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## ONTARIO STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SKILLED TRADES INVESTMENT

**Mississauga, Ont.** – The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) commends the Government of Ontario's newly announced economic vision, as outlined in the 2024 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: *Building Ontario for You*. The plan's robust investments in infrastructure and commitment to strengthening Ontario's skilled trades will significantly enhance the supply chain for essential building materials and foster job growth.

"Ontario's infrastructure investments are directly tied to sustainable growth in our communities," said Michael McSweeney, Executive Director of OSSGA. "Projects like Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass and a study on the feasibility of a tunnel under the 401 are pivotal not only for reducing gridlock but for supporting Ontario's economic growth. We're ready to support these developments with the high-quality materials needed to build safe, lasting infrastructure."

### **Advancing Essential Infrastructure:**

1. **Investment in Roads, Highways, and Transit:** Ontario's \$191 billion commitment over the next decade will drive economic activity and improve mobility across the province. With over \$27.8 billion dedicated to roads and highways, OSSGA is prepared to deliver the aggregate resources essential for these vital projects. "Reliable infrastructure means safer, faster commutes, stronger local economies, and better quality of life for Ontarians," McSweeney said.
2. **Supporting New Housing and Municipal Infrastructure:** OSSGA also celebrates the increase in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), which will provide smaller municipalities with the funding needed to expand essential services, housing, and infrastructure.

### **Strengthening Ontario's Skilled Trades and Workforce:**

OSSGA supports the province's substantial commitment to skilled trades training, including the \$1.4 billion Skills Development Fund, which is crucial for building a strong workforce to support Ontario's growing infrastructure demands.

"Ensuring a steady supply of skilled workers will enable us to meet Ontario's infrastructure needs efficiently and responsibly," McSweeney noted. "Ontario's long-term commitment to training the next generation in fields like construction and manufacturing is essential for continued economic growth."

OSSGA is enthusiastic about Ontario's vision for infrastructure expansion and its alignment with the need for a reliable, environmentally sustainable supply of aggregates. As Ontario builds for the future, OSSGA stands ready to support the province's infrastructure needs and deliver the resources that will help shape a prosperous and resilient Ontario.

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