

# Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

## Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

I'm pleased to report that our Duntroon Quarry staff are very happy with the decision of the Consolidated Hearings Board to approve our application to expand the quarry. This makes the long approval process all worthwhile – the fact that all of our terrific Walker Aggregates employees will have jobs for many years to come.

There have been several meetings since the board decision on June 17, 2012, and the Special Edition of Stepping Stones where we shared the highlights of the board decision. The full board decision is available on our website at <http://www.walkerind.com/walker-aggregates/duntroon-documents.html>

We've met with the Township of Clearview to begin talking about the road construction that will be required, and the changes in quarry phasing the board has requested – to ensure that trees are planted and reforestation is working before we remove any woodlands.

We cannot begin quarrying across County Road 91 until the road works are completed on County Road 91, Concession 10 and Side Road 26/27. This is expected to begin this winter and be completed next spring or summer.

We will not be doing any work at all on County Road 91 – including closing the western portion of the road – until the road work on Side Road 26/27 is done. Before any road works are started, we will have an information meeting to share plans with members of the community.

We are also working to revise and finalize the Adaptive Management Plan (AMP). This includes developing a monitoring program for the main colony of American Hart's Tongue Fern which will now be protected by a 100-metre buffer, instead of the 50 metres we had originally proposed. This extra buffer area – as well as the 120-metre buffer the board requires around the Rob Roy 2 wetland – means that the total amount to be quarried will be reduced by approximately 2.7 million tonnes. This is equivalent to almost two years of quarrying. The total amount to be removed from the quarry is estimated at about 39 million tonnes. At an

average extraction of 1.5 million tonnes per year, this means the quarry will have a life of about 25-and-a-half years.

Other work to be done includes determining financial guarantees that will be put in place to address any unforeseen impacts from the quarry once it is closed, and which independent third party will hold the funds.

Also, the Niagara Escarpment will need to issue a development permit for the quarry expansion, as directed by the board.

In the meantime, we are exploring the feasibility of keeping our office at its current location since we are running out of aggregate in the existing quarry to supply to our customers. We have already moved the scalehouse to the bottom of the quarry to mine as much stone as possible.

For the first time we held our annual Duntroon Quarry BBQ on July 13 on the expansion lands. I was pleased to see so many of our friends, neighbours and employees' family members at this year's event. More than 220 people turned up on a beautiful summer day. I very much appreciated the support so many of our neighbours expressed for our quarry expansion, and was thrilled to receive the Township of Clearview flag from mayor Ken Ferguson. We will fly it proudly! There are several photos of the event in this issue of Stepping Stones, and more on our website at <http://www.walkerind.com/neighbours/duntroon-photos.html>

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

**Ken Lucyshyn**

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