations
- Licencing Procedures and Associated Matters
- Review of Licences
- Use of Recycled Aggregate Materials
- Municipal Land Use Planning Responsibilities
- Aggregate Operations & Agricultural Land
- Cumulative Impact
- Rehabilitation of Former Sites
- Alternative Modes of Transport

Given the magnitude of this undertaking (the last major revision to the ARA was made in 1997) and its implications for the aggregate industry, OSSGA provided an opportunity for its members on November 28 and again on December 6 to help shape the association's official position on the recommendations.

Hosted by OSSGA's Land Use Committee, the two sessions began with an overview of the proposed changes contained within the report, followed by facilitated workshops where participants had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the recommendations in detail.

To share your feedback on the report, or for more information, please contact Mike Scott at (905) 507-0711 ext. 7.

OSSGA TRAINING PROGRAMS:

(Photo) Live demonstration on operating an electrical tool, section U5032 for the Common Core Surface Miner Program, November 21, Mississauga, ON. Other modules covered "Work and Safety in the Job Environment" and "Lock Out and Tag Equipment and Energy".

OSSGA also hosted a three-day session featuring six modules for the Generic First Line Supervisor Program beginning on November 18.

CURLING BONSPIEL:

OSSGA's annual curling tournament found a new home on November 22 at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. Sporting a new state-of-the-art curling rink floor, the facility hosted four teams in a round of friendly competition among colleagues and industry counterparts. Congratulations to winners Marcus Li and Scott Penton of **Novus Environmental Inc.**, as well as Tricia Hellingman, **Hellingman Communications**, and Gord Turcotte of **Torbolton Resources**.

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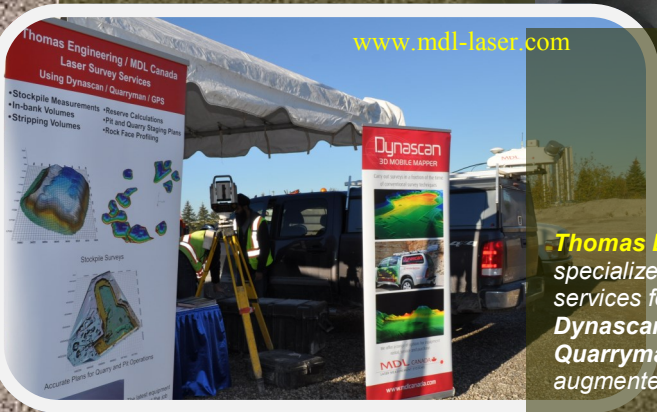


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OSSGA NEWS: New Staff Member

Expert communicator and accredited public relations professional Dan Muys joins the OSSGA team as Director of Communications and Marketing.



With over 15 years of communications and marketing experience in the private sector and government, Dan will focus on engaging OSSGA's many external stakeholders in discussions about Ontario's resource management challenges and opportunities. He is working collaboratively with OSSGA staff to proactively communicate the OSSGA message.

Dan is also working with OSSGA regional committees as well as the Provincial Outreach Committee.

With a strong background in communications planning, Dan has devised strategic communications campaigns for numerous organizations across Canada and the U.S., including TransCanada (Pipelines), federal politicians and a global chemical company. At a PR agency, Dan organized a very successful nation-wide media tour, reaching 1.2 million consumers to deliver the client's messages.

Dan holds a Bachelor of Arts, Honours, in Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University and a post-graduate public relations certificate from Humber College.

Dan is also active in the Canadian Public Relations Society and is a member of the International Association of Business Communicators. He has won numerous PR, communications and marketing awards in Canada and the U.S. for his work over the years.

OSSGA is delighted to welcome Dan on board and looks forward to his many contributions.



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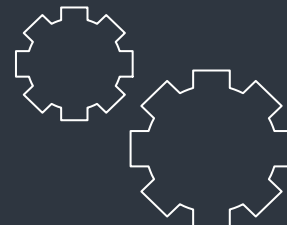
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OSSGA Members' Corner



W.S. Tyler

a screening equipment and solutions provider, has appointed Karen Thompson as its new president. Karen has spent the past 16 years working in various roles within W.S. Tyler and

brings a deep understanding of the screening industry to her new role. She intends to continue the long-standing W.S. Tyler tradition of building valuable customer partnerships through knowledge and innovation.

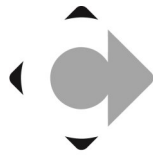
Thompson cited the Pro-Deck™ approach to screen media optimization and Hydro-Clean™ washing equipment as examples of what can result from strong company-customer interaction.

According to Thompson, the expansion of W.S. Tyler's sales and service to offices in multiple locations in Canada and the United States is a key step to keeping flexibility and customer service the top priorities. The regional offices provide a direct commercial and technical connection to W.S. Tyler headquarters in St. Catharines, ON.

W.S. Tyler is a member of the wholly owned German-based Haver & Tyler Processing Technology Alliance. The company is a leading manufacturer, systems provider and specialist in the screening, washing and pelletizing industries, and its mission is to deliver new approaches and technologies to the marketplace.

For more info, please visit www.wstyler.ca.

Cruickshank has been named one of Canada's Safest Employers by *Canadian Occupational Safety Magazine*, winning gold in the "Building and Construction" category. The national award, which is based on health and safety statistics and innovative practices, was presented to the company at a gala on October 30 in Toronto, ON.



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"We are absolutely thrilled to be recognized for our commitment to best practices," says Cruickshank CEO Steve Cruickshank. "Employee safety is number one at Cruickshank — and a core component of our success." The company has developed a number of initiatives, including safety representatives at each job site, daily safety meetings, annual "Safety Days," ongoing training and a Joint Health and Safety Committee.

Launched in 2011, Canada's Safest Employers awards recognize Canadian companies with outstanding accomplishments in promoting the health and safety of their workers. This year, 24 employers were recognized in 11 categories.

Since 1956, Cruickshank has lived by the company motto "We do our level best" — driving ingenuity in road, bridge and infrastructure construction services with an engaged team and leading edge tools to get the job right — every time.

For more information about Cruickshank's safety programs, please visit: www.cruickshankgroup.com/the-cruickshank-advantage/safety-first.

WipWare

Inc. has recently received the "Innovation Award" at the Bell Evening of Excellence Awards ceremony as part of the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce 2013 Small Business Week activities.

"It's gratifying that the team we've assembled receives this recognition," said WipWare President Tom Palangio. "We encourage our people to think outside the box and that, in part, leads to the ongoing success that WipWare has experienced."

WipWare continually embraces innovation and leading-edge technology by

investigating the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for blast fragmentation studies, utilizing 3-D printed prototyping in its research and development projects and partnering with such initiatives as "Innovation Initiatives Ontario North" (IION) and the Innovation Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Production (ICAMP).

Earlier this year, WipWare's entrepreneurial achievement was recognized by PROFIT 500, ranking in the top-third of Canada's Fastest-Growing Companies as rated by revenue growth over five years.

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OSSGA NEWS

OSSGA AWARDS PROGRAM GARNERS 41 RECORD ENTRIES



OSSGA received a record-breaking 41 submissions for the Industry Advancement Awards this year — up by about a dozen applications collected in recent years.

OSSGA also received an unprecedented four applications for the Environmental Achievement Award (in recognition of positive contributions to the environment) and two applications for the Outstanding Achievement in Property Rehabilitation Award (in recognition of exceptional land reclamation efforts over and above what is required by provincial legislation). In addition, the awards program saw a large variety of applications this year from nine different companies — two of which were new applicants.

The awards were judged on November 7 at the OSSGA offices in Mississauga by new and returning judges consisting of both industry representatives and external stakeholders.

OSSGA would like to thank the following members of the judges panel:

Returning Judges:

Bernie Janssen, Harrington McAvan Ltd.
Mayor Dennis Lever, Twp. of Puslinch
Robert Patrick, CONE

New Judges:

Lynett Mader, Ducks Unlimited Canada
Nic Shulz, Cornerstone Standards Council
Bailey Walters, Genivar

OSSGA would also like to thank the following group of dedicated volunteers who help expand and provide support to the annual awards program through their participation on the OSSGA Awards Committee:

Tom Baumgarten, Golder Associates Ltd.
Dave Charlton, Stantec Consulting Ltd.
Kevin Fitzpatrick, Genivar
James Gordon, Fowler Construction Ltd.
Kate Lyons, Holcim Canada Inc.
Brian Sulley, RWDI Inc.

Land rehabilitation achievements by OSSGA members are some of the finest in the province. OSSGA would like to commend OSSGA member producers for their dedication in raising industry standards.

For more information on the awards program, please visit www.ossga.com (awards tab) or contact Cynthia Robinson at (905) 507-0711 ext. 6.

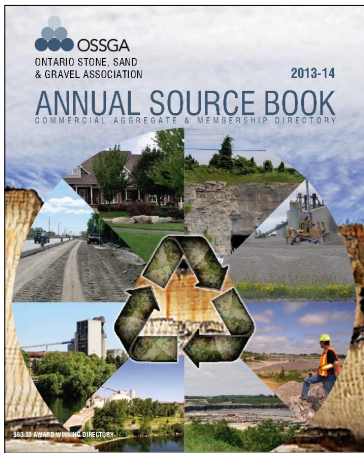


AVENUES MAGAZINE

Copies of the fall issue of *Avenues Magazine* are available. To read the current issue online and/or to be included on the *Avenues* mailing list, please visit www.ossga.com/avenues.

For editorial enquiries, please contact **Marta Blocki** at (905) 507-0711 ext. 1 or e-mail mblocki@ossga.com.

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Update forms for 2014/15 will be circulated in the new year.

'MY JOB ROCKS' VIDEO COMPETITION

OSSGA received a number of excellent submissions for its first-ever "My Job ROCKS" video contest. Earlier this summer, OSSGA invited its members to develop a brief video detailing why they love their jobs in the aggregate industry.

Winning submissions will be announced in the new year and featured at the OSSGA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa in February 2014. OSSGA would like to thank all applicants for their hard work!

For more information, please contact **Cynthia Robinson** at (905) 507-0711 ext. 6.



Rock Talk is published three times a year for members of the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

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