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Subject: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Aggregate Survey

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The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is responsible for managing Ontario's aggregate resources and regulates the extraction of aggregates under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA). In Fall 2015 MNRF posted the document "A Blueprint For Change – a proposal to modernize and strengthen the Aggregate Resources Act policy framework" for public comment on the Environmental Registry. The document included proposed changes for stronger oversight, increased environmental accountability, and improved information and participation with relation to aggregate operations in Ontario. The proposal also included a commitment to work with municipal organizations to gather cost-based information that could support consideration of an increase to the portion of annual aggregate fees currently received by municipalities.

MNRF has hired a technical expert, TBT Engineering Consulting Group and MNP, to begin to gather this information. This survey is the first step in the process. The answers you provide will help to inform evidence-based research and analysis of this issue and will help the Ministry develop an approach to better assist municipalities in addressing infrastructure costs resulting from aggregate hauling operations. This message has been issued to Mayor's, CAO's, and Clerks. Please distribute to municipal staff within the public works departments and/or engineering divisions as necessary to assist with the completion of the survey. The survey is located at the link below.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2891191/MNRF>

The survey is comprised of 6 questions and, in part, may be used to identify appropriate contacts in your municipality that may be able to provide more information if needed. If you have any questions about this survey please contact Scott Peterson (TBT Engineering) at aggregates@tbte.ca or 807-624-5160. If you have any questions about the government's review of the Aggregate Resources Act, please contact Rebecca Zeran (MNRF) at 705-755-1754.

We would appreciate receiving a response by **July 19th 2016**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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