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RCCAO: Infrastructure Investment; Improved Regulatory Environment Key to Building Ontario for Budget 2024

Vaughan, Ont. – Continue investing in new critical infrastructure, increase funding for state-of-good-repair work, harmonize recycled aggregates usage regulations across municipalities, and fix Ontario's broken locates delivery system. These are the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario's (RCCAO) recommendations for the 2024 Ontario Budget.

"Ontario is rapidly growing and its critical infrastructure needs to keep pace," said Nadia Todorova, Executive Director of RCCAO. "Acting on these priorities will make it easier to build and achieve the government's policy goals of alleviating gridlock and ending Ontario's housing crisis."

RCCAO was recently invited to take part in Ontario Finance Minister Bethlenfalvy's budget consultations. Representing thousands in industry, both companies and labour, RCCAO advocated for improvements to Ontario's infrastructure operating environment that will make it easier to accomplish the province's goals and improve the critical infrastructure that forms the backbone of everyone's day-to-day lives.

RCCAO detailed its recommendations in a formal letter submitted to the Minister of Finance:

- Advance work on Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass and Ontario Line
- Invest in state-of-good-repair-work to maintain existing infrastructure assets
- Create incentives for municipalities to adopt the provincial OPSS1010 standard for increased use of recycled aggregates in road construction
- Improve Ontario's underground utility locates system by imposing automatic fines on delays and speed up locates delivery to mitigate costly delays.

A copy of RCCAO's letter to Minister Bethlenfalvy is publicly available here:

<https://rccao.com/government/files/RCCAO-2024-Budget-Submission.pdf>

RCCAO Executive Director Nadia Todorova is available for interviews.

Background on RCCAO: *The Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) is a labour-management construction alliance. Since its formation in 2005, RCCAO has been a leading industry advocate for infrastructure investment. It has commissioned 61 independent, solutions-based research reports to help inform decision makers.*

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BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT ONTARIO

ADVOCATING FOR INDUSTRY & INVESTMENTS IN BUDGET 2024

1 Continue to invest in critical infrastructure

BUILD NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Advance work on Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, and the Ontario Line

MAINTAIN EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Invest in state-of-good-repair (SOGR) work and clear the backlog.

2 Increase the use of recycled aggregates

MAXIMIZE INVESTMENTS

Using recycled aggregates can lower costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

INCENTIVIZE MUNICIPALITIES

Create incentives for municipalities to adopt the provincial OPSS1010 standard.

3 Fix Ontario's broken locates delivery system

ACCOUNTABILITY IS A MUST

It is time for automatic fines to be issued to address delays in the delivery of locates.

DELAYS COST US ALL

Time and money would be better spent building than waiting. Improve Ontario One Call.



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