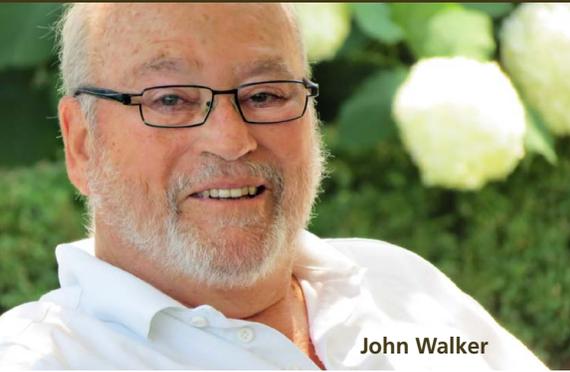




# StoneViews

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEIGHBOURS OF THE DUNTRON QUARRY

Fall/Winter 2016



John Walker

## Remembering John Walker

The Board of Directors and employees of Walker Industries Holdings Limited were saddened to learn of the passing of John Walker on May 26, 2016, at the age of 77. John was the retired, fourth-generation co-owner of Walker Industries, and as proud of his family legacy in business as in its community service and philanthropy.

John joined the family business after his studies at McGill University in 1962, starting as a superintendent of the company's quarry in Niagara Falls. He and his brother Norris later purchased the company from their father and uncle.

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## Duntron Quarry Update

The office for Walker Aggregates' Simcoe operations has been moved from the former Miller homestead, on the Duntron Quarry expansion lands, to Barrie. This location is more central to all of the Simcoe operations and can accommodate all the office employees, since the Duntron office was too small, and some employees were working from home or at other Walker locations in Simcoe County. Relocating the office also allows for the extraction of the rock under the Duntron office within the next couple of years.

The new office faces Highway 400 and is located at 48 Alliance Boulevard. Office manager Rosemary Ackermann is still available by phone to respond to questions from neighbours at 705-445-2300 ext. 4223, as is on-site quarry superintendent Rick Laws at 705-445-2300 ext. 4250.

The shipment of aggregate from the Duntron Quarry expansion is moving forward at a rate quicker than originally planned. In just under three months since the expansion opened more than 200,000 tonnes of aggregate have left the quarry, much of it headed for local construction projects.

Quarry employees have been hearing complaints from neighbours about excessive truck traffic speeding along County Road 91. Truck drivers who come and go from the Duntron Quarry are aware of speed limits and their requirement to adhere to them. Walker has appealed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Clearview Township to prevent trucks from aggregate companies in nearby Grey County from travelling along County Road 91, since this road is not part of their approved haul route. These trucks should be travelling along Grey Road 31 to County Road 124.

In other news, the Environmental Review Tribunal hearing on the upgrades to Side Road 26/27 and closure of a portion of County Road 91 that was scheduled for November has been delayed again. It is now expected to take place in late spring or early summer of 2017.

A new sales representative has been added to the Walker Aggregates team. Dave Fleming joins Chris Stuart and Heather Fiske as sales representatives for Simcoe and the GTA.



Sales representative  
Dave Fleming

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The new office for Walker Aggregates' Simcoe operations is at 48 Alliance Boulevard, Units 102 and 103, in Barrie.

## CUSTOMER PROFILE

### A Major Contributor to the Local Economy

One of the biggest customers of aggregate from the Duntroon Quarry is DECAST, a large precast concrete company located in Utopia.

DECAST was established in North Bay nearly 60 years ago and moved to Essa Township in 1989. Since then, the company has experienced tremendous growth to the point where it now employs approximately 600 people during peak periods and is a major contributor to the local economy. Until earlier this year, DECAST was known as Munro Ltd.

The company manufactures concrete infrastructure products such as storm and sanitary sewer pipes, catch basins, culverts, bridge girders and engineered precast products. It ships those products to job sites throughout Ontario and other parts of Canada.

DECAST is particularly known for its microtunneling pipes. Microtunneling is a trenchless construction method used to install pipelines beneath highways, railroads, runways, harbours, rivers and environmentally sensitive areas. It is safer,



DECAST makes concrete infrastructure products at its manufacturing facility in Utopia.

Photo courtesy DECAST

less destructive and less expensive than open-cut trenching. Examples of where this process has been used include a sanitary sewer in Calgary, a watermain within DECAST's microtunneling pipe in Richmond Hill and jet fuel lines within DECAST's microtunneling pipe at Pearson airport.

DECAST is strategically located in Utopia, given its need to keep the cost of raw materials low and since the bulk of the

cost of aggregates is the cost of transport. "We are in the perfect location," says David Archer, the company's manager of Engineering and Business Development. "We purchase sand and stone from all of Walker's Simcoe operations, and they surround our facility."

David says DECAST's reliance on aggregates from Walker has helped it become the largest manufacturing facility for infrastructure products in Canada.

### A Mostly Peaceful Life Near the Quarry Expansion



Eleonore and Harry Urbaniak in their Duntroon home.

It's been about 30 years since Harry and Eleonore Urbaniak purchased a 39-acre lot on Side Road 26/27 and built their home. The newlyweds had immigrated to Canada from Germany in 1959 and had lived in Montreal, Toronto and Burlington before moving to Duntroon.

While Harry was mostly retired from various labour jobs in automotive manufacturing, Eleonore spent 10 years working as a health care aide in Stayner before she also retired from full-time employment. The couple's two sons, Frank and Kevin, are grown and working in their own careers in Aurora and Orono, so Harry and Eleonore live alone now in their peaceful surroundings.

They spend their days relaxing, doing household chores, hiking and watching the occasional programs on television. There are also regular shopping excursions to Collingwood or Barrie, and trips to see concerts in Stayner and Wasaga Beach.

They are supportive of plans to upgrade Side Road 26/27. "We want to have it safer," Harry says, relating an accident he had a few years ago when his truck ended up in a ditch and suffered damage after a washout had caused severe rutting of the road surface. "We don't go down that hill now," Eleonore says, "It's too dangerous."

The couple is supportive of the quarry expansion, recognizing that aggregate is needed for important infrastructure projects. They do notice some vibration in their home when blasts occur and have expressed concerns to the quarry staff. "We have complained, and they are respectful," Harry says. "We have a pretty good relationship with Walker."

## ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOURS

## Drilling for Work and Bowling for Fun

Denis Campeau has been working as a driller at stone quarries for almost 30 years, the past 11 for Walker Aggregates. His days at the Duntroon Quarry are spent drilling holes for the explosives used in the blasts, which happen once or twice each week.

Denis explains that each hole is drilled through the rock to a depth of between 60 and 65 feet, and the holes are 12 feet apart in two rows. Forty-eight holes are usually drilled for each blast. "I love my job," Denis says. "I wouldn't be here otherwise."

"Walker is a good company to work for," he says, adding he'd like to work even more than his regular 40 hours per week. His shift is normally 7 am until 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

Except for the dust that every worker in a stone quarry has to deal with, Denis says his job is pretty comfortable. The cab in his drilling rig is climate controlled and he explains that his work mostly involves "sitting down and pressing buttons." Each drill rod is 14 feet long and Denis needs to attach five together, one at a time, for each hole to be completely drilled.



Denis Campeau drills blast holes at the Duntroon Quarry expansion.

### EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Denis and his wife Dianne live in Wasaga Beach, and are empty nesters now that their two sons Julien and Darreck are grown and pursuing their own careers.

During his spare time Denis enjoys watching movies and television programs,

as well as playing cards on his computer or with members of his family.

He also bowls in Collingwood with a mixed group every Monday night, and has an average score of 175.

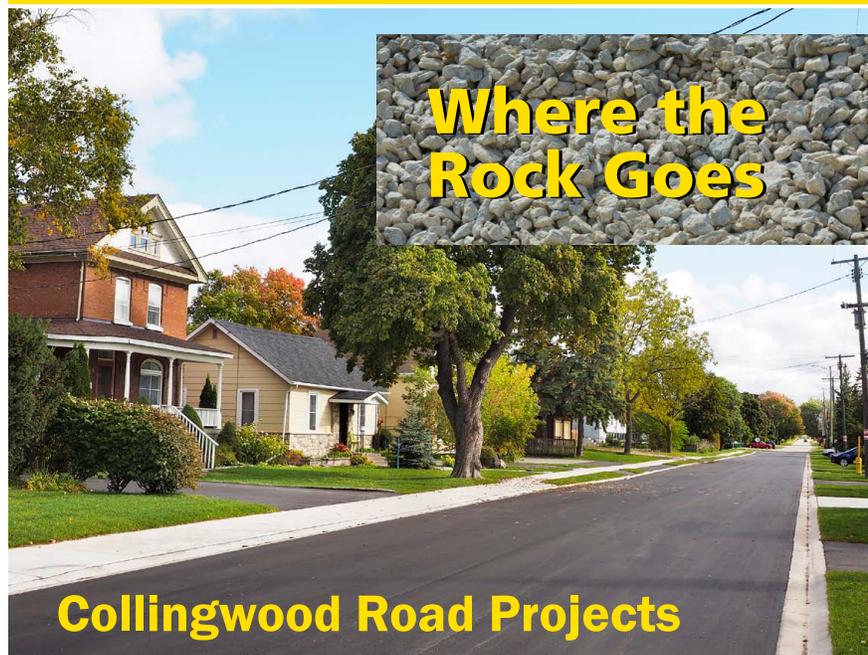
### Remembering John Walker – continued

"John was a good judge of character and very good at sizing people up," recalls Norris. "He looked for and cared for hard-working, honest and loyal employees."

"We did for the community what we felt was right," John said of the company's community service in the locations where Walker had operations. "We were happy to do it and never expected anything in return."

John served on several national and international industry associations and received a number of prestigious entrepreneurial and achievement awards. He also served as a chair or member of numerous boards of directors in the Niagara Region where he lived, including the Shaver Hospital, Knox Presbyterian Church, Ridley College, Shaw Festival Theatre, AIDS Niagara, YMCA, Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre Foundation and the St. Catharines General Hospital Breakthrough Health Care Campaign. He was an executive in residence at Brock University, where he received an Honorary Doctorate degree, was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, and was honorary co-chair of the fundraising campaign to build a new hospital and cancer centre in St. Catharines.

John leaves behind his wife Carol, and children David (Jennifer), Wendy (Michael), Ian and Geordie (Adrienne), along with stepchildren Sarah and Rachel, and 11 grandchildren.



## Collingwood Road Projects

Approximately 15,000 tonnes of aggregate from the expanded Duntroon Quarry has been used for recent road reconstruction projects in Collingwood – on portions of East, West, Fourth and Niagara streets. The work has included installing or replacing sanitary and storm sewers and watermains, as well as rebuilding the roads.

# Duntroon Quarry Summer BBQ 2016



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