

# Aggregate industry willing to Pay More — 5 times More!



OSSGA believes that there should be an increase in the aggregate levy – predicated on the government ensuring:

- ◇ The increased levy be applied on all products produced in Ontario
- ◇ Monies to regions and municipalities be used for infrastructure only
- ◇ Exports out of province and imports into province be addressed
- ◇ Discrepancies between the Mining Act and the ARA be resolved
- ◇ More funding for the Management of Abandoned Aggregate Pits program be provided
- ◇ Increased levy result in an increase in enforcement and staffing
- ◇ The levy not be directed to general revenues

## TIME HAS COME TO RAISE THE LEVY

The aggregate levy – the amount of money that producers pay for every tonne of aggregate that they extract in Ontario — **needs to be increased.**

Currently, the levy in Ontario is 11.5¢ per tonne. In Alberta it is 25¢. In Quebec 53¢.

OSSGA and its members believe the levy in Ontario is too low! We've been working with the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities (TAPMO) and MNRF to increase the levy, and we'd like your support.

We all agree the time has come to fix our roads, bridges and sewers. But that needs aggregate. Lots of it. (Did you know for example that it takes 18,000 tonnes of aggregate to build just 1 km of road!)

We know that trucking gravel from long distances is expensive – both in terms of money and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs). Every extra kilometre is a cost to society. Supply needs to be close-to-market.

So how do we help build public trust in the aggregate industry so that new close-to-market supplies can be approved? Education to show that the aggregate industry can be a good

neighbour is a start; but better would be demonstrating our compliance with existing and proposed new *Aggregate Resources Act* regulations through more inspections (to prove to the public we exceed regulations) while at the same time, supporting municipalities by increasing the amount of monies they receive to

offset the infrastructure costs of aggregate production in their communities.

The industry needs to **Pay** its part with a higher levy – and government needs to **Play** its part by ensuring levy money is dedicated to uses such as enforcement and municipal infrastructure.

More funding = more money for municipalities = better relationships with host communities = less resources spent by everyone on OMB hearings and appeals = a balanced, environmentally and economically friendly approach to meeting the aggregate needs of all Ontarians.

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