

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

It has been nearly a year since the end of the hearing before the Consolidated Hearings Board on our application to expand the Duntroon Quarry, and there is still no word on a decision by the board. The hearing came to an end on June 1, 2011, with final arguments submitted by the lawyers for the participating parties at the end of July. We have been given no indication when the board's final decision and report will be released.

There have also been no decisions rendered by the boards reviewing an application for a proposed MAQ quarry on Grey County Road 31 across from our Duntroon property and for a proposed Nelson Quarry expansion in north Burlington.

In the meantime, our employees have been hired back after being laid off during the winter shutdown, and work has resumed to mine out the remaining rock at our existing Duntroon quarry. We will soon be dismantling our office to remove the rock underneath, and are seeking new office space somewhere nearby.

Work continues on finalizing the Adaptive Management Plan for the expanded quarry, and on completing other required documentation – such as a Certificate of Approval for air quality, a permit to take water and discharge permit, and a planting plan for the woodlot – in the hopes that the quarry expansion will proceed.

In other news, Walker Aggregates was pleased to be honoured by our peers at the recent annual general meeting of the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association. Our Walker Brothers Quarry in Niagara Falls was recognized with a Property Enhancement Award and Community Relations Award, while our Vineland Quarry also won a Community Relations Award. Congratulations to our staff at both of these quarries for their excellent work!

We are hopeful that there is soon news to report on the status of our quarry expansion. Please stay tuned for a special edition of Stepping Stones with highlights of the board's decision once it is released.

Our summer barbeque, site tour and blasting demonstration will take place on Friday, July 13, 2012, with buses loading for the tour at 11:30 a.m., followed by a barbeque at noon. We look forward to once again hosting our friends, neighbours and employee family members at this annual event.

As always, I welcome hearing from our neighbours about any questions or concerns they may have about our existing or proposed expanded quarry. 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 stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lucyshyn".

Ken Lucyshyn



Duntroon Quarry a Major Taxpayer in Clearview

With the challenges Clearview Township council has recently faced in finalizing its budget for 2012, it may be of interest for citizens to know how much the Duntroon Quarry contributes to the township's coffers. In 2011, Walker Aggregates paid \$50,100 in property taxes to the Township, which represented .5% of its total tax revenue of \$9,996,370.

When the levy paid for the aggregate produced by the quarry is included, Walker contributed a total amount of \$171,600, or nearly .9% of Clearview's overall revenues of \$19,208,356.

Walker's total contribution to the municipality works out to about \$12.50 for every person living in the township, based on 2011 census data.

Education taxes and municipal taxes paid to Simcoe County are in addition to these amounts.

Walker is one of the largest private sector businesses in Clearview. The company is hopeful that the quarry expansion will proceed and continues to contribute to the Township's revenues, as well as Clearview's overall wellbeing through our support of community and charitable activities.



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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