

The WALKER PIT & QUARRY ROUNDUP

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A newsletter for
the neighbours of
Walker Aggregates.

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Walker Aggregates Expands Operations

In July 2019 Walker Industries Holdings Ltd. acquired Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd., a company which operates more than ten pits and five quarries in Grey and Bruce counties. The recent acquisition has blended two family owned companies, and has grown Walker Industries by approximately 200 employees.

Harold Sutherland started his business 60 years ago hauling gravel with one truck, and has built a successful business over the years. Along with the pits and quarries, the purchase brings asphalt operations, a ready mix concrete manufacturing plant, a trucking company and additional road construction operations including sewer and watermain work to the Walker Aggregates offering.

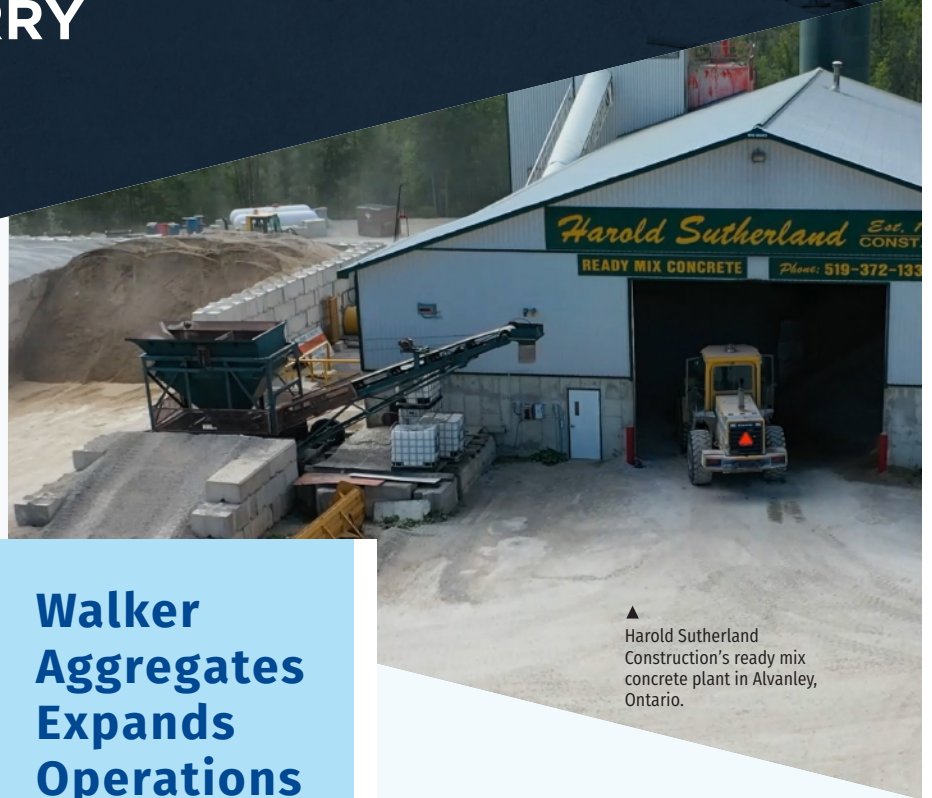
"We're happy to be bringing Harold Sutherland Construction into the Walker group of companies," says Ken Lucyshyn, executive vice-president of Walker Aggregates. "This acquisition provides us with a larger geographic footprint for our aggregates business, and strengthens our trucking, asphalt and construction businesses while entering into concrete manufacturing."

Both family-owned businesses recognized the growth opportunity in the acquisition. "I've known the people at Walker for most of my working life and always thought that if I were to sell, I would approach them first," Sutherland says. "We share the same values. We're both family-owned Canadian businesses that care about our employees, communities and the environment. I know that Walker will treat our employees very well."

The purchase expands Walker Aggregates' operations to the West of the existing Duntroon Quarry and up north to the Bruce Peninsula.

"Even though Walker now owns Harold Sutherland Construction, it feels as though we are blending our families and building on each other's strengths," Lucyshyn says. He says Walker intends to maintain the Harold Sutherland Construction brand and reiterates that it will be business as usual for its employees, customers and suppliers. "Harold has built a great business and we want to keep it that way."

Walker Industries welcomes the employees of Harold Sutherland to the Walker Family.



▲ Harold Sutherland Construction's ready mix concrete plant in Alvanley, Ontario.

Environmental Update

In recognition of the changing climate, Walker is developing strategies to adapt our businesses and front-line operations to mitigate impact, minimize risk, and enhance resilience by planning for and responding to climate change. We have undertaken a site-specific Climate Change Risk Assessment across Walker Industries to determine our top priorities and significant risks and to focus our actions in mitigation, adaptation and resilience. As a result, our sites are aware of the climate change related risks they face and they have developed site-specific plans to mitigate and adapt to risks and to build climate resiliency.



▲ From left: Roger McGillvray, Severn Quarry Superintendent; Premier Doug Ford; John Fisher, President & CEO of Walker Industries; Ken Lucyshyn, Executive Vice President of Walker Aggregates.

Making Waves at Severn Quarry

Severn Quarry is now equipped to efficiently produce high quality manufactured sand for asphalt. The site's new Low Water Washer is a first of its kind in Canada, and is the first configuration setup like this in both Canada and the United States. With a second screen added, screenings can be efficiently scaled to flush the undesired fine material out of manufactured sand. This wash plant handles less water thus reducing the quarry's energy usage and impact on the environment.

Severn hosted a barbeque this August and some VIPs happened to be in the neighbourhood and dropped by. Mayor Mike Burkett, the Deputy Mayor and Council from Severn were joined by Doug Ford - Premier of Ontario, Jill Dunlop - MPP Simcoe North, Doug Downey - MPP Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte and Andrea Khanjin - MPP Barrie-Innisfil. The VIPs took to the grill and helped serve up food for our neighbourhood guests.



McGregor Quarry Improves Efficiency and Safety

A new wheel loader is added to the fleet at McGregor. Replacing older machinery provides Walker Aggregates with the ability to move material more safely and efficiently. The durable 988K loader is designed for a longer life and to lower maintenance costs, increase fuel efficiency, and increase productivity. Long term investments in great machinery ensure our operators have the best possible tools to do their jobs safely each day.

Entranceway Safety Improvements in Simcoe

The Simcoe Pits have been hard at work producing quality asphalt sand and concrete stone, however they are also striving to make their workplace and community safer.

The Anten Mills Pit found an effective solution to increase safety and visibility for drivers when it was brought to their attention that the entranceway and Walker sign were not visible at all times, causing a safety concern on approach for drivers. The dark entranceway and sign are now brought to light with the installation of solar powered lighting.

Entranceway safety was also a concern at the Edgar Pit. The heavy traffic of trucks in and out of the pit had taken a toll on the road and caused some damage and run off issues. The old asphalt was pulled up and the roadway was repaved. This will help with the amount of run off in the ditches and provide a safer road for trucks and employees.

Walker Brothers Retires Service Equipment

Walker Brothers Quarries replaced an end of life piece of equipment with a new haul truck in an effort to increase efficiency and safety. The new Komatsu off-highway truck improves operational efficiency and fuel economy and offers a safer, more ergonomic cab for drivers. Outfitting the team with reliable machinery ensures our equipment is working as hard as our employees do.

HAVE A QUARRY QUESTION?

We want to hear from you!

Educating our communities and keeping our neighbours in the loop matters to us. Send your question to askaggregates@walkerind.com.



From left: Brad Wright, Bob McKean, Strath Metheral at Duntroon Quarry.

Big Moves in Duntroon

Talented employees are a company's best assets. At Duntroon Quarry there is no shortage of great people that keep things moving and recently there has been a number of promotions to celebrate.

Bob McKean has been a Walker employee since March 2016, starting as a plant operator for the tertiary and wash plant, as well as the primary plant. Bob then took the role of lead hand for the afternoon shift. After the retirement of the previous production supervisor, Bob has now been promoted to fill that role.

Starting with the company in April 2016, Brad Wright worked in the primary plant as plant operator. After a move to operator in the tertiary and wash plants, Brad has now been promoted to lead hand for the day/afternoon shift.

Only a few months into his employment here at Walker, Strath Metheral has also been promoted to lead hand for the day/afternoon shift. Strath began his career at Walker in March 2019 as a plant operator in both the primary and tertiary wash plants.

Congratulations to all the team members on their promotions!

What's Ken up to?

In September, Ken Lucyshyn, Executive Vice President of Aggregates and Construction and Sebastien Jacquey, Vice President of Winemaking & Vineyard Operations for Megalomaniac, met at Edgerock Vineyard for an interview with the Directors of Striking Balance, a TV series that explores Canada's UNESCO Biosphere Reserves.

The TV series will feature the Niagara Escarpment and as a part of that episode, the rehabilitation of quarried lands. Walker's Vineland Quarries and innovative Edgerock Vineyard are a premium example of how the interim use of land for a quarry can be rehabilitated and returned to agricultural uses. The state of the art design of the vineyard produces grapes for Megalomaniac Winery on its south facing slopes and contributes to the Niagara Escarpment's agricultural, social, ecological and environmental economies.

In an interview for the show, Ken and Sebastien shared the evolution of the land from agricultural to quarry and how the land has come full circle back to agricultural use. Ken also outlined the quarrying process and the history and vision for the vineyard and ended the interview enjoying some wine made with the fruit from Edgerock by Sebastien and his team.

Stay Tuned. Details on where and when to watch coming soon!



Sebastien pours a glass of wine for the camera as Ken looks on.

Vineland Quarries Connects with the Community

Employees from Vineland Quarries have been busy in the community this year. In May they hosted Innisdale Secondary School for a site tour to help encourage young adults to consider a career in mining and aggregates. The tour was successful in sparking interest from the students and educating them on all aspects of the quarry operations.



Frank Kielbowich, General Manager Walker Aggregates Niagara & West GTA gives a tour of Vineland Quarries to students from Innisdale Secondary School.

Also, out in the community, Vineland employees made many children smile at the annual West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce barbecue. Little and big kids alike got the chance to touch-a-truck and sit in some of our equipment while enjoying free food, jumping in bouncy castles and watching a magic show.



A boy climbs into the wheel of a Walker loader at the West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce community barbecue.

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Employee Spotlight

Name Phil Bowman

Works at Walker Brothers Quarries

Hometown St. Catharines

Family life Married to Judy for 37 years with 2 children Megan (Lori) and Michael (Laura) and 2 wonderful grandchildren Jacob and Claire.

Years at Walker 32

What's his job? Scalehouse

Why Walker? Came to Walker because it was local and family oriented. I liked the company values and the benefit package was awesome.

In his/her spare time I walk most weekdays (5K) and have completed a lake to lake walk from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Fort Erie. I also enjoy hiking the Bruce, spending time with the grandchildren, hockey, fiddling with a guitar, shooting sports, maintenance, relaxing and fishing at the cottage, motorcycle excursions, travelling.

Favourite thing about your community Easy access to the waterfront trail and watching ships on the Welland Canal.



Where the Stone Goes

Aggregates have been mined and used throughout history. The Roman Empire refined the production and use of aggregates and the evidence lies in their sophisticated networks of roads and aqueducts. Today aggregates are still used for this, even though the processes have evolved and changed. Everywhere we turn, there is a product that aggregates have created or helped build that we can see and touch, like our homes and roads.

Aggregates are also used to support things we can't touch, like renewable energy and natural gas. In Essex, over 200,000 tonnes of stone was supplied to support windfarms, gas lines and entertainment facilities. The Romney Wind Farm, a 17 turbine renewable wind farm, used a mix of our materials for the construction of roads, laydown area, crane pads, culverts and the collector system. Union Gas used stone from Essex quarries for a pipeline construction that spans from Kingsville to Woodslee. The pipeline supplies natural gas to the large number of greenhouses in the Kingsville area. Without stone, these environmentally progressive projects would not be possible.

St. Clair College Sportsplex also used Essex stone and sand to prepare the site for the construction of a state of the art soccer, softball, beach volleyball and indoor tennis facility.

Walker's aggregates are used all over Ontario to support infrastructure, homes and essential services. In Niagara 200,000 tonnes of stone from Walker Brothers Quarries, Spring Creek, Ridgemount and Vineland was used for the rebuild of Mewburn Bridge which connects Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, reconstruction of roads, new neighbourhood construction, and a new police headquarters in St. Catharines.

Over 100,000 tonnes of material from Duntroon will also support new residential developments, roads, sewer and water services in Collingwood and Stayner, with completion dates in spring and summer of 2020. This sets up the fundamentals for families to build their dream homes.

In Severn, 130,000 tonnes reconstructed Innisfil Beach Road and will help build the Gravenhurst Hutton Subdivision while Orillia Pit 5 is shipping various road construction materials for many road rehabilitation projects in the area.

This is just a sampling of where our sand, stone and gravel goes. Like in Roman times, aggregates are continuing to build communities and will for years to come with the help of Walker Aggregates.