

SIMCOE UPDATE



The Start of a New Season

We look forward to an exciting year ahead, and remain committed to serving and supporting our communities, neighbours and customers.

Our teams completed their annual safety training during the spring months and will continue to

focus on responsible and safe operations throughout the year while continuing to provide the high quality aggregate our customers rely on.

We invite you to connect with our teams during the summer BBQs to learn more about our operations, how we give back, and support the critical infrastructure projects that build our communities. These events give us the opportunity to host our neighbours and employees with fun activities, touch a truck, site tours, food and beverages. Invitations and RSVP details will be sent soon.

- Ryan Dosch, General Manager, Simcoe Aggregates

Edgar Pit Safety Initiative

A recent project completed on the Edgar Pit site improves worker and vendor safety.

The Edgar team identified the need to extend the landing of the large overhead fuel stand onsite with proper hand and guard rails, as well as add an additional access port to accommodate a larger multi cell fuel truck.

This addition reduces the working at heights hazard and helps provide safe access to refueling the site truck. The team partnered with a local vendor to assist with the project design and engineering of the platform.

Shout out to Chris McKnight, Tim Dupuis and the Edgar Pit crew for their proactive approach to ensuring safe work and the goal of continuous improvements on site.



Extended landing on the large overhead fuel stand with proper hand and guard rails.

The Importance of Local Aggregates

Local pits and quarries are essential in building communities and provide important materials for our day-to-day lives – from the stone in your driveway, walkway and foundation of your home, to the local roads, sidewalks, bridges, sewers, and more.

Sand, stone and gravel from pits and quarries also help build hospitals and schools, and support recreational activities like pools, parks and trails.

Sourcing aggregates close to where it will be used helps reduce costs for taxpayers and businesses who pay for local infrastructure projects. This local sourcing not only benefits customers and residents but also significantly lowers environmental impacts.

By minimizing transportation distances, we reduce the wear and tear on our highways from transporting heavy aggregates while reducing fuel consumption and emissions, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier planet.

For almost 140 years, Walker has been a cornerstone in the local aggregates industry, proudly operating with a commitment to environmental management and community relationships.

Over the years, we've learned that being a responsible operator goes beyond stone production—it's about supporting the environment and communities we touch during the time we operate, and for generations to come.

Building Communities with Local Aggregates (2024):



Homes
1,060,500 MT



Roads
2,607,000 MT



Hospitals
107,000 MT



Schools
80,000 MT

Walker Releases its 2024 Sustainability Report

Every year Walker publishes a sustainability report that outlines our progress toward our Social, Environmental and Economic goals. We are proud to publish our 2024 report, which was launched on Earth Day to recognize the importance of environmental stewardship.



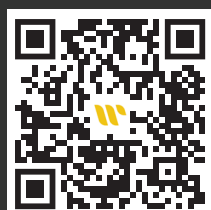
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McMaster University Tour

Our team at Severn Quarry was pleased to host students from the Environmental and Earth Sciences program at McMaster University again this year. The students toured the site, looked at different rock formations and learned about our operations.

Following the tour, everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch in the shop. Thank you to the students and organizers for taking the time to visit and learn about our site!

Hybrid Crawler Tractor Helps Reduce Carbon Footprint

Introducing our new hybrid crawler tractor, which is focused on reducing carbon footprint.

This new addition to the Walker Green Fleet initiative is a key step towards achieving our sustainability goals. By optimizing fuel efficiency, it can cut CO₂ emissions by up to 30%.



The hybrid crawler tractor in action

Recognition in the Industry

Our Duntroon and Severn Quarry, as well as three additional Walker sites are proud to receive the Community Relations Award from the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA).

Walker remains focused on responsible operations where safety is a priority. Noise and vibration levels are continuously monitored to ensure compliance and dust is controlled by regularly watering roads and stockpiles. Measures like equipment covers, rubber-lined haul trucks, and a delayed start for loading oversized stone also help minimize disturbances.

The Duntroon Quarry remains actively involved in the community, contributing to local charities and hosting events. Donations support organizations like the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation and the Kinette Club of Wasaga Beach.

Severn Quarry continues to contribute to the community by sponsoring events and donating to causes like the United Way and Soldiers Memorial Hospital. Severn Quarry also hosts educational events, including tours for local students.



Employees from Duntroon Quarry participate in a local ball tournament every year hosted by the Feversham Kinsmen.

2024 Volunteer Recap

All of our employees receive 2 fully paid days to volunteer and will be out and about in our community. In 2024, across all of Walker, we gave back in various ways:



Employees volunteered 4,200 hours



30 local food banks were supported in operating areas



More than \$1.3M was contributed to various local initiatives



Members from Walker volunteered at the Busby Centre in Barrie.



Save the Date!

We are excited to invite our neighbours and communities back to our sites for summer BBQs. Look for an invite in the mail and join us for great food, great company, 'touch a truck' and more!

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