

ESSEX UPDATE


Welcome to the New Year

The Walker Team wishes a happy and healthy New Year to our neighbours and community partners! We look forward to an exciting year ahead, and remain committed to serving the communities we are proud to work and live in.

In 2024 we continue to focus on the safety of our employees, our communities and our neighbours. We will do this through responsible operations and stewardship of the land while providing quality products to support critical infrastructure projects that build our communities. Let's continue to build a sustainable future, together.

-Maurice Guimont, General Manager – Aggregates, Niagara & Essex

Employee Feature: Amanda Buonocore-Kish



Amanda joined Walker in 2012 and is currently the Divisional Controller for Walker's Aggregates and Construction division.

While the construction materials industry is complex by nature, Amanda seamlessly leads a team of 8 finance professionals for a business division comprised of 400+ people and assets across Ontario. As a business leader, Amanda brings a sharp analytical intelligence and helps to drive critical decisions.

From Windsor to Owen Sound to Severn and back home to Niagara, Amanda makes her way across the 50+ Walker Aggregate and Construction sites. "Showing up for people matters," she always says, and it's true. All our team members across Ontario know her.

Amanda is a mentor for women in the Aggregates and Construction industry and a key leader on the Walker Community Investment Committee, which continues our 135+ year legacy of giving back to support our communities. We are proud to have Amanda on our team at Walker.

Walker Aggregates donation to the Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association (WETRA)



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Cedarwell Excavating Joins Walker Industries

We are excited to welcome Cedarwell Excavating to Walker. In November 2023, Walker acquired Cedarwell Excavating Ltd., a construction, excavating and aggregates business, headquartered in Hanover, ON.

Operating for nearly 35 years, Cedarwell has played a key role in the growth and expansion of Toronto and surrounding areas. Over the years, Cedarwell has expanded its scope of work to include road construction, infrastructure, and installation of underground services.

Cedarwell has had a legacy of strong service and a focus on the community, which makes it a natural fit with Walker. We will continue this commitment to the community, our new employees and the surrounding environment as we transition the aggregate business to our Aggregates division.

"We're excited to bring the Cedarwell Excavation and the Walker teams together," says Ryan Wall, Executive Vice-President of Walker Aggregates and Construction. "This acquisition helps us to serve the growing Wellington, Grey and Bruce counties and is a great fit into the geographic footprint for our aggregates and construction business."

This addition to Walker allows us to serve our customers and market with more services, and products from more local sites. We are thrilled to have Cedarwell on board!



Celebrating McKenzie Cressman's Promotion



As part of the Cedarwell Excavating acquisition, Walker welcomes a team of employees in Hanover.

We are pleased to announce the well-deserved promotion of McKenzie Cressman to General Manager of our Construction group, Cedarwell Excavating Inc. McKenzie was the assistant General Manager at Cedarwell prior to accepting his new role.

McKenzie has almost a decade of experience working in the civil construction sector, and in the engineering side before that. He brings with him plenty of experience in estimating, project management, and supervising. Congratulations, McKenzie!

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Walker at Work

Walker Aggregates continues to support critical infrastructure initiatives throughout the Essex region, with safe and responsible operations as a top priority.

Chatham to Lakeshore Transmission Line

Walker granular stone was supplied to support the construction of the Hydro One new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line from the Chatham Switching Station in Chatham-Kent to the Lakeshore Switching Station in Lakeshore. Walker Aggregates is helping to create access roads and gravel at each tower location which will help support heavy equipment.

North Shore Public School

Essex sites are providing aggregate materials to support the new public elementary school in Tecumseh, ON, which will offer additional student learning spaces and support future generations with its growing population.

CASO Trail in Chatham

Walker provided aggregate material for a portion of the Essex Country's CASO trail, located on the Canadian Southern Rail Line. The trail is used for recreational activities like walking, hiking, biking, and will be enjoyed by generations to come.



New Employee Updates

Welcome Mike Da Mota, our newest Health and Safety Coordinator supporting our Aggregates team out of the McGregor Quarry.



Mike is a dedicated safety professional with experience in hazard identification, risk assessment, and incident investigation, and he has a passion for ensuring workplace safety, compliance, and an overall culture of well-being. It's great to have you on the team, Mike!

Quarry Updates

McGregor Quarry started construction in December 2023 for the installation of an engineered tunnel under Howard Ave. The tunnel will connect the Walker McGregor Quarry that is currently active on the west side of Howard Ave, and the soon-to-become active east-side.

In preparation for the tunnel construction, Walker has installed a detour road to allow for community continued use of Howard Ave. Walker received approval from the County to allow traffic on the detour road which marks a step in the right direction and allows the contractor to safely begin the excavation of the existing portion of Howard Ave. Stay tuned for more updates on this project in early summer 2024.

Spot us in the Community

Essex Neighbour BBQ

Friends and neighbours were invited to the Walker Summer BBQ, to learn about the day-to-day operation and history of the long-established McGregor and Amherstburg quarries.

We had a great turnout and want to thank everyone who took the time to come out. Our team thoroughly enjoyed connecting with you, our community.

The Downtown Mission of Windsor

Walker is pleased to share its donation of \$2,500 to the Downtown Mission of Windsor, in support of providing hot meals, shelter and support for those who struggle with poverty and homelessness.

Team Outing with Tree Planting

Pykes Park in Windsor got a little greener after the community tree planting initiative in October 2023. A group of Walker employees got out to help the Essex Region Conservation Authority by planting trees in the park. A big shout out to all the volunteers who came out!



Walker employees planting trees



Deputy Mayor Chris Gibb and Councilor Linden Crain from Amherstburg at the Walker McGregor Quarry open house and summer BBQ.

Santa Clause Parade

The Walker team had so much fun participating as the Snowflake sponsor for three Santa Clause parades in Windsor, Essex, and Amherstburg. We hope you enjoyed the parades just as much as we did!

Supporting Windsor Family Homes & Community Partnerships

Supporting our communities is especially important during the holidays, which is why we partnered with Windsor Family Homes & Community Partnerships in their Red Carpet Movie event for youth in the Windsor region. The event was a huge success and our team is thrilled to have been a part of such a great cause to end off the year.



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