

Stepping Stones



THE DUNTRON QUARRY EXPANSION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2014

Message from Walker Aggregates' Vice-President

After more than a decade of planning, numerous technical studies, a 13-month long hearing and a judicial review application, Walker Aggregates finally has a license for the expanded Duntroon Quarry. The company received the license from the Ministry of Natural Resources in August.

In anticipation of receiving the license, work has been progressing to implement some of the site plan requirements of the expansion. This includes installing monitoring wells, conducting pumping tests and completing the fencing around the perimeter of the expansion site. A tender has been issued for the reforestation of some areas of the licensed area, which will occur over the next three years.

The plan is to begin mining in the expanded quarry later this fall, while processing of the stone will continue to occur in the existing quarry.

Stone from the expanded quarry will first be used for upgrades to County Road 91 before it is mined and shipped to other customers. The upgrades will occur this fall, and include a new culvert installed between Duntroon and the 10th Concession to allow

the Batteaux Creek to run under the road. This part of the project will last for approximately six weeks, and a section of the road between Duntroon and the 10th Concession will be closed for part of that time.

An open house will be held to inform the neighbours about the road works, being undertaken by Midhurst's Georgian Paving, which successfully won the tender issued by Clearview Township.

Upgrades to Sideroad 26/27 and the 10th Concession are also planned once development permits are received from the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Once these upgrades are completed, the portion of County Road 91 between the 10th Concession and County Road 31 will be closed and turned over to Walker Aggregates, as per an agreement reached with Clearview Township and Simcoe County, and ratified by the Consolidated Hearings Board.

There has been some last-minute opposition expressed by residents of Grey Highlands to the planned partial road closure. The Municipality of Grey Highlands was consulted about the road agreements in the spring and summer of 2010. The final agreements were unanimously supported by Grey County Council, which includes two representatives from Grey Highlands.

In its decision to approve the expanded quarry, the Consolidated Hearings Board stated that "... Sideroad 26/27 with its improvements (within the existing road allowance) as set out in the Road Settlement Agreements can provide an appropriate alternative access to the closing of the portion of County Road 91..."

It's unfortunate that there is now opposition to the partial road closure. This closure agreement was developed in response to various and differing concerns expressed by nearby residents, including the concern of too much traffic from quarry trucks and other vehicles (including trucks from the nearby MAQ quarry) on County Road 91, and the wish that County Road 31 not be a haul route for trucks travelling to and from the expanded quarry.



Fencing is now being installed in the quarry expansion area.

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Message from the Vice-President – *continued from front*

With the license finally in our hands, we can begin mining in our expanded quarry. This means our employees will be able to keep their jobs and our customers will continue to be supplied with stone for local construction projects.

Also, after 11 years, Stepping Stones will no longer be published. This is the last issue, and I hope that members of our local community have found it to be informative.

This newsletter was produced every second month, starting in July of 2003 to provide information to neighbours and other interested stakeholders about Walker's process to seek approval for the Duntroon Quarry expansion. Three years later, when the process began to get bogged down, we decided to produce this newsletter on a quarterly basis.

I mentioned in the last edition of Stepping Stones that a new newsletter will be produced for the expanded Duntroon Quarry. This publication will be issued twice each year and provide neighbours with news, coverage

of our community events and interesting feature stories. We will be distributing both printed and e-versions of the newsletter, and also including it on our Walker Industries web site. Stay tuned...

As always, I welcome questions or comments from our community about the existing or expanded 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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