

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTROON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

Happy New Year! As we begin 2013, I'd like to wish all of our friends and neighbours the very best health, happiness and prosperity for the coming year.

It's now been just over a decade since we informed Clearview Township, Simcoe County and our neighbours of our proposal to expand the Duntroon Quarry.

Some of our neighbours will recall that I personally came to visit to let them know about our planned expansion in December of 2002. We hope that this year we are finally able to proceed with the expansion plans.

The Judicial Review of the decision by the Consolidated Hearings Board to approve the quarry expansion is now scheduled for April 22, 2013. It will be a one-day hearing before three judges in the Superior Court of Ontario, to be held in Toronto.

Prior to the hearing the Joint Board must send all evidence to the court, with the lawyers relying on the information which they think supports their respective positions.

In addition to Walker, the County of Simcoe and Clearview Township, the hearing participants are the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and the Clearview Community Coalition. Emelia Franks has not indicated whether she intends to participate in the hearing.

Meanwhile, we have been working to meet the requirements outlined by the Joint Board in its report. All of this work has now been completed and sent to the board, except for the Adaptive Management Plan, which has been submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for approval. Once this is approved, then work will be done to put in place financial guarantees for the project.

In addition, we have been working cooperatively with the Township on the road design for upgrading County Road 91.

Our quarry employees were laid off on December 1,

with the stone in the existing Duntroon Quarry nearly depleted. Normally these staff members work until Christmas before being laid off for the winter months.

We have applied for an amendment to the rehabilitation portion of the site plan for the existing Duntroon Quarry. This would free up 600,000 tonnes of rock along a portion of the north face of the existing quarry.

If the amendment is approved, we will be able to bring back our employees for another year and continue to supply our customers in the area with aggregate.

An Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) posting for this application, which allowed 30 days for public comment, was completed on December 14, 2012.

We were asked by the Ministry of Natural Resources in early January to provide answers to questions raised by the NEC and the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

We learned a bit of sad news in early December. Our neighbour across County Road 91, James Dalton Millar passed away at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital on December 7, 2012.



Dalt Millar at the 2011 Duntroon BBQ.

Dalt and his wife Marie sold us their 100-acre farm in 2002, which began our plans to expand the Duntroon Quarry. Their son Eric has continued to farm on the property as we proceeded through the expansion approval process.

Dalt worked at the Duntroon Quarry in the 1960s, long before it was purchased by Walker. I was honoured to have been asked by the family to deliver a eulogy at Dalt's funeral.

We will miss the wonderful stories he would share about the history of the Duntroon area.

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On a brighter note, I was pleased to share some holiday cheer at the annual PLC Wine and Cheese Reception in Singhampton on November 29. It's always a pleasure to kick off the holiday season with our friends and neighbours during this annual event. Some photos of the event are below.

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>.



Ken Lucyshyn

2012 PLC Wine and Cheese Reception



Photos:

*Top left:
Clearview Township Ward 2 councillor
Orville Brown (left) chats with Bill Beam and his
wife Marg.*

*Top right:
Clearview deputy mayor Alicia Savage, with
Walker Aggregates general manager Steve Bisson
and vice-president Ken Lucyshyn.*

*Left:
Marg Hennessy, Marie Millar and MaryLou Brown.*

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