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"You help build our hospitals where we care for the people that we love; the office buildings where we make a living and the homes where we raise our children," continued the Minister, adding: "Whether it's a house built in Kenora or the tens of thousands of roads and paved highways that bind our communities together, your work improves the lives of all Ontarians."

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OSSGA invites you to log onto **www.ossga.com** to experience our new and improved company website. The site incorporates many exciting new tools and features to help you get the most out of your membership. Here's what's available to you:

1) SEARCHABLE OSSGA ACTIVE & ASSOCIATE MEMBER LIST WITH CUSTOMIZABLE POP-UP WINDOWS FOR ALL MEMBER COMPANIES. Take advantage of this unique feature at www.ossga.com/active_members (for producer members) or www.ossga.com/associate_members (for suppliers) that allows you to include a company description, including main address, contact numbers, primary e-mail and web address, as well as a company logo for free. Make your company stand out by e-mailing your company info to Marta Blocki at mblocki@ossga.com today!

2) HOMEPAGE PHOTO SLIDER. We are inviting all OSSGA member companies to submit a photo and short description of a special project or event they are involved in to be featured on the homepage of our new website. Photos of exceptional rehabilitation projects are also welcome. Please contact Marta Blocki to share your good news stories today!

3) INDUSTRY NEWS UPDATES for OSSGA members. OSSGA members get free, 24-7 access to industry news from Canada and around the world at their fingertips. OSSGA has signed up with a new media monitoring service that tracks over 175,000 online news sources for OSSGA's members'-only section daily. Contact Eva Da Silva at edasilva@ossga.com to get your new login information for exclusive member access today!

4) **NEW EVENTS REGISTRATION MODULE**. For you convenience, we have moved the event registration module to ossga.com and embedded this feature within an interactive events calendar. Simply browse through the months of the year and click on the events you're interested in attending. The system will take you to OSSGA's secure registration module where members can register for events quickly and easily. If you're a regular user, simply log in as a member and the system will "remember" your contact details so you don't have to retype standard information.

5) **NEW PAGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION**. The OSSGA website is a work in progress and OSSGA staff is working towards expanding and improving this important member tool on an ongoing basis. Future initiatives will include banner advertisement opportunities for OSSGA members; a timeline outlining the history of the association; tribute to honourary OSSGA members, and partnerships projects, to name just a few.

This is your website! We encourage you to send us your feedback regularly. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas at mblocki@ossga.com.

Upcoming Events

SATIRDAY, MAY 4, 2018 OSSGA Operations and Service Training

THERSDAY, MAY 9, 2013 AT 6:00 PM

Taste of Africa Italian Cultural Centre, Oshawa, ON

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MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 OSSGA Rehabilitation Tour Barrie/Orillia Area



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Jeffrey said her government recognizes the contribution that aggregates make to developing Canada's largest province and recognizes that a "modern, reliable infrastructure" is what drives and grows the economy.

According to the Minister, upgrading hospitals and roadways boosts productivity by producing wealth and creating jobs – that's 35,000 direct and indirect, good-paying jobs in Ontario.

"Since 2003, Ontario has invested more than \$75 billion in public infrastructure after a decade of underinvestment and long-overdue improvements to Ontario transit and highway systems, schools and hospitals."

In her portfolio as Minister of Labour, Minister Jeffrey embarked on the role of protecting Ontario's other most valuable natural resource – its workers.

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OSSGA ZERO LOST-TIME AWARDS

Following a very engaging morning session featuring MOL Chief Prevention Officer George Gritziotis and injury prevention champion Candace Carnahan, OSSGA honoured its members who have made a significant contribution to the overall health and safety of the industry.

An unprecedented 27 individual safety award submissions were received this year, recognizing outstanding achievements in safety from among OSSGA's various member companies. Winners in this category will be profiled in OSSGA's fall issue of *Avenues* magazine.

OSSGA also presented 176 zero lost-time injury awards as part of the association's annual corporate safety awards program.

NEW THIS YEAR:

OSSGA also featured a series of concurrent sessions for attendees to choose from, including:

- Associate Members New Product Presentations;
- Resource Inventory; and
- Strategies for the Aging Workforce

These hands-on sessions offered delegates an opportunity to interact more closely with the subject matter of their choice while offering more flexibility and variety.

To download the presentations from the Operations, Health & Safety Seminar, please log onto: www.ossga.com/presentations/

To obtain your new company login information, please contact Eva Da Silva at edasilva@ossga.com or phone (905) 507-0711 ext. 2.

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LIVE AUCTION:

OSSGA CEO Moreen Miller (left) and popular speed painter Dan Dunn during a gala dinner at the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 28. OSSGA raised over \$17,000 at a live auction of paintings created onsite by the American artist. All proceeds were donated to the Children's Foundation of Muskoka in a cheque presentation ceremony on March 19 with the Mayor of Huntsville Claude Doughty. For more on this story, please see www.ossga.com.

STUDENT DESIGN & INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT AWARDS:

This year, students were tasked to develop a comprehensive rehabilitation plan for four London sites courtesy of CBM Aggregates. From the 27 entries received from the University of Guelph and Fanshawe College, four students were honoured on day two of the AGM. (For a complete list of student winners, please visit **www.ossga.com** and click on the current issue of *Avenues* magazine.)

OSSGA would like to thank CBM, The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation, Miller Paving and OSSGA committee members for their support.

Twenty-eight awards were also presented in recognition of best practices in environmental stewardship, rehabilitation, community relations, and operations. Fowler Construction Company Limited received the Environmental Achievement Award for its preservation work on the Sage Creek Valley portion of the Fowler Child's Pit. Congratulations to all of our winners! (For the full story and a complete list of winners, please visit www.ossga.com.)

OSSGA would also like to thank representatives from the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment, the Cornerstone Standards Council, Ontario Nature, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Township of Uxbridge, Genivar Inc. and Harrington McAvan Ltd for judging the awards.

Below (left to right): Community Relations Award winner Lafarge Canada Inc., with Chris Galway, Mal Wensierski and Carol Siemiginowski.



NEW VENUE:

Thirty-seven years ago, senior representatives from OSSGA — then known as the Aggregate Producers Association of Ontario — converged at Deerhurst Resort for a Board of Directors meeting.

"Today, we build on OSSGA's rich history by staging our flagship event back in the 'gem' of Northern Ontario," said OSSGA Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors John Moroz on February 27.

The theme of this year's conference: "The Power of Partnerships: Building Communities" highlights the importance of collaboration and the great possibilities that can come out of those relationships. In the spirit of the theme of the conference, OSSGA invited several stakeholders to participate, including:

- **Government** (Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Transportation, Township of Puslinch)
- Cornerstone Standards Council
- Ontario Nature
- The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation, as well as:

Celebrated Canadian journalist and CBC senior business correspondent for "The National", Amanda Lang and
Respected business strategist and award-winning author, Bruce Philp.

NORTHERN EXPERIENCE ACTIVITIES:

This year, OSSGA offered a range of exciting outdoor activities between business sessions, beginning with a 3-on-3 Pond Hockey Tournament, followed by X-Factor Tobogganing under the stars, ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sleigh rides and much more.

Below: "The Hanson Brothers" (left to right) Frank Hurkmans, Ryan Wall, Steve Bisson, Frank Kielbowich and Peter Graham of Walker Aggregates Inc.



h 1, 2013, Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville, ON

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To download the presentations featured at this year's AGM, OSSGA members can visit the new OSSGA website at: www.ossga.com/presentations/

For photos, please see the new OSSGA photo gallery at:

www.ossga.com/past_events/

To obtain your new login and password, please contact Eva Da Silva at edasilva@ossga.com or phone: (905) 507-0711 ext. 2.

EVENTS: Endangered Species Act Conference

SSGA CEO Moreen Miller gave an engaging presentation at the Ontario Endangered Species Act Conference (OESAC) from the perspective of the aggregate industry on April 8 at the Paya

aggregate industry on April 8 at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Miller's presentation began with an overview of the industry, followed by an exploration of OSSGA initiatives pertaining to species at risk, such as jointly

> developing guidelines with the Ministry of Natural Resources for aggregate operators working with species at risk on their properties.

According to Miller, species-specific research has shown that gravel pits not only provide important habitat for various species, such as Bank Swallows, but also create new habitats.

Furthermore, rehabilitating former pits and quarries to include bio-regional landscapes with "linkages" can greatly benefit multiple species. OSSGA is now working collaboratively with government and environmental organizations towards creating the best habitats possible for various species by sharing research and streamlining processes.

OESAC AWARDS

On the evening of April 8, individuals and organizations that have advanced positive and meaningful outcomes associated with the implementation of the ESA were honoured in a special ceremony presented by Executive Director of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Mary Desjardins. Among the nine award recipients was Walker Aggregates Inc., receiving the Industry Leadership Award for its conservation work on the American Badger in Ontario. Walker provided support for a comprehensive overview of known habitat/biological needs, ecology, threats and knowledge gaps for this species.

For more information on the Walker award and photos, please visit www.ossga.com. For general information on the OESAC, please visit www.endangeredspeciesconference.com.

Photo (left to right): Wildlife Biologist Megan Hazell of AMEC Earth & Infrastructure, Julie Cayley of Ducks Unlimited Canada, panel moderator Paul Norris, OSSGA CEO Moreen Miller.

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OSSGA NEWS

2013/14 Source Book Directory Update To update your free listing in the OSSGA directory, please visit the following link:

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The deadline for update submissions has been extended to: Friday, May 10, 2013 by 4:30 p.m.

Source Book Advertising Opportunities (Active & Associate Members): www.ossga.com/source_book_ads

The deadline to reserve ad space has been extended to Friday, May 24, 2013 by 4:30 p.m.

Please note that companies failing to submit the requested materials by the stipulated deadlines will appear as listed in last year's directory (new members will not appear at all). Only company-designated ARs (Authorized Representatives) receive all OSSGA correspondence, and it is the responsibility of each individual AR to forward this information to the appropriate party(ies) within their company. For information on this or any other OSSGA publication, please contact Marta Blocki at mblocki@ossga.com or phone (905) 507-0711 ext. 1.

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Annual Benchmark Pricing Survey

The results of the pricing and trucking surveys have been sent to all participants last month on a regional basis. OSSGA would like to thank all participants in the survey this year.

If you participated in the survey, but did not receive the results, please contact Marta Blocki at (905) 507-0711 ext. 1 immediately, or e-mail mblocki@ossga.com.

Avenues

The winter 2013 issue of OSSGA's bi-annual industry magazine, *Avenues*, is now available. To download a copy of the new issue, please visit our website at www.ossga.com and click on the *Avenues* icon (right side bar).

To be added to the Avenues mailing list or to submit material for the fall issue, please contact Marta Blocki.

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