

Lafarge relocates Western Canadian headquarters to Quarry Park

Former company gravel pit site of new home for construction giant

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Rene Thibault, chief executive of Lafarge in Western Canada.

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CALGARY — Lafarge, a major supplier of construction materials, has relocated its Western Canadian headquarters to the redeveloped Quarry Park neighbourhood — the site of the company's former gravel pit.

Ten years ago, Lafarge rehabilitated its gravel pit on the Bow River in Calgary and sold the land to Remington Development Corporation in 2005.

Quarry Park is now a major mixed-use development in southeast Calgary.

“This is really a full life cycle story,” said Rene Thibault, chief executive of Lafarge in Western Canada. “We were able to extract the aggregates from the site, put them to use in Calgary’s roads and buildings and then repurpose the land to be valuable to a developer. Randy Remington, CEO of Remington Development saw the potential and has built a world-class community which we are proud to call home once again.”

Lafarge’s former Western Canadian headquarters were on Southport Road S.W.

Lafarge is now directing its aggregates, asphalt and paving, cement and concrete activities throughout the Western Provinces, Dakotas and the Pacific Northwest from the Quarry Central building at 115 Quarry Park Road.

The company has about 100 employees in the new LEED certified workplace.

Last fall, Imperial Oil announced it will be moving its Calgary staff from scattered offices downtown to an eight-hectare campus it is developing in southeast Calgary. The shift to Quarry Park will bring together Imperial employees who are currently spread between three downtown locations.

The new location will feature five low-rise buildings with 800,000 square feet of office space, support facilities, food services, a wellness centre and other employee amenities, Imperial said.

The company’s local staff of roughly 2,300 will move to the new campus in two phases, with the first workers moving in 2014. The move is expected to be completed in 2016.

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