

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTROON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

It's been well over a decade since our work began to expand the Duntroon Quarry, and the approval process continues to drag on. The Judicial Review of the decision by the Consolidated Hearings Board to approve the quarry expansion is now slated to occur on April 25, 2013, a few days later than its originally scheduled date of April 22.

Both the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and the Clearview Community Coalition (CCC) have submitted their briefs to the court, outlining their opposition to the joint board decision. Walker has until mid-April to submit its written arguments in support of the board's ruling.

Meanwhile, no further work is being done on the Adaptive Management Plan for the quarry expansion or in planning upgrades to County Road 91 until the Judicial Review is completed.

We will be sending you a special edition of Stepping Stones on April 26, the day after the Judicial Review court proceedings, to keep everyone informed about the latest news on our expansion plans.

We do have some good news to share this spring. On April 8, we were informed by the Ministry of the Environment that our license amendment application

for the existing quarry was approved. This frees up about 600,000 tonnes of rock along the north face of the quarry, and provides another year of work for our employees – most of whom were laid off December 1.

During the application process, concerns were expressed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, regarding impacts to natural heritage features. Their concerns were later satisfied. Other commenting agencies – including Clearview Township, the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Labour - expressed no objection to the application. In addition to the shipment of aggregate which has been happening throughout the winter, our production will be up and running in early April.

As always, I welcome comments and questions about our existing and 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>.

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Ken Lucyshyn

Walker Wins Endangered Species Award

Walker Aggregates is the recipient of the 2013 Industry Leadership Award from the Ontario Endangered Species Act Conference. The award comes as a result of Walker's work to supplement and complement the ongoing work of the Ontario Badger Recovery Team.

"Your firm provided support for the provision of a comprehensive overview of known habitat/biological needs, ecology, threats and knowledge gaps for the species," says Tom Hilditch, chair of the province's Species at Risk Program Advisory Committee. "You also supported the provision of quite innovative outreach products including iPod GelaSkins, badger caps and fridge magnets in recognition of efforts to reach a

younger audience to inspire them to contribute to badger conservation."

It's estimated there are fewer than 200 adult badgers in Ontario, mostly in counties along the north shore of Lake Erie. Because of this, badgers were given legal protection as an endangered species in 2001. A conservation effort was begun in 2009, and Walker has provided significant financial support to the Ontario Badger Recovery Team since then.

Representatives from Walker accepted the award during the conference on April 8, 2013.

Employees Turn Down the Heat for Sweater Day

The Duntroon Quarry employees joined in the first of several challenges marking the 10th anniversary of Walker Industries innovative EARTH 1st Program by participating in National Sweater Day.

The 550-plus employees across Walker's divisions were asked to wear a warm sweater on February 7, 2013, when the temperature in all of the company's buildings was lowered by two degrees. "We encouraged staff to find wacky, funky and wild sweater, toque and scarf combinations," says Alison Braithwaite, the company's director of Environmental Performance.

Members of the communities in each of Walker's operating locations were also encouraged to

become involved. "We asked our customers, suppliers, friends and neighbours to lower their heat and put on their favourite sweater to take action against climate change and work towards a sustainable future," Braithwaite says.

If every Canadian lowered the heat by just two degrees this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 4 megatons.

Walker's EARTH 1st program acknowledges that "Our business is the environment and the environment is our business. As individuals and as a company we challenge our employees to give back to the environment more than we take from it."



The Duntroon crew dressed up in their wildest woollies for National Sweater Day.

Mark Your Calendars for Summer BBQ

The employees of the Duntroon Quarry will host their summer barbecue this year on Friday, July 12, 2013. Buses will load for a quarry tour and blast demonstration at 11:30, followed by the barbecue at noon. We look forward to seeing our friends, neighbours, and employees' families, and are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

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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