

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2011

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

While we await the decision of the Consolidated Hearings Board on our application to expand our Duntroon Quarry, the Walker team has been having discussions with representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment and Clearview Township, and preparing the necessary paperwork for permits, approvals and agreements that would be required in the event the expansion goes forward.

This includes work required for a permit to take water; a certificate of approval for sewage works discharge; a certificate of approval for air quality; the finalization of the Adaptive Management Plan (including mechanisms to provide for financial security); an agreement with Clearview Township to hold the financial security for monitoring and mitigation during the lake filling period; approval of engineering designs for improvements to County Road 91, 26/27 Side Road and the 10th Concession; approval of an engineering design for the County Road 91 road cut and for a means of sealing and closing the road cut; and a building permit for a new quarry shop.

We continue to be hopeful the hearings board decides to approve our quarry expansion application and that the decision will be released in the next few months.

In the meantime, the Ontario Municipal Board hearing into the MAQ quarry application across County Road 31 from the proposed Duntroon Quarry expansion site is underway at the Osprey Community Hall in Feversham.

In other news, our company has purchased G. Priest Construction. This company is located at 4430 Horseshoe Valley Road in Minesing, east of Stayner. Its assets



include a sand and gravel pit, trucks and related equipment.

We are welcoming to Walker the nine non-shareholder employees of the company. We are also bringing on owner Greg Priest to work as a consultant with Walker Aggregates.

Over the past year we've been looking to refocus our business in order to strengthen our core aggregate operations in Simcoe County. The purchase of G. Priest Construction will help us do this. The company will keep its name for the time being, but will eventually come under the Walker Aggregates identity.

We are pleased to be growing our aggregate business and are especially delighted to be adding this

particular company to our operations. A fellow aggregate producer, G. Priest Construction shares our qualities of being a well-run business that operates with high standards and integrity.

As always, I welcome hearing from our neighbours about any questions or concerns they may have about our existing or proposed expanded quarry operations. Please contact me at 705-445-2300 ext. 224. More information is also available on our website at <http://walkerind.com/walker-aggregates/duntroon-expansion.html>.

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

Ken Lucyshyn

Driver in Truck Accident Recovering in Hospital

The driver in a gravel truck accident that closed County Road 91 west of Duntroon on September 9 is recovering in hospital in Toronto. The driver sustained serious injuries after jumping from his cab onto the road, with the truck ending up overturned on the north side of County Road 91. The truck was not a Walker truck, nor was it a truck contracted by Walker. A customer hired the truck for a pickup of finely crushed aggregate from the Duntroon Quarry.

The truck left the quarry scale at 8:54 on the Friday morning with a gross load weight of 55.6 tonnes, the maximum licenced weight being 58 tonnes. The driver

has hauled out of the quarry many times and was very familiar with the site.

Walker has not been involved in the investigation of the accident, undertaken by the OPP, but is cooperating with police and assisted in the cleanup after the accident. There has been much speculation as to the cause of the accident, but this is still unknown. It is not expected that the report from the OPP, or from the Ministry of Labour – which is apparently also investigating the accident – will be released to Walker.

“We are thinking of and praying for the driver,” says Walker Aggregates vice-president Ken Lucyshyn.

Environment Groups Join Forces with Aggregate Producers

A group of prominent environmental organizations and members of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) – collectively known as the Aggregate Forum of Ontario – have come together to enhance the standards of environmental stewardship and community engagement in the province's aggregate industry.

The six participating environmental organizations in the forum are Ontario Nature, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM), Nature Conservancy Canada, Gravel Watch Ontario, Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE) and the Couchiching Conservancy. Five aggregate companies are representing the 103 aggregate producer members of the OSSGA on the Aggregate Forum of Ontario. They are Walker Aggregates, Lafarge, St. Marys CBM, Capital Paving and The Miller Group.

The Aggregate Forum of Ontario was formed more than two years ago and has been working to identify and implement best business practices, green initiatives and a certification program for the aggregate industry in Ontario.

These developments respond to calls from the

Environmental Commissioner of Ontario – and from environmental organizations and aggregate producers themselves – to reconcile conflicting priorities between aggregate extraction and environmental protection.

The certification program is designed to address the public's increased expectation for businesses to understand, accept and incorporate corporate social responsibility into decision-making processes that might affect the surrounding community, including the environment.

Standards will be developed for the approval, operation and rehabilitation of aggregate pits and quarries, and will likely include conservation lands, biodiversity conservation, water management, progressive and final rehabilitation, recycling, community engagement, scheduling and operations, environmental research, education and awareness, carbon neutrality, community planning processes, and energy use and conservation.

The goal of the certification program is to identify industry practices that lead to outcomes which exceed existing legislative and regulatory requirements.

Holiday Reception

Walker Aggregates' Public Liaison Committee is once again hosting friends and neighbours at its annual **Wine and Cheese Holiday Reception**. This year, it will be held on **Thursday, November 24**. The reception takes place from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Mylar and Loretta's Restaurant in Singhampton.

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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