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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEIGHBOURS OF THE DUNTRON QUARRY Spring/Summer 2016

Quarry Update



Construction is continuing on County Road 91.

A hearing by the Environmental Review Tribunal over the upgrading of Side Road 26/27 is scheduled to begin in either September or October. The upgrade is part of an agreement between Walker Aggregates and Clearview Township to close part of County Road 91 east of the quarry to through traffic, upgrade the rest of County Road 91 to Duntroun, and upgrade Side Road 26/27 and a portion of the 10th Concession.

The Niagara Escarpment

Commission decided to deny a development permit for the road works on 26/27, even though the NEC staff supported the permit application. The township is appealing the NEC decision. A prehearing was held on March 11, 2016 and another is scheduled for June 10 in advance of the full hearing this fall.

Meanwhile, the road works on County Road 91 are expected to be completed sometime in June.

Stone is being extracted from the quarry expansion and trucked through the new tunnel under County Road 91 to the processing plant in the former Duntroun Quarry. No further stone is being extracted from the former quarry, however aggregates stockpiled from this quarry are still being trucked out. Once the County Road 91 road works are completed, stone from the quarry expansion will begin to move out to customers.



Stone from the quarry expansion is being trucked through the new tunnel.

As part of a management restructuring, Simcoe sales manager Rob Fyles has been promoted to general manager of Walker Aggregates for the Simcoe Region & GTA – which include the Duntroun Quarry expansion, the Edgar and Anten Mills pits and the Severn Quarry.

For the third consecutive year the Duntroun Quarry has received a Community Relations Award from the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association. The award recognizes quarries that demonstrate leadership in promoting good neighbour relations, community involvement, education and industry awareness.



Rob Fyles

A Local Gift for Good Health Care

Walker Aggregates has helped the Collingwood G&M Hospital (CGMH) kick off its \$1 million Emergency Department renovation project with a major gift of \$60,000.

Crushed stone from Walker's Duntroun Quarry, and sand and gravel from its Anten Mills Pit, are used to build roads, bridges, sidewalks, schools, homes and many other facilities in Simcoe County and the GTA. Walker Aggregates has been supporting CGMH for the past 20 years and its parent company, family-owned Walker Industries, has for generations made significant contributions to support important projects in all of the communities in which it operates.

"We are grateful to Walker Aggregates for its vision in recognizing the importance of initiating this project," says Dr. Kylie Bosman, Emergency Department chief. "It certainly is a forward-thinking company and we are very fortunate to have the support of this organization, as a hospital and as a community."

Walker executive vice-president Ken Lucyshyn says the company's donation was prompted by its concern that people in and around the Collingwood area have access to quality local health care.



Walker executive vice-president Ken Lucyshyn, Emergency Department chief Dr. Kylie Bosman, Walker president John Fisher and G&M Hospital Foundation board chair Ernie Purkis.

CUSTOMER PROFILE

Driver Bill Laughlin, of Darren Neil and Sons Excavating, delivers a load of stone to an asphalt plant in Midhurst.



A Track Record of Growth for Family Business

Darren Neil and Sons Excavating has grown a lot in the 13 years since it was established, mirroring the growth of the local region in general. Based in Stayner, the family-run company was established by Darren Neil, and employs his mother Debbie in the office, sons Brett and Braeden, and more than 25 other employees.

Darren Neil and Sons Excavating is an excavating, haulage and landscape construction contractor. Its project work includes excavations for basements and home additions, and backfilling, trenching and driveway construction. Centrally located in an agricultural area, it also provides grading, drainage and other services to local farmers, as well as subcontract work on local road projects. With more than 20 trucks on the road, the company also provides haulage services to local road and reconstruction projects.

The fact that the Duntroon Quarry expansion has taken so long, with virtually no stone available from the former quarry, has presented a challenge to the company. "It's made our job difficult," Darren says. "We've had to source products from other suppliers that are further away, and that's expensive." He says the limited supply and access to local aggregates has resulted in increased prices, which either his company or his customers have had to absorb. Darren says he looks forward to the day when he can again obtain stone from Walker Aggregates' Duntroon operation.

"We've never worked with a better company," Darren says of Walker. "They've been fantastic and their people are excellent. They are always accommodating to us."



Where the Rock Goes

Balmoral Village Subdivision



Approximately 140,000 metric tonnes of limestone fill from the Duntroon Quarry is being used in the site preparation for Collingwood's Balmoral Village subdivision on Harbour Street, just off Highway 26.

Lime Kiln Side Trail Now Open

The Bruce Trail side trail to Bill Frank's old, restored lime kiln is now open to the public. A grand opening ceremony was held in April.

Walker Aggregates subsidized the kiln's restoration, with further donations from Clearview Township, Creemore Springs Brewery, Hamilton Bros., Ken Ferguson Enterprises, Raffay Stoneworks and the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club.

The kiln was originally built in the mid 1800s to process local aggregate into quicklime.

The side trail is about 400 metres along the section of the Bruce Trail that runs north of County Road 91.



At the side trail's official opening last April, guests came out to see the restored lime kiln, which land owner Bill Franks has made accessible to the public.

Save the Date for Our Summer BBQ!

Friends and neighbours of the Duntroon Quarry are invited to our annual summer BBQ and quarry tour. The date is **Friday, July 15, 2016**, with tour buses loading at 11:30 am followed by lunch.

We hope to see you there!

A Passionate Supporter of the Duntroon Quarry Expansion

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOURS

Dan Fabrizio is hopping mad about the opposition the Duntroon Quarry expansion has been experiencing from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and others over the past several years. He has no affiliation with Walker Aggregates whatsoever – in fact, he’s the Duntroon Quarry’s closest neighbour, living just east of the property on County Road 91.

“The quarry is the greatest thing that ever happened to this area,” he says emphatically. “I’ve been here for 15 years and they’re a great neighbour. They are open and transparent, and have probably planted more trees than the county has in the past 40 years.” Some of the trees planted by Walker Aggregates have been on Dan’s own property to provide a buffer from the quarry.

Dan is a huge supporter of the plans to close County Road 91 to through traffic west of the 10th Concession. He says the quarry trucks don’t bother him, but the other vehicles speeding along the road do. “It’s out of control,” he says of the traffic,

estimating that only 20 per cent of the vehicles now on the road are trucks travelling to and from the quarry.

He adds that “the people who live closest to the quarry have the most to lose with the NEC’s holdup of the road agreement and the quarry expansion itself,” adding that the commission has turned out to be an “unintended consequence of a great idea.”

“It’s all a bunch of BS,” he says of the NEC’s efforts to prevent the quarry expansion from moving forward.

Dan is now semi-retired from a number of business ventures he’s had in the past – including owning the Collingwood Dairy Queen for 10 years up until 2010. His house is on 11 acres of land with a spectacular view over the Nottawasaga Valley. He says his well water has never been affected by the quarry and he doesn’t hear the processing plant. The blasts that occur about every week don’t bother him either.



Dan Fabrizio in front of his home on County Road 91

Dan appreciates the need for the quarry expansion. “You can’t have infrastructure without raw materials,” he says.

Steve Curry’s Job is Now Secure

In a small town such as Duntroon, even people at opposite ends of a local dispute can be friendly. That’s the case with Duntroon Quarry scalehouse operator Steve Currie and one of his neighbours. Steve has worked at the quarry for 36 years and was anxious that the quarry expansion be approved so he could keep his job. His neighbour is an opponent. Nonetheless, the two men play badminton together every Monday night at a school in Collingwood. “We never bring it up,” Steve says of the quarry disagreement.

Steve says the worry about whether the quarry expansion would proceed was stressful on his family. “It played on my mind,” he recalls.

With aggregates now being extracted from the expansion quarry, Steve’s job security is no longer a concern. He plans to keep working at the quarry until retirement.

He says his job was originally supposed to be a temporary one, when he took a break after two years of university. He then came to realize that university was not what he wanted.



Steve and his wife Debra are looking forward to summer day trips on their motorcycles.

“It’s been a good job so far,” Steve says of his employment with Walker Aggregates, the third owner of the quarry during his time there. “Walker is a good company to work for and I like the people,” he says of his fellow employees and the truck drivers who come through the scalehouse. He says he typically interacts with about 30 different drivers on any given day.

Steve and his wife Debra are now empty-nesters with their four children grown and launched in their own careers. Debra works in telemarketing for Collingwood’s Saunders Book Company. During their free time the couple enjoy day trips on their motorcycles.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Duntroon Quarry Holiday Reception 2015



Friends and neighbours of the Duntroon Quarry and expansion joined quarry employees for the annual PLC Holiday Reception at Mylar and Loreta's Restaurant last November. • **SAVE THE DATE:** The 2016 PLC Holiday Reception will take place on Thursday, November 24, 2016.



A celebration of the Duntroon Quarry expansion was held last October with a reception and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new quarry tunnel. • (Left) Walker family member and board member Sheila Bonapace with executive vice-president Ken Lucyshyn. • (Centre) Walker Industries shareholders, board members and executive team members present included (from left) Geordie Walker, Sheila Bonapace, Norris Walker, Ken Lucyshyn, Spencer Bonapace, John Fisher and Bill Costello. • (Right) Guests included Collingwood deputy mayor Rick Lloyd and his wife Susan.



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