

# Stepping Stones



THE DUNTROON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2010

## Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

The proceedings of the Consolidated Hearings Board reviewing the Duntroon Quarry expansion proposal are resuming after a three-week break, which occurred as a result of board members and lawyers for the various parties having previous commitments. The hearing, which we initially thought might last 10 weeks, is into its twelfth week of testimony, and is now slated to last 23 weeks to mid December.

The hearing resumes with Walker Aggregates' planner Brent Clarkson concluding his testimony. This will be followed by staff and expert consultants from Clearview Township and Simcoe County.

In mid October, consultants and staff from the Niagara Escarpment Commission are scheduled to begin testifying, followed by witnesses for the Clearview Community Coalition and Duntroon Quarry area neighbour Emelia Franks.

This fall, the hearing moves from the Creemore Community Centre to rented space in Collingwood at 49 Huron Street Suite 1, adjacent to the Sobeys' supermarket. The proceedings begin at 10 a.m. and typically run until about 4:30 p.m. each day, with a one-hour break for lunch at around 1 p.m. The hearing is open to members of the public who are interested to learn more about the details of the expanded quarry application.

In the meantime, our existing Duntroon Quarry is

approaching the end of its license, and we expect to run out of stone that we can extract within the next two years.

Over the summer, a large part of our shop was torn down so that we could remove the rock underneath. Those members of the community who came to our summer barbecue and witnessed the blasting demonstration saw how close we came to the shop during that blast. We are also blasting near to our office, requiring staff to leave the building during blasts as a safety precaution.

Our employees are understandably anxious about their jobs and are hopeful that the quarry expansion will be approved, so they can continue working for Walker in Duntroon.

If any member of the community has any questions or concerns about our existing or proposed expanded quarry operations, I invite them to contact me at 705-445-2300 ext. 224. More information is also available on our website at <http://walkerind.com/walker-aggregates/duntroon-expansion.html>.

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

Ken Lucyshyn

*Only a small section of our Duntroon quarry shop (at right) remains after most of the shop was demolished to allow for extraction of the rock beneath.*



# Severn Pines Quarry Ships Crusher from Atlanta

One of Walker Aggregates' quarry operations, Severn Pines, near Orillia, is beginning to assemble a crushing plant that was recently shipped from Atlanta, Georgia. The quarry last year received a license to expand its operations from a maximum of one million tonnes of stone to be extracted per year, to a maximum of three million tonnes per year.

The quarry has been operating with two portable crushers. According to the company's general manager of aggregates, Steve Bisson, the new crusher will be able to process 1,200 tonnes of stone per hour, whereas

the two portable crushers could only process about 625 tonnes of stone per hour.

The new crushing plant is actually a used one – it had processed stone for the multi-billion dollar Atlanta airport expansion. A crew disassembled the plant, loaded it onto 20 trucks and transported it north to the Severn Pines site.

A foundation is now being poured for the plant, and the assembly will be completed next spring.

## Walker and its Employees Committed to Charity

Walker Industries, its subsidiary companies Walker Aggregates and Georgian Paving and Construction, and company employees are all known for their charitable work in the community. In recent months both Walker and its staff have made substantial contributions to various causes.

At head office in Thorold, Walker employees comprised the top team in the Big Move Cancer Ride on September 12 in support of the Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Catharines. The 39 Walker team members raised more than \$78,000.

In Simcoe County, Georgian Paving and Construction general manager Terry Willms and his family organized a fundraising dinner on September 11 at their farm in Springwater Township. The event drew 160 people and raised \$32,000 in support of Vision Citadelle, a Canadian organization that's creating a sustainable farm near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The proceeds will be used to support a school with a children's feeding program.

For its part, Walker Aggregates has contributed several thousands of dollars in sponsorships and ticket

purchases of events and golf tournaments in the past few months. These include the Town of Collingwood's annual mayor's golf challenge, the Simcoe County warden's golf tournament, the Collingwood Hospital golf tournament fundraiser, the Georgian Triangle chapter of Ducks Unlimited banquet, the South Georgian Bay Relay for Life (for the Canadian Cancer Society) and a United Way of Greater Simcoe County banquet.

Walker Aggregates is also in its second year as a major contributor to the Simcoe/Severn campaign promoting economic development and tourism.



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