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Ottawa Urged to “Do Even More” To Encourage Recycling of Aggregates

April 24, 2019 – In an open letter, industry associations congratulated Ottawa for its leadership in the recycling of aggregates, and called on the city to “do even more”.

In an independent study of the largest municipalities and regions in Ontario last year, Ottawa was ranked seventh out of 20 for its record in supporting the reuse of concrete and asphalt recovered from construction sites. To view the report, go to www.tarba.org/leaders-and-laggards.

Industry is urging Council to adopt a proposed *Municipal Aggregates and Asphalt Recycling Policy* that encourages greater recycling of these materials. Copies of the open letter and the proposed policy follow.

Another survey will be conducted this fall, and it will identify the cities and regions that have made positive gains (or not) since the initial report.

The industry associations supporting this initiative are the Toronto and Area Road Builders Association (TARBA), Heavy Construction Association of Toronto (HCAAT), Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association (GTSWCA), Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association (OSWCA), and Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO).

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Open Letter to Ottawa City Council:



In an independent study of the largest municipalities and regions in Ontario last year, Ottawa was ranked seventh out of 20 for its record in supporting the reuse of aggregate recovered from construction sites.

On a scale of 0 to 100, Ottawa scored 54 which placed it in the category of “Leaders”. To view the report, go to www.tarba.org/leaders-and-laggards.

We congratulate Ottawa, and urge the city to do even more. We attach a proposed *Municipal Aggregates and Asphalt Recycling Policy* which we are asking Council to adopt. By implementing such a policy, Ottawa will continue to show leadership in helping to divert used aggregate from the waste stream, lower fuel consumption and greenhouse gases, and build more sustainable infrastructure.

We will be commissioning another study later this year. The second annual *Leaders and Laggards* research report will again rank the cities and regions, and will identify those that have made positive gains (or not) in supporting the use of recycled aggregate. It will be released to the public in the fall. It is our hope that Ottawa will remain at the forefront of these efforts, and that we can look forward to further progress.

This initiative is supported by the Toronto and Area Road Builders Association (TARBA), Heavy Construction Association of Toronto (HCAAT), Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association (GTSWCA), Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association (OSWCA), and Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO). For further information, or to have one of our representatives speak to Council or a Council committee, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Municipal Aggregates and Asphalt Recycling Policy

WHEREAS (Name of Municipality) is committed to environmental sustainability and best practices associated with the reuse and recycling of construction materials associated with its civil infrastructure construction and maintenance programs, and;

WHEREAS (Name of Municipality) wishes to be a leader in environmental stewardship with respect to construction and maintenance of its roads and all other civil infrastructure works;

THEREFORE: (Name of Municipality) is hereby committed to the use of recycled construction aggregates and hot mix asphalt to maximum levels consistent with sound engineering and construction standards as determined by the Ontario Provincial Standards and Specifications (OPSS).

AND SPECIFICALLY THAT (Name of Council) hereby directs all departments or divisions responsible for civil infrastructure works to implement policies of specifying and requiring the reuse of recycled concrete and asphalt pavement as construction aggregates and new hot mix asphalt in all of their civil infrastructure construction and maintenance contracts to the greatest possible extent as permitted by OPSS 1010 – Material Specification for Aggregates Base, Subbase, Select Grade and Backfill Material and OPSS 1150 – Material Specification for Hot Mix Asphalt.