

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTROON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

Like everyone else in this part of the country, we've been looking forward to the end of the cold weather and the arrival of spring temperatures to begin the production of aggregate at the Duntroon Quarry for 2014. Production is now – finally – underway.

Since we are reaching the end of our licenced reserves, we will only produce and ship about half of our normal annual amount – or about 500,000 tonnes – before we run out of rock at the existing quarry. We produced and shipped the same reduced amount last year, as we endeavored to continue to supply our customers, and keep our employees working, until the expanded quarry is up and running.

The former office at the Duntroon Quarry has been demolished and the staff have settled in to new offices in the former Millar homestead across County Road 91.

Prior to the demolition, we contacted Habitat for Humanity about stripping the old office of any building materials they wanted.

Habitat for Humanity removed a considerable amount of materials – including everything from light fixtures to door knobs. These materials will either be sold in the organization's ReStore or used to build affordable housing for people in need.

Stripping and rock drilling are now occurring under the former quarry office, in advance of future quarrying in this location.

In preparation for the quarry expansion, engineering design work has been drafted for the upgrades to County Road 91, Concession 10 and Side Road 26/27, and the required development permit paperwork has been submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Commission for its approval. This engineering work includes the design of the cut across County Road 91 to connect the existing and expanded quarry, and the seal for the existing quarry – so that it can begin to fill up with water once extraction has been completed.

Now that the Adaptive Management Plan for the expanded quarry has been completed and approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Walker has prepared a financial guarantee to be put in place once the expanded quarry has reached the end of its lifespan.

The guarantee will ensure that monies are in place to cover the costs for the ongoing monitoring of water and natural heritage features – and the costs of addressing any unforeseen problems that might arise – if for any reason Walker is no longer in business. The funds will cover the

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Duntroon Quarry staff have moved into their new offices across County Road 91 (top photo), and the former office has now been demolished (bottom).

Duntroon Quarry Wins Community Relations Award

The Duntroon Quarry has been awarded a prestigious Community Relations Award from the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA). The award was presented to Walker Aggregates at the OSSGA's annual meeting in Ottawa in February.

The Community Relations Award recognizes good neighbourly activities, community involvement, media relations, education and awareness.

"We pride ourselves on being a good neighbour and environmentally responsible," says Frank Kielbowich,



Walker Aggregates' operations manager Frank Kielbowich accepts the Community Relations Award from James Gordon, secretary of the OSSGA and chair of the Awards Committee.

operations manager for Walker Aggregates. "This award is a display of the outstanding teamwork by our workforce, who are proud of what they do and how they can make it better all around."

The judging panel included representatives from the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment, Ducks Unlimited, the Cornerstone Standards Council, associate members of the OSSGA representing professional consulting firms and the mayor of the Township of Puslinch.

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period from when the quarrying is completed until the lake is filled, which is estimated to be about 35 years.

Hims GeoEnvironmental has prepared a cost estimate for a worst case scenario, which amounts to several million dollars.

The Township is now peer-reviewing the calculations in the agreement, after which time a staff report will be prepared and presented to council for approval.

The Duntroon Quarry expansion is the only quarry in Ontario which voluntarily offered to put in place financial security for the post-extraction monitoring and mitigation of any possible impacts.

After a 14-year process, we look forward to finally moving forward with our Duntroon Quarry expansion!

As always, we welcome questions or comments from our community about the existing or expanded Duntroon Quarry. Please feel free to contact me at 905-680-3717. You can also reach our Duntroon office supervisor Rosemary Ackermann at 705-445-2300, ext. 4223. More information is also available on our website at <http://www.walkerind.com/walker-aggregates-inc/general-information/>.

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Ken Lucyshyn
Executive Vice-President

Hold the Date for Our PLC Summer BBQ!

The employees of the Duntroon Quarry will hold our summer barbecue for the community on Friday, July 11, 2014. Buses will load for a quarry tour and blast demonstration at 11:30, followed by a barbecue at noon. We hope to see our friends and neighbours at this annual event, and also hope the tradition of good weather continues!

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