



Community Relations Award

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association has established a Community Relations Award to recognize the efforts of aggregate operators who proactively develop good relationships with the communities surrounding their sites. The image of the aggregate industry is shaped by neighbours, in the individual communities in which OSSGA members operate.

Being a good neighbour is as much a part of an aggregate operation as extraction and rehabilitation. OSSGA's Community Relations Award is presented to companies that demonstrate that they have earned the respect of the citizens in close proximity to their operations through making consistent and innovative contributions to their communities.

The Award's criteria are organized within six sections:

1. Format
2. Background
3. Neighbour Relations
4. Community Involvement
5. Communication
6. Education

The Award application must illustrate that all of the listed criteria have been met in order for the applicant to receive the Award.

Submissions for this Award may combine examples from several licences within the same community in order to meet the criteria.

OSSGA Community Relations - Award Criteria

1. FORMAT	
1) One colour paper copy of the award submission, stapled at the top left corner, and a compact disk containing an electronic copy of the award submission, in PDF format, including high resolution digital photographs, in JPEG format (minimum 600 x 800 dpi).	
2) Title page listing the: award being applied for; company name; site name; lot and concession; municipal address of the site; name of site/plant manager; and name/contact information of the person coordinating the award submission (including phone number and email address).	
2. BACKGROUND	
1) A brief description of the site, including the history of the site.	
2) Identification of previous OSSGA Award(s) and year(s) of the Award(s) received for the site.	
3. NEIGHBOUR RELATIONS	
Illustration of how the company interacts with its neighbours on the following issues:	
1) Noise	
2) Dust	
3) Traffic	
4) Other	
4. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	
1) Illustration of how the company and its employees contribute to the community.	
5. COMMUNICATION	
1) Illustration of the company's use of publications to provide meaningful information to the public regarding the site and the aggregate industry in general.	
6. EDUCATION	
1) Illustration of how the company educates the public to increase awareness of the operation and the aggregate industry in general.	