

Stepping Stones

THE DUNTROON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER



Winter 2007

Message From Walker Aggregates Vice-President/General Manager

Our company has a new name. As a result of a reorganization of the subsidiaries that are part of Walker Industries Holdings Limited, Georgian Aggregates no longer exists as a separate entity.

Georgian is now under the umbrella subsidiary company called Walker Aggregates Inc. Also part of Walker Aggregates Inc. are the Vineland Quarry, Walker Brothers Quarries in Niagara Falls, Ridgemount Quarries in Fort Erie and Walker Brothers Asphalt in Niagara Falls.

The name Georgian Contracting has been changed to Georgian Paving and Construction. This operation has become a division of Walker Aggregates Inc.

The changes are part of an effort to streamline the various divisions of Walker's operations.

I will continue to have responsibility for the operations within Walker Aggregates Inc. as vice-president. Our holding company, Walker Industries Holdings Limited has a new president, John Fisher (see story on page 2).

We continue to await comments from government bodies and agencies on the proposed Duntroon Quarry expansion. Some of the commenting agencies have been asking questions about our proposal and requesting more information, which we have been pleased to supply.

Last year was a good year for business for our Duntroon Quarry. We had our busiest month in the quarry's history in November due to the mild fall weather. The entire year was a good one for our stone extraction and sales, and we expect more of the same in 2007.

Plans for this current winter season include relocating the crushing plant to the bottom of the Quarry floor. It will be located 14 feet below grade with more enclosures installed to further minimize noise.

This will simulate how the crushing plant will operate in our proposed new quarry expansion. The new quarry will also have its crushing plant located below grade.



Guests at the Georgian Public Liaison Committee's wine and cheese holiday reception included (from left) Bill Beam, Marie Millar, Marg Beam and Emily Smider.

In other news, our company was pleased to win yet another safety award for our former Georgian Aggregates operation. We were presented with the award in January from the Ontario Sand Stone and Gravel Association for zero lost time incidents in 2006. This is the third consecutive year of zero lost time incidents – something we are immensely proud of.

As always, it was nice to socialize with our friends and neighbours at the Georgian Public Liaison Committee's wine and cheese holiday reception at Mylar and Loreta's Restaurant in Singhampton last November.

We wish all of our friends, neighbours and associates all the very best for 2007!

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

Presentations Made for Asphalt Plant Relocation

It was standing room only at the Clearview Township Office during a Planning Committee meeting on January 22, 2007. On that evening, a team from Walker Aggregates made a presentation on its application for rezoning and an official plan amendment to relocate its asphalt plant from the Duntroon Quarry to a new site in Staynor.

Walker Aggregates requires the changes from the township and Simcoe County, as well as approval from the Ministry of the Environment, to move its plant to a 15-acre parcel of land it has purchased on 27/28 Side Road in the north end of Staynor.

Presentations were made to council by planner Brent Clarkson, asphalt plant manager Bob Buckley and Walker Aggregates vice-president and general manager Ken Lucyshyn.

Neighbours in attendance questioned the plant location, wondering why the site was chosen and expressing concerns over such impacts as truck traffic and noise.

The Walker team explained that it explored 26 possible sites before settling on the current one, which was the most suitable because it had access to hydro and natural gas supplies, and was located far from residential developments. The site is adjacent to the township yard and sewage lagoons.

The Walker team also explained that at peak capacity, which would occur only occasionally, there would be a maximum of 18 trucks per hour entering and exiting the site.

The Clearview Township Planning Committee is now considering the application.

Walker Industries Appoints New President



Walker Industries is beginning 2007 with a new president. He is John Fisher, the company's former vice-president and general manager of Environmental Services.

Mr. Fisher assumes the role from Bill Costello, who will retain his role as chief executive

officer and chairman of the company's Board of Directors.

"The board is delighted to have chosen John Fisher as the next president of Walker Industries," Mr. Costello says. John has the knowledge, experience, understanding of the Walker culture and the support of the company's board and employees. We are confident he will take our company to a new level of growth and prosperity."

Mr. Fisher has an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Queen's University and a Master of Business Administration degree from McMaster.

He began his career as an exploration geologist in western Canada, and then held

progressively more responsible roles at Steetley Quarry Products in Hamilton. He later joined Hamilton's Philip Services Corporation where he began his work by managing a quarry, industrial waste landfill site and asphalt plant and later became the company's vice-president of Ontario operations.

He has been with Walker since 2001, where he has been responsible for the company's conventional waste management businesses.

"I am excited about the challenges that this new role will bring," Mr. Fisher says. "Walker is a wonderful, progressive and socially responsible company with a solid reputation in the Niagara Region. "I am looking forward to working with the excellent team here to explore new opportunities for growth both in and beyond Niagara."

Walker Industries is a private, family-owned company that operates limestone quarries, asphalt plants, and road construction and paving businesses in the Niagara and Collingwood/Orrillia areas; manufactures asphalt and industrial emulsions in Burlington; operates an integrated waste management system which includes collection, transfer, recycling, composting, biosolids management, landfill gas utilization and waste disposal; undertakes residential and commercial development and has significant design, build and operating expertise.

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 Holdings Ltd. (www.walkerind.com).