

# Stepping Stones



THE DUNTROON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

## Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

More than 100 people came to a public meeting in late January to hear about and comment on the proposed Duntroon Quarry expansion. Hosted by Clearview Township, an open house was followed by a formal public meeting.

Walker's planning consultant Brent Clarkson gave a presentation about the project, a copy of which is available on the company website for anyone who is interested and was unable to attend.

Some people in attendance spoke in favour of the expansion, while others expressed their opposition, citing concerns about such things as noise and traffic.

Members of the Clearview Township council must now determine whether to approve an Official Plan amendment for the quarry expansion.

In the meantime, a prehearing meeting will be held on April 30 in Stayner to identify the issues, scope and participants that will be involved in a hearing before the Consolidated Hearings Board.

In other news, the draft peer review reports conducted for the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) have been completed on issues such as karst features and groundwater modeling. The peer reviewers responded to nine specific questions asked of them by the NEC.

One area of particular concern we are hearing about from our neighbours is truck traffic, and we are working to address those concerns.

The aggregates will need to be moved along country roads. There really are no other routes for transport. County roads are major arterial routes that are designed to move goods and services, but we do understand and appreciate nearby residents' concerns about truck traffic.

Simcoe County is identified as an area for growth in the province's Places to Grow program and that means there will be infrastructure projects to be built and aggregates needed for those projects.

It makes sense from an economic, quality and environmental point of view to source those aggregates locally.

We welcome any suggestions on how we might make truck traffic more tolerable for our neighbours.

For more information about our proposed 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/DuntroonExpansion](http://www.walkerind.com/DuntroonExpansion).



*At an open house hosted by Clearview Township in January, representatives from Walker Aggregates discussed the Duntroon Quarry expansion with neighbours. In the photo above, vice-president Ken Lucyshyn explains the company's EARTH 1<sup>st</sup> environmental program, while (below) public consultation consultant Laura Taylor presents a simulation of what the quarry would look like over its lifespan.*

**Ken Lucyshyn**

# Bringing Back the American Badger

Walker Industries has contributed significant funding to a study aimed at restoring the population of the American Badger in Ontario. These animals are an endangered species in Canada and in this province, where it's estimated there are fewer than 200 badgers left.

The Ontario Badger Recovery Team (OBRT) is studying the badgers and their habitat so that an effective conservation program can be put in place.

Badgers are found in the south-western part of Ontario, with sightings being most concentrated around Lake Erie in Norfolk and surrounding counties. There have also been historic sightings in the Grey-Bruce region and also in the northwestern part of the province, the Thunder Bay and Rainy River regions.



The American Badger is a stout, short-legged, medium sized member of the weasel family, which can weigh up to 11 kilograms (about 25 lbs) and is considered the fastest burrowing animal on the planet. Badgers are nocturnal and can move great distances between grasslands, usually by night. While badgers generally live about 10 years, the average age of road-killed badgers is less than two years.

"Protecting and preserving our environment and its natural habit has always been important to Walker Industries and that's why we've committed to support the badger project," says vice-president Ken Lucyshyn.

The OBRT is seeking the public's assistance in reporting live or dead (road-killed) badgers by calling 1-877-715-9299. Prompt reporting is critical since badgers do not usually stay in one location very long.

## Walker Aggregates Inc. Second Annual Operations Improvement Workshop

Thanks to input from our neighbours at last year's Operations Improvement Workshops, we have made changes to our Duntroon Quarry operations that benefit the environment, our community and our business.

We want more ideas for how we can do things better, and are hosting our second annual workshop this spring. Please join us for frank and open discussions about how we operate and the changes we're making to improve.

**Please join us:**

**Saturday, May 9, 2009, 9 - 11 a.m.**  
Church of the Redeemer School, Duntroon

Possible discussion topics include\*:

- Truck driver information program
- Ongoing noise and dust reduction activities
- Community involvement activities
- Give us a call prior to the workshop if you have a topic in mind pertaining to the current operations that you'd like to discuss

**\*Please note that this workshop pertains to our current quarry operations. For more information about the proposed expansion, please visit [www.walkerind.com/DuntroonExpansion](http://www.walkerind.com/DuntroonExpansion).**

The session will last a maximum of two hours.  
Light refreshments will be available.  
Please RSVP as space is limited.

**To RSVP or get more information  
call Ken Lucyshyn:  
705-445-2300 ext. 224**

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