

Jones's aggregate bill passes key vote

The Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act, the private member's bill of Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, recently passed second reading in the legislature with all-party support.

"I am very pleased that Bill 56 passed second reading today," Jones commented after the vote. "This was an important vote on an important issue, and I think that is evidenced by the fact that my bill received all-party support," Jones said.

If enacted, Bill 56 would allow contractors to use recycled aggregate when bidding on construction projects paid for with public money. Jones believes the legislation would be an effective measure to encourage aggregate recycling in Ontario by eliminating barriers to recycled aggregates being considered for use in public sector construction across the province.

"I've been working on this bill for a number of months now and have received a large amount of support from a wide range of people and stakeholders," Jones said. "The more people I talked to, the more I realized that there is a real consensus building that now is the time for Ontario to start seriously promoting the use of recycling aggregate."

"Today was a big milestone, no doubt about it," she added. "But there is still more work to be done. I am thrilled Bill 56 received all-party support, and I sincerely hope that having all-party support will mean that Bill 56 moves through the legislative process quickly and becomes law."

"It's good for the environment, it's good for business, and it's good government policy," Jones concluded.