

Stepping Stones

THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER



Spring 2007

Message From Walker Aggregates Vice-President/General Manager

The process to expand the Duntroon Quarry is moving forward, albeit slowly. The Ministry of Natural Resources has responded to our reports with questions and requests for more technical data. In particular, the ministry has requested a survey of the escarpment brow to ensure the quarry would be an acceptable distance away.

We have completed the survey which indicates that it will be, and we will be submitting it and more information to the ministry and other commenting agencies later this month.

We had asked commenting agencies to suspend their comments until this information is forwarded to them for their review. This way they will have the most up-to-date information on which to review – and comment on - our application.

We have made a request to the Ministry of the Environment for a consolidated hearing in the event that our project triggers hearings as a result of concerns expressed by the many differing commenting agencies and/or individuals.

This request is being supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Township of Clearview and Simcoe County, because it would result in one hearing instead of the potential of several hearings, and save costs for all involved parties.

At the existing Duntroon quarry, we have relocated our plant from the upper to the lower level and are in the process of installing an environmental enclosure on our primary crusher to help reduce noise.

As always, we are sensitive to neighbours concerns on how our operations impact on the enjoyment of their properties, and will continue to work to identify and mitigate those impacts whenever possible.

In particular, we recognize that there continue to be some concerns about blasting. Unfortunately, we are unable to blast in the direction we would like - to ease the impact on our neighbours - because of the location of our on-site asphalt plant.

We certainly expected to have dismantled the plant by now, but have been experiencing delays in

our efforts to move the plant to an off-site location in Staynor.

I want our Duntroon neighbours to know that while Walker may not be your favourite neighbour, we will try very hard to be your best. We will never be able to make everyone happy about our operations, but we will continue to do what we can to minimize the impacts of our operations on our neighbours. I continue to welcome your comments on how we might continue to improve.

Our company has always said that we would work to create a net gain in woodlands and in diverse forestation around our quarries. To this end, we have hired Stantec Consulting and a local landscaping contractor to plant test plots of trees at the edge of the escarpment - on the south side of County Road 91, east of the quarry entrance.

In other news at and around the quarry, the barn on the former Bridson property has been torn down. The local fire department is planning some test fires at the house this spring after which the remains of the house will be removed.

At the end of April we said goodbye to our sales manager Dick Pipe and hello to his replacement Dwayne McKenzie. We wish Dick a very happy retirement after nearly eight years with the company.

With our economy continuing to boom, we expect it to be a busy season at the quarry operations, with demand for aggregate products and asphalt very high. We are anxious to move forward with our quarry expansion so that we can continue to supply our customers.

For more information about our proposed quarry expansion please call me at 705-445-2300, extension 224, or in Niagara at 905-227-4142.

Ken Lucyshyn
Vice-President and General Manager

Walker Prohibits Early Truck Arrivals at Quarry

Walker has sent out notice to trucking companies that haul aggregate from our quarry that they will not be permitted to be at or within four miles of the quarry prior to 5:30 a.m. The request was made in consideration of nearby neighbours. Walker will take punitive action against any drivers who come to the quarry to load earlier than the 5:30 a.m. start time.

Ken Lucyshyn Elected Chair of Industry Association

Walker Aggregates vice-president and general manager Ken Lucyshyn is the new chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (formerly known as the Ontario Aggregate Producers Association).

The election took place at the association's annual meeting in February.

The Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) represents nearly 100 producers of sand, gravel and crushed stone in the province, along with 150 consultants, suppliers and distributors of aggregate industry products and services.

The association promotes the responsible use of resources by encouraging stewardship, and the maintenance and enhancement of the environment. It works in partnership with the government and the public to promote a safe and competitive aggregate industry, contributing to the creation of strong communities and the province.



Mark Your Calendars for Summer Community BBQ

Walker Aggregates annual summer barbecue will be held on Friday, July 20. As is tradition, a tour of the quarry will be followed by a blasting demonstration, an update on the quarry expansion process and a barbecue.

Last year some 135 guests were in attendance – a record turnout. Walker hopes to host at least that many friends and neighbours again this year.

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. (www.walkerind.com).