

Raise, Don't Replace That Faulty Concrete

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So you've stubbed your toe on that crack in the cement on your front walk or tripped on the sunken part of the concrete around the pool or your home. Not a big deal, though it's annoying, you say.

But what if a child had scraped a toe or a knee? Or if a guest had stumbled on the sunken slab and fallen into the pool? How about that water pooling up against the house because the concrete is sloping the wrong way?

The possibilities that attend concrete problems present some worrisome pictures, such as mangled lawns and fallen fences as construction workers work to replace the faulty concrete. This is why Ben Audet and his partners in Ontario Concrete Raising Ltd. are working long hours to make homes and businesses safe, without actually replacing the cracked or sunken concrete. They present an affordable, cost-effective alternative to replacement, by raising and levelling slabs around homes, retirement residences, co-ops and schools. In the winter they even work in factories and warehouses, and have raised and levelled concrete floors in basements to demonstrate the extent of their work.

Ben, with his father, Conrad Audet, and brother-in-law, A.J. Dalglish, own and operate this family business whose work has more than tripled since the company was first launched.

"We can save you time and money by raising the concrete instead of replacing it," says Ben. "And as a family business we have a tremendous focus on customer service. Each of us has the same work ethic and positive attitude. We know how we work individually and we're on the same team when it comes to integrity and high standards, focusing on doing the very best we can."

"As a team and as a family, we bring that whole dynamic into the business."

The team at Ontario Concrete Raising Ltd. treats the customer's home as if it was one of their own homes, adds Ben.

"When we're finished, we ask ourselves if we would be happy with the job if it had been done at one of our homes."

Are their customers impressed with this work ethic and with the work they do? They certainly are, he says, and the satisfaction shows through the enormous number of referrals they receive every year.

"We love making a difference and appreciate all the great people we've worked for and all the relationships that have been formed. We look forward to many more years of service."

Many of the jobs they do are challenging, because of the high standards expected, says Ben. But they like to be challenged. They know they have equally high standards for the work they do and they strive to maintain the same level of quality and satisfaction required.

"We want to be sure we're going to improve the situation or we don't take the job," he adds. "We work with a wide variety of contractors and have worked for a large number of businesses in the area."

Over the years they have built up a large resume of work, which includes

the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake and the Niagara Region as well as numerous property management and home building companies.

Until now, Ontario Concrete Raising Ltd. has offered customers a two-year warranty on their work, but have decided to upgrade their warranty to five years as of this month.

"We are here to help and always enthusiastically back up our work. We are always working to better serve our customers."

How long can you expect the job to take?

"It obviously depends on the extent of the problem," Ben says. "Most residential jobs take a day to complete and the concrete can be used immediately after. We pride ourselves on being the most convenient and cost effective solution for your sunken concrete."

"It can be done on any concrete surface using a portable hydraulic pump and equipment that can fit easily through a gate or a door. We drill a series of small holes through the slabs then pump in grout material from a strategic point to fill the void under the slabs and level it."

"Once the slabs are properly raised and levelled, the concrete fill hardens, stabilizing the slab, and does not erode away."

Sidewalks, patios, pool decks, driveways, garage floors, steps and much more; Ontario Concrete Raising Ltd. is committed to protecting your investment. If you are interested in more information or to book a consultation, call Ontario Concrete Raising Ltd. at 289-969-5438 or check online at

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"At first I was unsure if the raising of the slabs in front of the garage was going to work. I was amazed. No more flooding at my foundation. These guys were great. This was fast and effective. Thanks for everything."

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