



MEMBER BULLETIN

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Aggregate and Dump Truck Protests Delaying Material Delivery in the GTHA

Dufferin Construction Company has indicated that their Milton, Flamboro, Mill Creek, and Mosport aggregate pits are all being picketed, delaying trucks from entering or exiting these sites. Lafarge has also noted that there are some picketers at their sites. As a result of these protests, concrete producers in the GTHA have noted that material shortages are beginning to occur, which may impact some construction projects in the region.

The protests are being staged by aggregate and dump truck drivers in response to the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) resumption of enforcement on axel weight limits, as of August 2nd. There had previously been a moratorium on axel weight enforcement since 2014 while MTO and stakeholder groups attempted to work through an agreement on how to address vehicle weight limits; however, a resolution was never reached.

The Ontario Sand, Stone, and Gravel Association (OSSGA) has been lobbying the provincial government to modify the existing vehicle weights and dimensions legislation to lower the total gross vehicle weight allowances as a possible solution to this issue. Discussions have also been ongoing with the MTO about re-establishing the moratorium on enforcing axel weight limits in the province until this issue can be officially resolved.

A previously issued notice about the resumption of axel weight limits can be found at the following link: <http://www.oswca.org/uploads/june-2016-mto-resuming-axel-weight-limits-enforcement.pdf>

If you have any questions about the MTO axel weight issue, please contact Patrick McManus (patrick.mcmanus@oswca.org or 905-629-7766 ext. 222).