

The McGregor Quarry has acquired two new 50-tonne rock trucks.



McGregor & Amherstburg Quarries Update

Full production at the McGregor Quarry resumed March 1, 2016, despite the fact that sporadic processing occurred throughout the off-season as a result of a greater than normal demand for stone during the unusually warm winter. Maintenance of the quarry equipment was done, as per usual, during the winter months.

Two new 50-tonne, Cat 772 rock trucks have been added to the quarry, along with a new fines processing plant. The new plant will allow the quarry to create higher volumes of smaller-sized aggregates. Previously, material had to be trucked to separate screening areas of the existing plant to produce these aggregates, resulting in lower volumes and less consistent sizing of the stone.

The large berm that runs along Howard Avenue at the west side of the quarry has been seeded, with trees also planted there. The base of the overburden pile, on the east boundary of the quarry at the 6th Concession, has also been treed and seeded. Stripping of overburden has resumed in the quarry expansion area.

A good season of stone production and sales is expected this year, according to Ryan Wall, general manager of Essex and Southwestern Ontario for Walker Aggregates.

An Award for Community Relations

The McGregor Quarry has received a Community Relations Award from the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA). The award recognizes the quarry's leadership in promoting good neighbour relations, community involvement, education and industry awareness.

The quarry uses vegetated berms and screens, a dust management plan, and blast monitoring to mitigate visual impacts and minimize disruptions to neighbours. Parent company Walker Aggregates also sponsors the Rotary Club of Amherstburg's Ribfest, hosts a local barbecue, and stays in touch with the community through the Borderstones semi-annual newsletter and the company website.



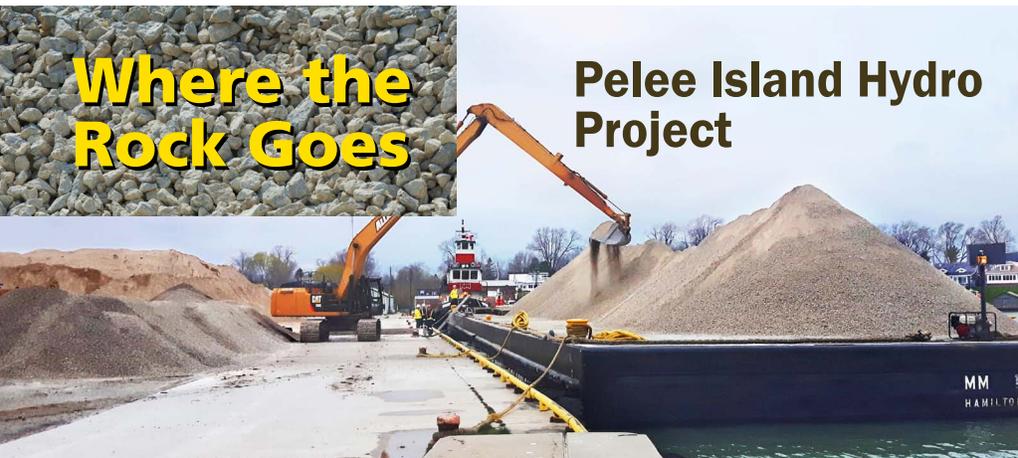
General manager Ryan Wall accepts the OSSGA award.

The awards review panel was comprised of judges from outside the aggregate industry – including representatives from Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Cornerstone Standards Council and the Ontario Ministry of Resources and Forestry.

Where the Rock Goes



Pelee Island Hydro Project



Approximately 3,500 tonnes of stone from the McGregor Quarry has been shipped by barge this spring to Pelee Island. The stone is being used to create base pads for the installation of hydro generators on the island.

Save the Date for Our Summer BBQ!

Friends and neighbours of the McGregor Quarry and Amherstburg Quarry are invited to our annual summer BBQ. It takes place at the McGregor Quarry, 6781 North Side Road, Amherstburg, on **Thursday, August 18, 2016**, at 3:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

A Life-Long Quarryman

A part-time job in a sand and gravel pit at the age of 16 helped Wayne Tofflemire decide the industry in which he wanted to work. That was 35 years ago and Wayne is still employed in the aggregate industry, having begun a full-time job in the business right after Grade 12. For nearly 20 of those years he has been working at the McGregor Quarry.

"I always thought it would be interesting to run big equipment," he says.

Wayne operates the secondary crushing plant at McGregor, ensuring that all the components of the plant are working well. These include two crushers and more than a dozen conveyor belts that transform large boulders into small pieces of stone. It's pretty much a solitary job, but Wayne likes it that way. "I enjoy the challenge of doing my own thing, working hands on, changing screens and keeping everything working," he says. During the busy production season, his

shift runs weekdays from 6 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., with shorter days in winter, working on equipment maintenance.

Wayne lives in Kingsville with his wife Diane, a Grade 4 French teacher, 17-year-old son Cole and 15-year-old daughter Claire. Both kids are "pretty smart" he says, and are planning to go to university.

Time away from work is spent with family and doing household chores. "We're just average people," he says modestly.

What isn't average is Wayne's Oldsmobile 442 muscle car, which he purchased brand new in 1987. He keeps it in mint condition and enjoys

Wayne Tofflemire with his 1987 Oldsmobile 442.



taking it out of the garage and driving it around the area, now that the good weather has arrived.

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Company owners Russ Shea and Daryl Rocheleau on a construction site in Windsor.

Shea Rock/Shea Bros. Construction

After founding and running a business for nearly 30 years, it's completely understandable that the original owners begin to think about their futures and the future of their company. That's certainly been the case for Russ and Jim Shea, who established Shea Brothers Drainage in 1987. Last year, Jim sold his shares in the company to Daryl Rocheleau, although he continues to work there. The sale also added a new dimension to the Windsor-based business.

In addition to the mostly residential sewer and water main work that had been done by the company in the past, a new Shea Rock Construction division of the company is focused on more municipal and commercial work. This includes sanitary/storm sewers, watermain work and road reconstruction projects.

The company has about 30 employees and has been a customer of the McGregor Quarry from the beginning. "We're there just about every day to pick up stone," Daryl says. "We have a really good working relationship with the McGregor Quarry."

Recent projects undertaken by Shea Rock/Shea Bros. Construction have included a watermain replacement and major reconstruction of Pillette Road in Windsor, and a parking lot excavation and backfill for a new FedEx building in Oldcastle. The company plans to expand in the years ahead.

While co-owner Russ Shea is looking towards a bit more freedom from work in the next few years, including spending more time riding his motorcycle, the younger Daryl is looking to ramp up the business. "I still have a lot of ambition to bring the business to the next level," he says.



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