

Educating our Educators at Dundas Quarry

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Dundas, Ontario

In an effort to educate our educators, the Lafarge Dundas Quarry opened its door on Sat June 1st to a busload of teachers from the Greater Toronto Area. The Dundas Quarry was one of four stops in the first ever Operations-Pit-Quarry-Rehabilitation Site-Teacher (OPQRST) Event. The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association and Mining Matters, in partnership with EdGEO, put on this event to allow GTA teachers an opportunity to learn about southern Ontario's rich geological resources and how they are managed sustainably.

The tour featured stops at the Dufferin Aggregates Milton Quarry, the CBM Aggregates Aberfoyle Pits in Puslinch Township, the Lafarge Dundas Quarry and the award-winning rehabilitated quarry in Burlington – Kernclyff Park. In total, ten teachers attended the tour at Dundas and asked very insightful questions about how aggregates are produced, the importance of aggregates to everyday life, how the site is managed environmentally and the various approaches to the rehabilitation of an aggregate site to a beneficial land use once extraction is complete. The teachers commented that it was a "very eye-opening experience" and we were already emailed that they are starting to incorporate what they learned into their rocks and minerals component that is taught at schools.

This is one of a multitude of tours that the Lafarge Dundas Quarry undertakes every year to reach out to our local community and educate them on the importance of the aggregate industry and the fascinating history and geology of this particular site. The Dundas Quarry team is very active in their community as emphasized by their Deep Roots community initiative; "Being part of our communities past, present and future".



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