

# Roxul building new warehouse for storage only

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The Champion

Roxul Inc. has run out of room.

In response, the mineral wool insulation manufacturing company is constructing a new \$4 million, 150,000-square-foot warehouse at its Harrop Drive site.

That'll double it's current storage capacity.

The expansion comes on the heels of a \$3 million environmental project aimed at reducing foul-smelling emissions from Roxul's stacks.

The company came under fire last year when some neighbours complained about a sulfurous smell emanating from the site, mostly in the summer months.

Roxul manufactures insulation using rock from the Canadian Shield and steel slag, a by-product of the steel industry.

The environmental plan is currently in its final stages. It includes initiatives such as a new curing oven combustion plant, a major overhaul of the air control system, the installation of an air cooler and a higher capacity fume incinerator.

Most visible to the public, however, is a new 43-metre stack to vent the cleaned air. The environmental fix-ups are expected to be up and running before steamy summer weather hits.

But the recent unusually hot and humid temperatures led to a handful of complaints, said Steve Koch, Roxul's marketing services manager. In response, company representatives met with the callers and explained the new system will be in place shortly.

And May 11, Roxul employees, Mayor Gord Krantz and other Town officials gathered beneath the late morning sun for an official warehouse ground-breaking ceremony.

The warehouse is expected to be operational in September.

"The purpose is to replace outside warehouses we're renting in Mississauga," said Roxul president Trent Ogilvie. "It'll all come under one roof. It'll be more efficient."

And that's good news for the town, said Mr. Krantz.

"Certainly it adds a little more cash into our cash register," he said. "I've always taken the philosophical approach that you should spend as much time encouraging expansion as development. I'm 110 per cent supportive here."

What the expansion won't do is increase production at the site, assured Mr. Ogilvie, as the warehouse is for storage purposes only.

The design-build project is being handled by Belcon out of Bellville. But Howden and Sons Ltd. have been contracted to take on at least some of the work.

## Catholic schools raise \$15,000 for charities in student penny drive

Our Lady of Victory, Holy Rosary and St. Peter's schools recently raised more than \$15,000 for charity during its fourth annual penny drive challenge.

The penny drive pits students from the three schools against each other for a fun way to raise money.

Our Lady of Victory School won the challenge for the second year in a row, raising \$5,766, with Holy Rosary coming in second with \$5,200 and St. Peter's raising \$4,200.

"They (Our Lady of Victory) have been gloating all week," said Anna Prkacin, principal of St. Peter's School.

"I can't believe we lost," said Holy Rosary principal Rick MacDonald. "It was a lot of fun. It brought the whole community together. The parents, children and staff. It was great."

The penny drive takes place each year during Lent (March 7 to April 20) with students and teachers participating in a range of activities to raise money for the drive.

"It (penny drive) goes with the Catholic faith," said Larry Clifford, principal of Our Lady of Victory. "Lent is a time of sacrifice."

Mr. Clifford said the penny drive teaches children to give to those less fortunate. Sleeping Children around the World, Ronald McDonald House, Deidre and Friends Foundation, Holy Rosary Parish Guatemala Project, Rose Cherry's Home, Development and Peace and St. Vincent de Paul Society will benefit from the funds.

Ms Prkacin said it's her first year in Milton and said she was amazed by people's generosity. "I find it phenomenal that such a small town generates such enthusiasm. The money that pours in is unbelievable."



The recent ground-breaking for a new storage warehouse at Roxul Inc. drew smiles from (left to right) Roxul factory manager Jack Silva, president Trent Ogilvie, Mayor Gord Krantz, logistics manager Wes Woof and Bel-Con Engineering Ltd. project manager Barry Johnson.

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