

# Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013

## Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

The employees at the Duntroon Quarry are slowly coming down to earth after the recent good news that the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has refused the Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) latest effort to prevent the expansion of the quarry. We reported the details of this decision in a special edition of Stepping Stones on July 10, 2013.

There's still a lot of work to do before we can move forward with the expansion. Our consultants working with us on the project have identified 49 major tasks that need to be completed – including preparing a geotechnical study in advance of the road cut from the current to the expanded quarry, obtaining an NEC development permit, documenting and photographing the Millar barn for the Ministry of Culture, and preparing a Beaver River fish habitat enhancement program.

We now have a final draft of the Adaptive Management Plan and are awaiting comments from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the local conservation authorities and Clearview Township.

We expect (and hope there will be) no further delays in moving forward with the expansion, and keeping our employees on the job and our customers supplied with stone in the years to come.

Again, I would like to thank all of our friends and neighbours for their support over the many years of the expansion application process. I was pleased to see so many at our annual Duntroon Quarry BBQ on July 12. Some photos from the BBQ are on page 2 of this newsletter and many more on our website at <http://www.walkerind.com/neighbours/duntroon-photos.html>. As usual, the weather for the quarry tour, blasting demonstration and BBQ was wonderful!

On the business side, we are continuing to remove rock along the north face of the existing quarry as permitted by our license amendment. We are scheduled to remove about 450,000 tonnes this year, and have taken about 150,000 tonnes up to the end of June. Another 150,000 tonnes will be used on the road upgrades that are part of the quarry expansion. The quarry edge is coming extremely close to our office building, which means we

will need to move soon. We're now exploring other options for office space.

I was very proud of our Duntroon staff who won a challenge among three of Walker's Simcoe County aggregate sites in June. Employees were challenged to collect the most food for their site's local food bank. The Duntroon staff collected 4,418 pounds for the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank, and Walker donated a further \$100.

The total amount of food collected at the three aggregate sites was 6,162 pounds.



Duntroon Quarry employees Sarah Nichol and Heather Fiske with some of the food collected during Walker Aggregates' food drive challenge.

As always, I welcome hearing from our neighbours about any questions or concerns they may have about our existing or 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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