

McGregor and Amherstburg Quarries Update

Construction is underway for a Public Works Yard for Essex County on land purchased from the McGregor Quarry, at the intersection of Howard Avenue and North Side Road, where a traffic light will also be installed at the quarry entrance. Road maintenance materials such as sand and salt will be stored at the yard.

In the quarry itself, two new crushers have been installed and have been operational for what has turned out to be another busy season. Berms have been sculpted alongside Howard Avenue in the quarry expansion area, and trees are scheduled to be planted next year.

Also at the McGregor Quarry, Walker-owned properties on Howard Avenue North have been tidied up. "We knocked down the houses some time ago, and are clearing brush, moving lawns and keeping weeds down so the area looks more like a park," says area manager Ryan Wall.

Production at the Amherstburg Quarry ended in October, one month earlier than normal. Ryan notes that more stone has been coming out of the McGregor Quarry – compared to the Amherstburg Quarry – since it is closer to the construction projects underway in the Windsor area.

Where the Rock Goes

Agricultural Lime Applications

Approximately 10,000 metric tonnes of agricultural lime from the McGregor Quarry is used by farmers to spread on their fields in and around Essex County each year. The lime is used as a natural soil supplement. It neutralizes the soil's PH levels and increases the ability of crops to absorb essential nutrients from the ground.

Donna has a Passion for Travel

Donna Anger with some of her favourite photos.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Even a lifetime might not be enough time to explore the entire world, but Donna Anger is certainly giving it her best shot. Donna has a passion for travel and adventure, with six cruises under her belt including a 14-day Mediterranean cruise in 2008. She travels with her husband, and the couple are already planning their next trip. Next summer, the two are going out west to visit one of their sons in British Columbia, and then have future plans of heading off to Hawaii. "I'd like to visit Peru too," says Donna. "That would be incredible."

Donna is also an avid photographer, and has been taking a variety of photos for several years. Her travels provide a diverse range of beautiful and exotic scenery for her photos. Between trips, Donna prints and frames her favourite pictures to display in the family's home. She is currently taking an online course through The Photography Institute to receive a diploma in photography, and has a dream of selling her photos as a professional photographer.

Donna has worked as an office administrator for both the McGregor and Amherst quarries since 2009. Her range of responsibilities includes everything from finance to customer service, and one Saturday each month she operates the truck scale at McGregor for a change of pace. "I enjoy being busy, and I like the variety," says Donna. "It's also always nice to talk with customers and the truck drivers, and see how I can help them."

CUSTOMER PROFILE

Total Source Contracting is a Total Success

Peter Letkeman has established a successful contracting business in Essex County, despite starting his company during one of the worst recessions in Canadian history. Just after he left a good job as a project manager for a contracting company in 2008, he decided to strike out on his own. Then the recession hit and, to make matters worse, his wife lost her job as a project manager for a U.S. advertising agency.

Despite the economic downturn, Peter needed to purchase an excavator, haul truck and other contracting equipment to get Total Source Contracting up and running.

"The first year, we took on small jobs," he recalls. But eventually, the relationships he had built over the previous 20 years with his former employer began to lead to larger contracting jobs, including projects for the City of Windsor's Parks and Recreation Department. The company now has a team of full-time employees with plans for further growth.

The work done by Total Source Contracting includes industrial landscaping, excavating, shoreline work, retaining walls and parking lot construction. Much of his source material – such as



Peter Letkeman
of Total Source
Contracting.

gravel and armour stone – comes from the McGregor Quarry.

"They gave me credit when other companies wouldn't," Peter says, and that has resulted in Total Source being a loyal customer over the years.

"I'm now making a living and doing what I want to do," Peter says. He credits his success to being trustworthy, honest and delivering on commitments.

Those qualities are also important in Peter's other job; he is serving his third term as a council member for the Township of Pelee, and heads up the township's Environmental Advisory Committee.

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