

Casey Concrete opens new plant in Antigonish

Casey Concrete Ltd. has been operating in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for over 50 years and has no plans of slowing down. A leader in the Maritime ready mix concrete industry since its modest beginnings in 1952, one of the keys to Casey's success has been the fact that it is always looking to expand to new communities.

For several years now, Casey Concrete has had contractors native to the Antigonish area wondering when it was going to bring its level of service to this part of the province. Casey's has finally responded to these repeated requests, and with the addition of a new ready mix plant comes a new community to work with and become apart of Antigonish has now be-

come the most recent addition to the Casey Concrete family.

Casey Concrete has recently set up a full-service location in the Antigonish County Industrial Park, Lower South River. This newest location has been a very logical step for Casey's.

"We are always looking to expand to that next step. If you stand still, you're already behind," said the company's president, Earl Casey. "All successful businesses must grow in order to remain competitive in today's dynamic business environment."

Casey Concrete has a history of steady growth in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, backed by its solid reputation as a good company to do business with. Considering that ready mix concrete has a

very short lifespan before it has to be placed, a new location will drastically increase the area Casey's can service.

The Antigonish area was chosen because it is continually growing and offers lots of potential for the future. With a world-class university, large-scale farming and the strong possibility of a future twin-lane highway, Antigonish is a very attractive area. The most important reason for choosing Antigonish as the next location for Casey Concrete is the local community.

"Dealing with the local contractors and businesses people has been a pleasure," said the new plant's manager, Malcolm Jeffers.

Not only has the local community been able to provide Casey Concrete with a solid customer base, it has

also provided Casey's with dependable employees. With the other locally-hired employees, the company has over 30 years of combined experience in the ready mix concrete industry.

"Finding good, hard-working people to run the plant was not a problem in Antigonish," said Casey. "Construction and hard work are a way of life for many people in the area."

The location of the Antigonish plant was selected because of its close proximity to

so many important potential construction areas.

"We have high hopes for the plant," said Jeffers. "Local farms and businesses are always expanding, and we want to be working hand-in-hand with them."

Although ready mix concrete may seem to be the main focus of Casey Concrete, pre-cast and other manufactured concrete products are also important to their business.

"We offer more than the competition because we manufacture and sell so many diverse

ful concrete products," explained Jeffers.

Casey's produces patio slabs, a full line of construction block, exterior brick, well crocks and septic tanks, to name just a few of its many durable concrete products. With boom truck delivery and daily shipments of product from its manufacturing facility, Casey's can get what you need.

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Penney Ready Mix supplies concrete for mill upgrades

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Abitibi-Price Pulp and Paper Mill in Grand Falls-Windsor, Nfld., produces standard, specialty and coloured newsprint for domestic and international sale. Recently, the mill has undergone many upgrades to its hydrogenation and pulping systems. A major partner in these improvements has been Penney Ready Mix, a Grand Falls-Windsor-based company adept at paving, heavy construction, road construction and crushing.

The concrete used for the

project was 30 MPa, Type 10 cement and, according to Fred J. Penney of Penney Ready Mix, there were three main parts of the project relating to the concrete: a rectangular tank with three cells, a circular clarifier and a mechanical building. The tank required the bulk of the concrete.

The total concrete required for the project was approximately 8,500 cubic metres. The concrete in the floor of the tank was chiefly placed using a trailer pump.

"Some of the tank walls were poured using the trailer pump, but the general con-

tractor then switched to crane and bucket," says Penney.

The last wall pour on the tank took place at the end of October, while the last pour in the building happened several weeks prior to that. Penney Ready Mix finished the clarifier in the beginning of November.

Overall, the company was pleased with the timetable.

"The schedule was tight, but we were able to place most of the concrete on the dayshift.

"Access to various work areas is always a challenge, as there is very limited space on the site."



Casey Concrete Ltd. opened a new plant this past summer in Antigonish, N.S. The Stephens LT9 plant and batching system by BMH Systems Inc. is capable of producing 175 cubic metres per hour. Headquartered in Truro, N.S., Casey's owns and operates two ready mix plants in New Brunswick and five plants in northern Nova Scotia.

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