

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER Summer/Fall 2008

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

Our team at Walker Aggregates has been meeting with representatives of government agencies to help us develop an adaptive management plan for the new quarry. We are looking to these representatives to provide comments and guidance on a rehabilitation and quarry management plan, including how to manage ground and surface water.

We are still waiting to hear about our proposal from the various commenting agencies. So far, we have only heard from the Ministry of Agriculture, and they've indicated no concerns with our proposal.

The Ministry of the Environment has approved our request for a consolidated hearing for our expanded quarry proposal. Rather than have three separate hearings – to address the approvals required by Clearview Township, Simcoe County, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Ministry of Natural Resources – we asked that one hearing be held. All the parties involved supported one consolidated hearing as a time and cost saving measure.

We recently installed a solar-powered, weather station on the roof our Duntroon offices. We needed to do this since there is a lack of reliable weather data in our area.

The station takes measurements every hour of every day. It tracks how much precipitation falls (so we know if water on our site is surface or ground water), the wind speed and direction, as well as dew points and barometric pressure. This information will help us decide how best to move water around the quarry as well as the best time for blasting. We would be pleased to share weather information with our neighbours on request.



The solar-powered, weather station on our rooftop.

Walker Aggregates was pleased to recently participate in an initiative undertaken through our corporate head offices called the "Make a Clean Getaway" program. Employees were given the opportunity to test drive cars that are considered environmentally friendly according to their fuel consumption and EPA rating, with the thought to considering such vehicles for their next car purchase.

Since 2005, 11 Walker employees have purchased vehicles considered to be environmentally friendly. The company itself is changing its company policy in order to purchase cars that are fuel efficient.

As usual we had a record turnout for our annual Duntroon barbecue and quarry tour on July 18. See photos of this year's event on

page 3 of this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing our neighbours again soon at the Duntroon Public Liaison Committee's wine and cheese holiday reception on November 27, 2008. It takes place at Mylar and Loreta's Restaurant in Singhampton, and gets underway at 6 p.m.

For more information about Walker Aggregates' proposed Duntroon Quarry expansion please call me at 705-445-2300, extension 224, or in Niagara at 905-227-4142, or visit our website at www.walkerind.com/GeoAggExpansion/index.html.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lucyshyn".

Ken Lucyshyn

Taking Action on our Neighbours' Concerns About Traffic

After hearing concerns expressed by our neighbours during traffic workshops on May 3 and June 10, Walker Aggregates is taking steps to address those concerns.

Walker supports a reduction in the speed limit along Simcoe Road 91 from Grey Road 31 to Duntroon from 80 kilometers per hour to 60 kilometers per hour.

Vice-president Ken Lucyshyn has expressed that support in a letter to Simcoe councilor Doug Little, chair of the Corporate Service Committee.

Walker has also distributed two letters to truck drivers who enter and leave the quarry. One letter encourages the proper use of engine breaks to reduce noise. The other encourages drivers to use courtesy when traveling in the neighbourhoods around the quarry,

such as obeying speed limits, refraining from using engine brakes, not using Concession 10 as a haul route and ensuring trucks are properly maintained.

Walker's traffic enforcement program is also explained, a program which applies progressive discipline to drivers who speed or use inappropriate haul routes.

On the second offence, drivers will not be permitted to enter the quarry for three days, and on the fourth offense, they are barred from the quarry permanently.

The letters have been translated into several languages including Punjabi, Hindi, Italian and Portuguese to ensure there is no misunderstanding on the part of the drivers.

Duntroon Quarry Site of Industry Association Tree Planting

Clearview Township mayor Ken Ferguson and other dignitaries joined a group of Ontario aggregate producers on June 10 in planting a tree to commemorate the collective tree planting that has occurred at pits and quarries across the province over the past year.

Hosted by the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA), this year's ceremonial tree planting event, which coincided with World Environment Day 2008, took place at the Duntroon Quarry.

"I want to voice my support to Walker Aggregates for what they do," said Mayor Ferguson, as he described his memories of the operations as a young man.

Also present were Clearview councilor Orville Brown and chief administrative officer Sue McKenzie, as well as Mark Frawley of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and Peter McDonald and Linda Finley of the Bruce Trail Association.



Participating in the OSSGA tree planting at the Duntroon Quarry were (from left) , Clearview councilor Orville Brown, Mark Frawley of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Clearview Township Mayor Ken Ferguson, OSSGA board chair Bruce Semkowski and Walker Industries president John Fisher.

The third annual OSSGA ceremony symbolizes the rehabilitation efforts undertaken by the stone, sand and gravel industry to beautify the environment by creating green spaces that benefit communities throughout Ontario.

"Our industry's commitment to rehabilitation is reflected in the legacies that are all across this province, including parks and conservation areas, fish and wildlife habitats, agricultural lands, golf courses, sports field, and woodlands that were

once extracted sites," said OSSGA chairman Bruce Semkowski.

The newly planted birch tree represents more than 500,000 trees planted by stone and gravel producers in Ontario over the past 30 years – 50,000 of which were planted in the past year alone.

Snapshots of the 2008 Duntroon Quarry Summer BBQ



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