

Sutherland-Schultz moving to new facility

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CAMBRIDGE —

Sutherland-Schultz, a long-time industrial contractor in Waterloo Region, is moving to a new location in Cambridge.

With its lease about to expire at 401 Fountain St., overlooking Highway 401, the company decided it was time to move to a newer, more modern facility at 140 Turnbull Court, Scott Kelly, manager of support services at the company, said.

Potential construction along Highway 401 was also a factor in the decision, he said.

“The move is a complicated undertaking that is being completed in several stages,” Kelly said in an email, noting that it should be completed by April.

Sutherland-Schultz is leasing the new facility. At 52,000 square feet, it is smaller than the 60,000 square feet space the company occupied on Fountain Street, but it has “state of the art systems,” is more energy efficient and

has a larger paved storage area, he said.

The company has made significant improvements to the new facility to enhance productivity and efficiency, Kelly said.

Sutherland-Schultz looked at many potential locations in the area and is pleased that it found one in the region, he said. “We believe Sutherland-Schultz is an integral part of this community and we made every effort to find a new building in the Tri-Cities area.”

Located in the Lovell Industrial Park east of Franklin Boulevard and south of Sheldon Drive, the new plant has great access to Highway 401, he said.

Sutherland-Schultz employs 70 support staff in Cambridge as well as field staff who work at construction sites across the province. It is a multi-trade contractor specializing in industrial, commercial and institutional construction services across southern Ontario.

This is the company’s fourth move since it was launched in a plant at King and Victoria streets in Kitchener in 1922. It has been located at 401 Fountain St. since 1997.

Named after co-founder Fred Schultz and Dan Sutherland, another early owner, the company is now owned by Vollmer Inc., a Windsor-based construction services company.

Sutherland-Schultz was leasing only part of the building at 401 Fountain.

The entire building has 135,000 square feet of space and is a great location for a company seeking exposure to Highway 401, said Ron Jansen, a commercial real estate agent with Colliers International, the company that is handling leasing of the space.

Potential occupants have been more interested in buying than leasing the building, he said, but the owner, who chooses to remain anonymous, is not interested in selling.

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