

A large, layered rock quarry face with three workers at the base for scale.

OSSGA Membership: The Power of Belonging



Who We Are

ABOUT OSSGA

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) has been the voice of the aggregate industry since 1956. We are a not-for-profit industry association representing more than 280 sand, gravel, and crushed stone producers and suppliers of valuable industry products and services.

We are *the* voice of aggregate. Collectively, our members supply a significant majority of the approximately 164 million tonnes of aggregate consumed annually in the province.

Help us be an even stronger advocate by adding your voice to the conversation. Join OSSGA today!

Why Join OSSGA?

BUILDING YOUR FUTURE

Whether you're a pit or quarry operator, gravel hauler, equipment supplier or aggregate consultant, our diverse, value-added program has something for everyone!

OSSGA is a powerful network of more than 280 producers (Active Members) and suppliers (Associate Members) working to:

- Advocate for the long-term availability of aggregate resources
- Share industry updates, best practices and success stories
- Protect the reputation of the aggregate community
- Provide education, training and social events that connect members together



Protecting and Promoting the Industry

THE VOICE OF THE INDUSTRY

The aggregate industry is one of the most highly regulated in Ontario. More than 25 pieces of legislation ensure the protection of people, the natural environment and future resources. OSSGA works closely with

all levels of government to ensure effective legislation and regulation. Examples include:

- Land Use Planning - participation in the review of the Provincial Plans, Aggregate Resources Act, and Provincial Policy Statement
- Compliance requirements under the Endangered Species Act

- Regular specifications meetings with the Ministry of Transportation
- Monitoring and participation in Municipal Official Plans, by-laws and regulations

As an OSSGA member you receive regular notification of new government regulations or changes to existing regulations affecting the industry.

You also have access to professional advice regarding regulations, licensing, government affairs, health and safety, and environmental issues.

There's strength in numbers! On specific issues, the Association acts as a hub, allowing members to pool their resources to protect against unfair local or regional decisions, OMB hearings or municipal plan amendments. Add your voice to help us be even stronger.

Providing Skills, Knowledge and Resources

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

OSSGA is committed to ensuring you and your employees possess the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges of the future through our outstanding educational programs. Programs are designed to meet the certificate requirements employees must have, as well as provide Industry Expert Led Education on all aspects of aggregate operations.

Examples of OSSGA's training include:

Certified Training

Surface Mining Common Core Training
Generic First Line Supervisor Training
Working at Heights
Accident/Incident Investigation

Industry Expert Led Education

Aggregate 101
Environmental Workshop
Operations & Service Training Day



In addition to our training, we offer development opportunities including:

- OSSGA's annual Conference & General Meeting
- Operations, Health & Safety Seminar
- Tours - rehabilitation sites and operational tours across the province – and beyond!
- Access to reports, studies and resources specific to the aggregate industry



It's About the People

STAY CONNECTED

Regional events and committees provide members the opportunity to network and learn about local issues affecting their operations; speakers are often engaged to discuss current regulatory or planning issues.

OSSGA's annual golf tournament is a huge success every year attracting more than 300 golfers - a great way to network and have fun.

Associate Members are invited to all **OSSGA Events** - including training and certification programs, conferences, seminars and social/networking events where they can:

- Exhibit products and services
- Give presentations to hundreds of delegates
- Hear from industry experts
- Network with other suppliers
- Engage with the OSSGA community

All members have a wealth of opportunity to make a difference in the association and the industry by joining and participating in OSSGA committees. Committees initiate studies, make recommendations on topical issues and help keep all members informed on trends in the industry.

RECOGNITION

Each year, OSSGA members are recognized by their peers, the government and the public for their commitment to industry excellence through the OSSGA Industry Recognition and Safety Award Programs. (For more information, please visit www.ossga.com and click on the Awards tab.)

IT'S SMART BUSINESS

OSSGA Insurance Program

Cowan Insurance Brokers in conjunction with OSSGA has developed a comprehensive program to fully address the insurance and risk management needs of aggregate producers.

The OSSGA program makes available to you a wide range of coverage including:

- Automobile Insurance Protection for one vehicle or a fleet of vehicles
- Property Insurance Protection for buildings, stock, equipment, office contents and other property
- General Liability Protection in the event of bodily injury or property damage to third parties
- Umbrella Interruption Protection to insure your profits following a catastrophe
- Crime Protection for coverage on money and securities, and employee dishonesty



This exclusive program also includes many unique extensions only available through Cowan Insurance Brokers. The savings from this benefit alone could pay the cost of your membership!

OSSGA Perkopolis Discount Savings Program

OSSGA provides its members and their employees with exclusive access to discounts on popular products and services - including theatre tickets, hotels, attractions, movies, shopping, and travel!

Through OSSGA's partnership with Perkopolis, members have access to savings of up to 50 per cent on shows, shopping, restaurants and more! Perkopolis Hotels will provide you savings at more than 100,000 hotels worldwide.



Keeping It Current

PUBLICATIONS

Stay informed and connected, whether through work on committees, networking or through our publications. As a member, you'll receive:

- Free company listing in OSSGA's award-winning **annual directory**, including colour mapping of all your aggregate properties AND inclusion in the service indexes.
- **Avenues Magazine** - OSSGA's bi-annual publication, available to the public, that explores the latest trends and innovations for a more sustainable aggregate industry. OSSGA members

are invited to submit editorial content and place ads in this and all other OSSGA publications, including the website, at special rates.

- Complimentary subscription to OSSGA's industry e-News, **Rock Talk**, charting OSSGA events, announcements and industry news, including the opportunity to submit your news in the Members' Corner section of the newsletter.
- Free company listing on OSSGA's website: www.ossga.com, complete with a link to your own company website, address, contact numbers and more!

- Exclusive, 24-7 free access to local and global industry news via OSSGA's online **News Monitoring Service**.
- Guidelines and tools to assist you with **Regulatory Compliance**.
- Quality industry **Research Statistics and Studies** on industry trends and forecasts.
- OSSGA's **Materials Reference Guide** designed to keep our members current on the latest updates to materials specifications pertinent to their business.



We are the voice of the aggregate industry in Ontario. Have your say - join OSSGA today.

We invite you to enjoy all the benefits of being an OSSGA member!

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