



Vineland Quarries

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday
Christmas
Reception

Wednesday,
November 24, 2010
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Twenty Valley
Golf & Country Club

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our new & improved
Walker website**

www.walkerind.com

TO OUR NEIGHBOURS OF VINELAND QUARRIES
YOU'RE INVITED
Open House and Operations Tour



Walker Industries
2800 Thorold Townline Road, Niagara Falls
Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 9:00 am to noon

LAST TOUR LEAVES AT 11:30 AM

- Come and see how the Walker quarry, landfill and composting facilities work.
- See how landfill gas is harnessed and used as renewable energy.
- Learn how Niagara's wastewater treatment biosolids are processed.
- Find out about how wax and asphalt emulsions are made and used.

TOUR SPACE IS LIMITED

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Teresa Page
905-680-3731 by June 8th

OSSGA Annual General Meeting - Toronto, February 17-19, 2010

Pictured on the right is Ed Lamb, Director, Aggregate Operations, Walker Aggregates Inc. accepting the Progressive Rehabilitation Award from Glenn Harrington, Chair of the OSSGA Community Relations and Rehabilitation Committee



OSSGA INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

The aggregate industry produces stone, sand and gravel that is essential to the economic prosperity of the province and a better quality of life. OSSGA member producers are committed to integrating social, environmental and economic principals in their operations. The OSSGA Industry Advancement Awards Program illustrates this commitment by promoting best practices and encouraging members to exceed regulatory requirements. The awards program provides examples that others can follow, promotes good practices and raises the bar for the industry.

Walker Aggregates Inc., Vineland Quarries, once again received the Community Relations Award and the Progressive Rehabilitation Award at the Annual General Meeting in February 2010.

(Vineland Quarries has been the proud recipient of these awards three times in the past)

Community Relations Award:

This award is designed to recognize community relations efforts. The award is based on four (4) criteria:

- Being a Good Neighbour
- Community Involvement
- Media Relations
- Community Education

This award is one of the requirements for the Award of Excellence.

Progressive Rehabilitation Award:

This award recognizes ongoing progressive rehabilitation at a site in accordance to the original site plans and operational designs.

This award is a pre-requisite for the Award of Excellence.

Award of Excellence:

Vineland Quarries was also the proud recipient of the prestigious "Award of Excellence" received in 2005.

This award is the highest honour an active site can achieve in the OSSGA awards program. The Award recognizes outstanding achievement in all aspects of an aggregate operation. It is given to an aggregate pit or quarry that has earned the Progressive Rehabilitation Award, the Community Relations Award and the Property Enhancement Award (including all seven gold bars). The recipients of this award are producers who go above and beyond industry standards in all these areas of consideration.

These recent awards combined with the Award of Excellence demonstrate Walkers Aggregates Inc. continued commitment to community involvement and responsibility as recognized by the OSSGA.

Congratulations to the entire Vineland Quarries team for a job well done!

Steve Bisson, General Manager

Pictured on the right is Dwayne McKenzie, Simcoe Sales & Operations Manager, Walker Aggregates Inc. accepting the Community Relations Award from Glenn Harrington, Chair of the OSSGA Community Relations and Rehabilitation Committee.



Walker Carbon Action Team Moving Ahead to 2012

As the debate on climate change continues to heat up, there is one thing that remains certain - most Canadian businesses do not know what their actual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are.

Well, Walker isn't like most Canadian businesses.

Enter the Walker Carbon Action Team

The Carbon Action Team (CAT) is a group of employees that represent all of the Walker group of companies. Their mandate is to help employees understand the concept of GHG emissions and accurately calculate the carbon footprint of the Walker group of companies by 2012. "Carbon footprint" is a commonly used term to represent ones impact on the environment in terms of how much GHG emissions are produced as a result of its activities.

As the old saying goes, "You can't manage what you don't measure". So, the CAT is beginning to work with employees to understand and measure things like Walker's electricity, diesel, gasoline, natural gas and water/waste water usage. This is a daunting task but Walker employees are not strangers to stepping up to a challenge, especially when it means creating a safer, healthier, enjoyable and more sustainable place to work.



Once the carbon footprints of companies have been determined, employees can then identify opportunities to reduce the footprints. In most cases, these reductions will result in actual cost savings, increased operating efficiencies and in some cases, a more valuable product. CAT has already received lots of creative questions and ideas from employees on how to reduce Walker's carbon footprint.

Now that word is catching on, lots of employees are curious to know what both their personal and company's carbon footprint is. If you want to know what your personal carbon footprint is, take the one-minute test below:

www.zerofootprint.net/individuals/one-minute-calculators

Stay tuned for updates on the Walker Carbon Action Team!

Darren Fry, A.Sc. T
Business Manager

SCOUTS Earth Day Litter Clean Up Program

On May 1st, Vineland Quarries teamed up with the local Scouts and participated in an Earth Day litter clean up program in and around the quarry property.

This year, the St. David Scouts joined forces with the First Vineland Scouts and helped our environment by collecting over 100 bags of litter. The event also assists the Scouts in raising money to continue their Scouting program and maintain their hut.

With twice as much help, we were able to clean up the property in half the time than in previous years!

The day ended with everyone relaxing and enjoying a well-deserved lunch in the Vineland Quarries office.

Thank you to everyone for making this another successful event and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Evan Bartfai
Quarry Superintendent



*You must be the change you wish
to see in the world.*
Mahatma Gandhi



WEEE at the IMS Residential Drop-Off

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

IMS is once again making an effort to divert waste from the landfill. They became a registered site under the Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) in June of 2009 and have since recycled over 110 tonnes of waste electronics. OES is a non-profit organization, implementing the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Program Plan (WEEE) under the Waste Diversion Act. In Ontario, there are more than 91,000 tonnes/year of electrical and electronic equipment available to be reused or recycled. According to the Province, only about one-quarter is being currently managed properly.

The program recently began their 2nd phase of diversion, now accepting items such as cell phones, cameras, video cameras, radios, speakers, etc. These items, in addition to the WEEE Phase 1 materials (computers, monitors and peripherals) are accepted free of charge at the IMS Residential Drop-Off. For more information on the WEEE program and acceptable materials, check out: [www. http://www.ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca](http://www.ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca).

Your participation will also increase the diversion rate of materials from landfill, conserving landfill space and will help support the environment.

Taylor Webb
Operations Assistant

Tire Recycling Program

As of September 24th, 2009 the IMS Residential Drop-off accepts used passenger and light truck tires (no rims) free of charge as part of the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program (OTS). The industry funded organization, incorporated under Ontario's Waste Diversion Act, is designed to divert scrap tires from landfill and incineration. This program makes it easy for residents to get rid of their old tires and provides them a piece of mind that their tires are being recycled. The used tires are recycled into items such as rubbermats or rubber products used in making playgrounds, hockey rinks and rubber automotive parts. Since IMS became a registered collector, they have received and recycled over 2, 200 tires!



Taylor Webb
Operations Assistant



Spring into Production

Over the course of our winter shutdown, routine maintenance on our mobile and stationary equipment was performed. The downtime also allowed us to make some needed changes and updates at the quarry. Our focus was set on upgrading some of our older equipment with newer technology and increasing production of specific products that are in higher demand.

The winter weather was favorable for our maintenance staff as there wasn't as much snow as in previous years.

Our projects included the removal of a pre 1960's cone crusher which was replaced with a current modern style crusher. We also installed a new vertical shaft impact crusher (VSI) which better shapes the rock by knocking

the sharp edges off. Replacing conveyor belts and other critical components were other projects that had our attention. We also used the time to better plan the design and installation for an environmental enclosure for our twin tertiary shaker screens that will reduce noise and impacts on our neighbours. This project will be completely installed by the years end.

Early indications are that 2010 will be a busy year for the quarry, as a result of the stimulus dollars being spent on upgrading the local roads and highways.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Open House at Walker Industries Head Office in Thorold on Saturday, June 12th.

Evan Bartfai
Vineland Quarry, Superintendent



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