

Dufferin Aggregates honoured with 11 awards

Dufferin Aggregates received 11 industry advancement awards at the 2004 Aggregate Producers' Association of Ontario (APAO) Annual General Meeting in Toronto. Awards were received in four categories.

Community Relations Awards are designed to encourage and recognize aggregate companies' efforts to establish relationships with the communities in which they operate. Progressive Rehabilitation Awards recognize ongoing site rehabilitation work.

Outstanding Achievement in Property Rehabilitation Awards honour achievements in final site rehabilitation and acknowledges that the site is no longer an aggregate site and is now useful for some other predetermined land use. The Award of Excellence is given to an operation in recognition of the producer's initiatives regarding site enhancement and industry improvement. To be eligible for this award an aggregate operation is required to have already received other awards, including the community relations and progressive rehabilitation awards.

"These awards are a great credit to our operations," said Ken

Zimmerman, Dufferin Aggregates lands supervisor. "We work hard at rehabilitating our sites and we like to be active on our communities."

Community relations awards were presented to five of Dufferin's sites including the Acton Quarry, located in the Town of Halton Hills and the Milton Quarry, located in the towns of Milton and Halton Hills.

The award applications are judged by a committee of industry representatives, experts, and representatives from government and other organizations. Gord Miller, Ontario Environment Commissioner, participated in this year's application voting committee. Along with APAO experts, the Outstanding Achievement in Property Rehabilitation award application was reviewed by Dick Hunter, Conservation Ontario, and Brian Messerschmidt, Aggregate and Petroleum Resources Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources.

This review process involved evaluating the written submission and visiting the site to see the rehabilitation results.

The APAO is the non-profit industry association representing producers of sand, gravel, and crushed stone in Ontario, along with suppliers of aggregate industry products and services.

To date, Dufferin Aggregates has received 65 APAO industry advancement awards.

Dufferin Aggregates, a division of St. Lawrence Cement, is a major supplier of high quality aggregates to the GTA. Dufferin operates five quarries, seven sand and gravel pits and two distribution yards.

Programs help youths become entrepreneurs

The Halton Region Business Development Centre (HRBDC) is co-ordinating three programs to help local youth start up small businesses and become successful entrepreneurs.

"We're pleased to be able to assist Halton students in creating their own work opportunities," said John Ayling, director of business development. "The Ontario Secondary School Business Plan Competition, and the Summer Company and My Company programs foster entrepreneurial skills and allow students to make valuable networking contacts they can use in the future."

Participants of last year's programs gained valuable experience that will help them be successful in today's highly competitive business world. Ryan Irvine, owner and operator of Inside Outside Painting, was a 2003 Summer Company participant. "The program provided me with the necessary resources to become my own boss," Mr. Irvine said. "I developed a broad range of valuable skills, which has given me the confidence to continue my dream of operating a successful venture following graduation."

The Summer Company program provides hands-on business training and mentoring, together with awards of up to \$3,000, to help enterprising young people start up and run their own summer businesses. The HRBDC co-ordinates the program and delivers it through business mentoring groups made up of volunteer business advisors from the community.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet regularly with their group for support and advice, and are required to attend a minimum of 12 hours of business training.

The deadline for applications is April 5.

In partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, the HRBDC holds the Ontario Secondary School Business Plan Competition each year. Students can win up to \$1,000.

Official sponsor RBC Royal Bank and a panel of business leaders will judge the entries.

The My Company program combines hands-on business training and the availability of competitive loans of up to \$15,000 to help enterprising young people start and run their own businesses.

Offered by the Ontario government in partnership with RBC Royal Bank, the program is open to people aged 18 to 29.

For more information on these programs and how to enroll, visit www.haltonbusiness.com or call (905) 825-6000.

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