

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

There have been quite a few new developments with our proposed quarry expansion since our last edition of Stepping Stones in the fall.

Simcoe County is downloading an approximately six-kilometre section of County Road 91 to Clearview Township, from County Road 31 to Duntroon. The Township will sell approximately 1.3 kilometres of the road – immediately east of County Road 31 – to Walker Aggregates, and we will close this section. This means we will not need to build a tunnel under this part of road to link to our proposed new quarry. The remainder of the section will be restricted access.

The benefit to Walker is that we'll be able to use County Road 91 as our primary haul route. The benefit to nearby residents is that background traffic on the road will be eliminated and total traffic reduced by approximately 50 per cent, since the road will no longer be a through route.

There is also a significant benefit to the Township. Walker will pay \$7.5 million towards the \$10.5-million cost of nearby roadwork – including paving and bringing up to standard Concession 10 from 30/31 Side Road to County Road 91, reconstructing County Road 91 from the top of the hill to Duntroon and upgrading 26/27 Side Road from a seasonal road to a rural gravel standard.

There's no change to Walker's existing application for the proposed quarry as a result of this arrangement.

In January, Walker also reached an agreement with Clearview Township which resolves many of the concerns raised by residents at the two public meetings. The company has agreed to an Adaptive Management Plan to protect the natural environment, to limit truck traffic to a maximum of 500 trucks per day out of the quarry, and a maximum 2.5 million tonnes to be shipped annually. Walker has also agreed to not operate an asphalt plant on the site, to reduce the quarry's hours of operation and support a reduced maximum speed limit of 60 kilometres per hour on County Road 91 between Grey County Road and the

western urban area of Duntroon. In addition, Walker will pay Clearview one cent per tonne of aggregate removed from the site.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources informed us earlier this year that it is satisfied that our Adaptive Management Plan and Site Plan have adequately addressed issues concerned with protecting provincially significant wetland. The ministry did note some concerns about protecting the habitat of butternut trees, and said once those concerns had been addressed it would withdraw its objection to our licence application.

Late last fall, our quarry application was rejected by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC). This was not a surprise to the company, since the NEC routinely rejects quarry applications. We were gratified that three of a total of 15 voting commissioners supported our application.

On April 12, a hearing is scheduled to begin under the Consolidated Hearings Board. The hearing is expected to last 10 weeks, Mondays through Thursdays. The meetings will take place at the Creemore Community Centre.

The issues to be addressed at the hearing include planning, transportation, traffic, the haul route, natural heritage, ground and surface water resources, visual impacts, the Adaptive Management Plan and noise.

The Consolidated Hearings Board will ultimately decide if our proposed quarry application can proceed.

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 <http://www.walkerind.com/walker-aggregates/duntroon-expansion.html>.

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

Ken Lucyshyn

Collingwood Revitalization Work Continues

Since last fall, Georgian Paving and Construction has been working on a major streetscaping improvement project in downtown Collingwood. The work involves improvements along Hurontario Street from First Street to Fourth Street, and along Second/Simcoe Street from Pine Street to St. Paul Street.

The objectives of the project include enhancing the heritage district architecture, enhancing business

opportunities and outdoor retail space, improving the pedestrian environment for accessibility, improving bicycle access to the downtown, and balancing parking and vehicular requirements with pedestrian improvements.

The project is now in winter shut down, and is expected to resume on April 1, 2010, with all work completed by the beginning of summer.



Scholarship winner Jacqueline Knott (far right) at the Georgian Christmas Party with her sister Christina, and parents Russell and Debbie.

Georgian Family Member wins Walker Scholarship

The daughter of a bulldozer operator at Walker Aggregates' Georgian Construction and Paving operation has won a university scholarship worth \$40,000 in a lottery offered by Georgian's parent company, Walker Industries.

Jacqueline Knott is the daughter of Russell Knott, and a student at Georgian Bay Secondary School in Meaford. The scholarship winner was announced at the Christmas Party held for Walker Aggregates employees and their families in December.

For the second year in a row, Walker has awarded a scholarship to the child of a full-time (non-executive) Walker employee. The scholarship is worth \$10,000 per

year for four years at a Canadian university. Eligible students must have a minimum grade average of 70 per cent to qualify for the scholarship, and the winner must maintain a 70 per cent average through his or her university studies.

Jacqueline is contemplating enrolling in university courses in Environmental Engineering, Science or Pharmacy education.

Stepping Stones is published quarterly. We welcome your questions and comments. Please contact Rosemary Ackermann at Walker Aggregates at 705-445-2300, ext. 223. The Duntroon Quarry is operated by Walker Aggregates Inc., a division of Walker Industries.

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