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ONTARIO STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

Essential materials for building a strong Ontario

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Office of the Regional Chair

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Dear Mr. Kolb;

As you may be aware, the City of Brampton was the recipient of the 2010 Bronze Plaque award from the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association for the rehabilitation of 12 former gravel pits along the Brampton Esker into a series of recreational parks. This is a unique award in Ontario in that the City of Brampton is the only city in Ontario to now have two Bronze Plaque sites. Professor's Lake was the recipient of a previous Bronze Plaque in 1989. We were very pleased to have Minister Linda Jeffrey and Mayor Susan Fennell join us at our annual general meeting in February of this year to celebrate the award. The installation of the plaque will take place shortly. Please find enclosed a copy of our awards brochure that highlights the outstanding sites in Brampton that are part of the award.

The Bronze Plaque Award is the OSSGA's most prestigious award. Established in 1975, it is reserved for sites that have become truly outstanding examples of pit and quarry rehabilitation. Awarded to only 19 sites in Ontario, the City of Brampton's park system will join the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Erindale College in Mississauga, and the Don Valley Brickworks Park, as examples of public open space created by aggregate extraction.

These sites are the true implementation of how the extraction of aggregate materials close to the market can create a legacy of public open space, developed sequentially as cities grow. Extracting the non-renewable resources before they are built on or otherwise sterilized is a true model of sustainable development.

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association is completing the final details for the installation of the 2010 Bronze Plaque at Lakeland Estates in Brampton. The final unveiling of the plaque will take place on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 – 1:00 pm, as part of the annual OSSGA annual rehabilitation seminar and tour. We would be pleased if you could join us in celebrating the installation of the Bronze Plaque with Mayor Fennell and representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

If you could let us know if you will be able to join us, or would like to have someone else speak at the event on your behalf, we can complete our arrangements for the day.

We look forward to having you join us on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

ONTARIO STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

Moreen Miller  
President

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