

Vineland Quarries

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TO OUR NEIGHBOURS OF  
VINELAND QUARRIES  
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY

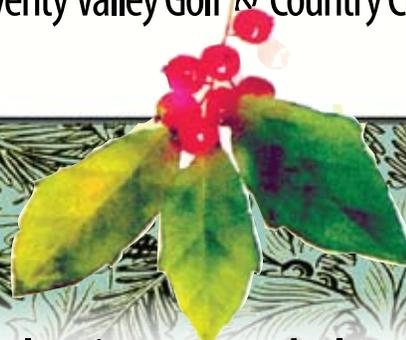
*Christmas*

**RECEPTION**

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

6 pm - 7:30 pm

Twenty Valley Golf & Country Club



If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to  
Teresa Page 905-680-3731 by November 19, 2010



## Quarry Update

2010 has been a positive and productive year for Vineland Quarries. In an effort to strengthen the economy, our provincial government's stimulus program included a focus on upgrading the aging infrastructure (roads and bridges) throughout the province which included many projects in the Niagara Region. As a result, we hired three new employees in an effort to operate more efficiently and respond to our increased customer's demand for materials. Producing a wide variety of unique specialty products the last couple of seasons has kept our employees on their toes with the industry demands of new product applications. Some examples of this include 'sports field' drainage stone, landfill construction aggregate, specialty asphalt stone for the QEW widening, and landscaping / architectural stone.

With all this starting to be behind us, we will be taking a break from production and gearing up for our winter shutdown. Crushing will end late December when we will concentrate on repairing and improving our stationary and mobile equipment. This will give us an opportunity to make necessary improvements to increase our efficiencies and reduce our impacts for the 2011 season.

We anticipate another productive year for 2011 with the completion of many major jobs in our area, as well as any unforeseen new challenges.

I look forward to speaking with you, and addressing any of your concerns or questions at our annual Holiday Christmas Reception taking place on November 24th at Twenty Valley Golf Course.

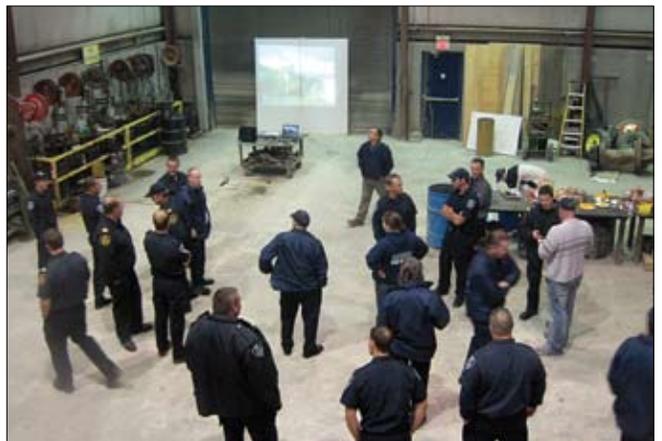
Evan Bartfai  
Quarry Superintendent

## Local Fire Departments Tour Vineland Quarries



Health and Safety is a very important part of our day-to-day operation at the quarry. One of our safety goals for the 2010 year was to invite our local Fire Department to the quarry for an information session and orientation tour of the property.

Members from Lincoln Station #2 and #4 visited Vineland Quarry on September 7th, 2010. While here, the firefighters boarded a bus and toured the quarry property and asphalt plant area. After our tour, we presented a slide show of our equipment, plant process and property in operation followed by a question and answer session and some networking that took place in our maintenance shop.



Touring with the local stations and explaining our process to them helps us both if there is ever a need for us to call upon them. Plant process and property mapping identify-ing specific areas of our operations are being given to the departments for use in navigating through our property. --Also, an open invitation for any training our local fire services would like to perform on our site was offered as we have some unique features that might benefit their training needs.

I would like to personally thank all members of Station 2 and 4 for their interest in visiting our site and a special thanks to all employees who volunteered their time helping with this successful evening.

Evan Bartfai  
Quarry Superintendent

## Niagara Children's Water Festival

Since 2004, Walker Industries has been sharing the EARTH 1st message each year at the Niagara Children's Water Festival. Grade 3 and 4 students are provided the opportunity to learn the importance of water by participating in hands-on activities. Our Walker volunteers engage the students in the EARTH 1st workshop, which is aimed at teaching children their part in the environment and showing them how much we rely on nature.

Special thanks to our Walker volunteers this year: Carli Falcioni, Patti Bosco, Jenny Reynolds, Taylor Webb and Jamie Mereweather.

Walker Industries looks forward to participating in the Niagara Children's Water Festival again next September.

Alison Braithwaite  
Director, Environmental Performance



Photo provided by Niagara Children's Water Festival

## Walker Industries Open House

On June 12th Walker Industries opened the doors of its Niagara Falls / Thorold waste and aggregate campus.

The event was attended by those who were curious about how the quarry, landfill and composting facilities work; how landfill gas is harnessed and used as renewable energy; and how Walker treats Niagara's wastewater treatment biosolids.



Visitors to the open house learned:

- how Niagara Region's green bin waste is composted
- that blasted rock is called "muck"
- every Ontarian uses about 14 tonnes of aggregate each year
- how recycled asphalt is used to re-surface roads
- what an emulsion is
- why there are waste transfer stations
- what a double composite landfill liner is
- that Walker has an electrical generator operating on landfill gas that provide enough power for approximately 1,000 homes

Our visitors came not only from our local community but from as far away as Germany.

Alison Braithwaite  
Director, Environmental Performance

## Walker Invites BRE to share their European Expertise

In November Walker operations will come together for this year's EARTH 1st roundtable. The roundtable provides a forum for us to collaboratively grow our EARTH 1st program. We have asked BRE to lead us in a workshop where they will share their European experience and knowledge with us to drive our culture further along the sustainability road.

BRE is an independent not for profit British research and consultancy organization. The profits made by BRE are used to conduct research projects to create a more sustainable society. BRE has experience working with Marks and Spencer, the London Olympic Development Authority and Aggregate Industries of the UK. They have helped companies develop new products and processes to differentiate themselves from their competition.

They will engage us in a collaborative and interactive workshop that will explore all aspects of sustainability including responsible sourcing, supply chain assessments, reducing key environmental impacts, enhancing biodiversity and general community health and wellbeing.

The Outcomes:

1. Build on our existing success. Know the opportunities and the missing pieces
2. Empower us to apply our learning into actions
3. Identify one specific initiative that we can deliver over the next 3-6 months

For more information on BRE check out their website at <http://www.bre.co.uk>



# absolute wonder

Early Saturday morning October 2nd, 2010 the Walker Industries' Mighty Machines awoke for the fourth time to get ready for . . .

## 2010 Touch A Truck

This time, they had special guests (John Walker driving two of his grandchildren, Sean and Ewan Walker) to lead the convoy down the escarpment.

With lights flashing and police escorts, the sight of them coming down the hill was breathtaking!

All those gorgeous machines, clean and bright took their places in the front parking lot of Niagara College.

Then came the Helicopter, the Cement Mixer, the Grape Picker, the Niagara Regional Police Paddy Wagon, Mator-cycles, Police Cruisers, the Ambulances, Tire Trucks, the Fire Trucks and many more!

Boys and girls, parents and grandparents arrived in a steady stream all day. Smiling faces could be seen throughout. The children loved sitting in the trucks and even in the tires. Beautiful weather in the morning and a large turnout made this a very successful day!

Many children stayed to the end to wave good-bye to the helicopter and the trucks who convoyed home.

Many parents said that the kids enjoyed this just as much as Christmas!





Funds raised through this event go towards the purchase of award-winning books for places where families and children gather, including Ontario Early Years Centres, regionally operated child care centres, and licensed child care centres in Niagara.

Over the four events (2005, 2006, 2008, 2010), we have raised a total of \$48,000.00 for children's literacy across Niagara.



Many thanks to the "Walker Team" who helped in different ways. From preparing and planning the site, painting, and cleaning the trucks; to the many volunteers who helped supervise the children and helped out at the Admissions and food tickets sales.

Jackie Phelan  
Executive Assistant, WIHL  
Co-Chair, Touch A Truck Planning Committee



Touch a Truck



## EMPLOYEE PROFILE Mike Mackinnon



Mike Mackinnon has worked for Walker Aggregates for the past 4 years. When Mike started at the Vineland operation, he walked the ground maintaining the plant as a pitman. Mike now drives an Hitachi 40 tonne haul truck hauling raw material to the primary crusher. Recently Mike was nominated by his peers to sit on the Joint Health and Safety Committee as an active member representing Vineland.

Mike resides in Niagara Falls with his wife Sherry and their two young boys Cole age 4 and Cohen age 3. When Mike is not hauling rock he is involved in the hockey world either playing or making tough calls as a referee. Having golfed with Mike in the hourly Walker Cup, it is evident that sports come naturally to him, leading his team to two consecutive titles.

Mike's most recent accomplishment was competing in the 10km run at the Niagara Falls International Marathon that was held Oct 24th. Mike ran a steady pace of 5 minutes per km for a time of 50.13 minutes placing 55th out of 445 runners.

Walker Aggregates Inc. would like to congratulate Mike on a job well done.

Evan Bartfai  
Quarry Superintendent



*Some people just shine a little brighter in this world.  
They make life better for everyone around them.  
Their spirit lights the way for the rest of us to follow.  
We wish you all a very bright and enlightening holiday season.*



### The Big Move Cancer Ride

September 12, 2010

In support of the  
Walker Family  
Cancer Centre

Donate online today!  
[www.bigmovecanceride.com](http://www.bigmovecanceride.com)

#### Meet the Walker Team

Left to right in photo:

Rory McLeod, Cary Clark, Tania Byrne, Darrell Janzen, Maria Racota, Courtney Blake, Frank Hurkmans, Teresa Page, Cathy Gilmore, John Blake, Tyler Fitt, Steve Bisson, Elisa Meyden, John Koeman

Team members not in photo:

Michael Watt, Jesse Vidal, John Colamartini, Alison Braithwaite, Mike Deprez, Leticia Kooole, Danielle Fauquier, Bill Heelis, Peter Graham, Don May, Carol Bruder, Greg Carli, John Capobianco, Brittany Bisson, Armando Afonso, Darren Fry, Robert Allen, Brian Ellis, Scott Mackay, Scott Glover, Rick Campbell, Peter DiLalla, Allan Nicholls, Bob Kooole

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED US  
BECAUSE OF YOUR OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY,  
THE WALKER TEAM RAISED MORE THAN \$80,000!  
WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIG MOVE CANCER RIDE ON RAISING \$425,000\*!



\*after expenses

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