

Celebrating 60 Years... Underground!

For 60 years Earth Boring has excelled in trenchless technology

SPECIALIZING IN AUGER BORING and directional drilling, Earth Boring proudly offers a wide range of underground services including pipe ramming, hand mining, and mechanized tunneling.

Earth Boring has built a solid reputation for delivering quality workmanship and professional service with an 'up-front' approach to trenchless solutions.

"We work to get the job done right regardless of unforeseen problems combining innovative techniques and machinery to complete the project on-time, on-line and to-grade," notes President Carmen Yarley.

What is the key to being in business for 60 years? Hard work? Determination? Grit? Gene Woodbridge, Vice President, will tell you that it's all of the above, with employees who have a strong work ethic and a dedication to the company and the work at hand.

"Our employees are our real strength. Our men work hard, not only long hours but in the short haul, giving 110% to the task at hand. They love what they do. You have to; this is a tough, dirty job."

Founded in 1947, Earth Boring began as a hand mining company. With the advancement of hydraulics in the 50's mechanized boring made its debut at the company. "We still have components at our yard from those days," notes President Carmen Yarley. "Large paper weights to be sure but a neat history behind them. When Tom (Yarley) acquired the company in the 1982 we ran with 2 auger boring crews and the occasional third was added as the work dictated. Hand mining rounded out the efforts through out those years. Gene started working with the company in 1987, learning the ropes in the field. When he completed University in 1993, he introduced



directional drilling to the company." Starting with directional guided rod pushing, Gene quickly forged the way with a mid size directional drill. In the mid 90's there were two steady boring crews, and two directional crews. Now Earth Boring regularly completes large diameter on grade work with the 180,000 lb drill rig.

In November 1998 Tom Yarley passed away from cancer. It was a challenging time personally for the company. Earth





pen. “We are fortunate to have such a strong group of employees. It’s been a real team effort, we are all proud of our accomplishment,” notes Woodbridge. The company forged into large diameter on grade directional drilling and brought in mechanized tunneling operations. This in addition to the auger boring and hand mining took the company to the next level. With 7 full time crews and over 20 employees, Earth Boring has been a force in the trenchless sector.

Ask any contractor or design engineer and they’ll tell you Earth Boring is a leader in underground construction. Employing up-to-date technology and the latest equipment, they specialize in complex high-profile projects. In recent years they have taken their expertise to the design and planning room of engineers and contractors alike. “We have found a real niche in consulting at the design phase of the job. We can identify potential problems

Boring’s reputation had been well entrenched by the time of Tom’s passing. Gene and Carmen bore down and really put a hard effort into the operation.

Leveraging past success in the early 90’s, Pipe Ramming started to take off, and more and bigger bores were the order of the day, all of which the two made hap-

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tree, or divert water to open cut a spawning pool. We've been a regular fixture at some of the environmental agencies, helping to plan the best approach for sensitive jobs. This suits us just fine; it feels good to be able to provide real, practical solutions to environmentally sensitive construction concerns."

The outlook is positive for the trenchless industry in Ontario. Earth Boring is at the forefront and the leading edge of the trenchless industry, always pushing the envelope of the technology and making it pay off for contractors, owners and engineers alike. The next 60 look to be as good as the first 60!

60 YEARS, AND STILL BORING... ○

and start risk mitigation early. It really helps to ensure the project moves smoothly," Woodbridge says. "We've coupled this approach with specially designed education sessions; we take the learning right to our clients. We find that this one - two approach has really boosted the profile of trenchless technology. Our clients are cutting edge and appreciate the added value these sessions bring to their staff."

"Our experienced and professional staff, our adaptability, our commitment to safety is unparalleled," beams Carmen. "I work hard to foster a sense of a safety culture here at the company. It's important to me that the men see that Gene and I as owners care and are involved in the safety program. I review and ensure the policies are put into practice, and encourage everyone to provide their opinions on what is working, what's not and where we can improve."

"This is important as the competition for work is becoming more protracted," notes John Currey, Operations / Project Manager. "You have to work to set yourself above your competitors. This is the key on so many levels. It's not enough to be the best in your field; so many other aspects are becoming qualifiers in the selection process. We meet those criteria and work to set the bar just a little higher. It's for the betterment of the industry. We're also seeing more and more environmental work. This has been an area where we have been able to really excel. The very nature of our underground work by default makes us the feasible solution; no one wants to cut down the 100 year old

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