

Vineland Quarries Update

This construction season has been a bit slower than the past few years at Vineland Quarries, mainly because major housing development projects now underway near Vineland have progressed beyond the point where large quantities of stone are required, and the absence of a large regional or municipal infrastructure project in the area.

Mark Harmsworth has been named superintendent of Vineland Quarries. He also serves as superintendent of Walker Brothers Quarries at the border of Niagara Falls and Thorold, and of Ridgemount Quarries in Fort Erie. Mark is a former supervisor at Vineland Quarries.

It's important to Walker Aggregates to support the communities in which it operates. Over the past few months,

this has included the donation of locally produced aggregates to two local charities. Nearly 400 tonnes of stone was donated to Bethesda for the reconstruction of a section of driveway at its Fly Road facilities for adults with special needs. Another 307 tonnes of stone was donated towards the construction of a loading dock at Habitat for Humanity Niagara's new ReStore location on the South Service Road in Grimsby.

The quarry was also the location of the Lincoln Fire Rescue rodeo this past July and a class project for students in Mohawk College's Building and Construction Sciences Program in September. The students flew a drone over the site as a means to aid in calculating the inventory of aggregate on hand.



Mark Harmsworth is the new superintendent of Vineland Quarries



The Lincoln Fire Rescue held its rodeo at the quarry this past summer.



Stone donated from Vineland Quarries was used to pave a section of driveway at Bethesda's Fly Road property.

Neighbours and friends of Vineland Quarries are invited to our

Holiday Christmas RECEPTION

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Vineland Estates Winery • Carriage House Building • 3620 Moyer Road, Vineland

RSVP before November 24 to Lisa Reesor at 905-680-3790 • lreesor@walkerind.com

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Cory Oates poses for a photo in front of his rock truck.



Hauling Rock by Day and Comforting a Crying Baby at Night

Cory Oates is suffering from the all-too familiar affliction of new fathers – a lack of sleep. The haul truck driver at Vineland Quarries and his wife Kristen are up throughout the night, every night, with their fussy daughter.

Alyssa was born six weeks prematurely in July at the Newmarket hospital while Cory and Kristen were vacationing north of Huntsville. After a transfer and three weeks in intensive care in a hospital in Oakville, she came home to St. Catharines.

"I suppose it's inevitable that she's not sleeping very well yet," says Cory. He looks forward to a more normal routine and spending some quality time with his daughter.

There's no question that the little girl takes after her father. "She's a ginger like me," Cory says of her red hair, "which is nice because we're like an endangered species."

Cory has been working at Walker Aggregates for the past six years, most recently as a haul truck driver. As is the case with many employees, Cory's father was also a Walker Industries staff member before he retired. He says his dad told him about a job opening at Vineland Quarries and suggested he apply.

"The company is good to work for," Cory says. "They take care of their employees."

Cory's job involves transporting between 40 to 50 truckloads of rock each day from the quarry face to the crushing plant. "It's not bad at all," he says, noting that he listens to sports talk radio while on the job.

When he's not working Cory enjoys playing baseball and doing chores around the house.

Where the Stone Goes



New St. Catharines High School Sports Field

More than 4,000 tonnes of crushed stone and limestone screenings from Vineland Quarries was used in the construction of a new sports field at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines. The quarry also contributed nearly 7,000 tonnes of aggregates towards the construction of sports fields at three other Niagara high schools – Governor Simcoe in St. Catharines, A.N. Myer in Niagara Falls and Centennial in Welland. The stone was used as a base layer to provide stability and drainage underneath the synthetic turf used on the fields.

CUSTOMER PROFILE

Nexterra Balances Construction with Concern for the Public

A work crew from Nexterra Substructures has been busy this fall replacing a watermain along part of Corwin Crescent and adjacent streets in Niagara Falls.

Anthony Vitaterna knows all too well about the disruption that homeowners must deal with when their streets and sidewalks are torn up to replace aging water and sewer lines. For this reason, the owner of Nexterra Substructures Inc. and his construction crews make every effort to be considerate of – and communicative with – the public.

Most of Nexterra's customers are municipalities, but Anthony says "Our clients are really the taxpayers and we need to be good with the public. We're working in front of people's homes, and we make sure we leave things in better shape than before we started."

Anthony's father had been involved in the construction business since 1962, and Anthony helped out during summer holidays, starting at the age 15. He established his own company, then called Volsci Construction in Niagara Falls in 1984, renaming it Nexterra Substructures in 2001. The company has grown to the point where it now employs 17 or 18 people during the busy summer season, including Anthony's son Michael, his wife Rita and two cousins, David and Luciano.

In addition to sewer and watermain work for municipalities, mostly in Niagara and Haldimand-Norfolk, Nexterra is also involved in providing site servicing for new residential and commercial projects. Anthony says his company's dedication to high quality workmanship, commitment to meeting deadlines and good project

management are among the keys to Nexterra's success, along with ensuring the company's pricing structure is competitive.

Nexterra uses stone from all of Walker's Niagara quarries for its projects, as well as recycled concrete and aggregate. He also provides the quarries with clean soil for

their rehabilitation plans from sites where the company has been excavating.

"They're great to work with," he says of the Walker team. "They help us deal with any supply issues that may come up in the middle of a job."

Holding Back the Water



Among the stone that's been mined from Vineland Quarries this year is nearly 800 tonnes of armour stone for shoreline protection. High water levels on Lake Ontario this year have increased demand from lakefront homeowners who wish to protect their properties from erosion. Quarry supervisor Moe Collee is pictured above with some of the armour stone that's been blasted out of Vineland Quarries.

Quarry becomes Afghanistan for TV Documentary

Walker Aggregates' Ridgemount Quarries in Fort Erie experienced a level of activity earlier this year that had nothing to do with aggregate production. Over the summer, the site was used for a movie shoot about the experiences of five Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. The location provided a similar appearance to some areas of the Afghan countryside. The documentary "I AM WAR" will air on the History Channel Friday, November 10 at 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 11 at 9 p.m.



A film crew visited Walker's Ridgemount Quarries during the summer to shoot scenes for a war documentary that will air on the History Channel.

An Introduction to Heavy Construction

A group of grade 12 students from local high schools visited Walker Brothers Quarries in Thorold in October to learn about careers in heavy construction. The students took a bus tour of the quarries and had a chance to load stone onto a truck using a computer simulator.



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