Fossilized Remains Discovered By Mississauga Company Applewood Acres Gardening & Landscaping

PRESS RELEASE- Toronto, Canada - Richard (Rick) Brzakala, owner of Mississauga based Applewood Acres Gardening & Landscaping, claims to have come across what appears to be fossilized remains millions of years old near the company's location in southern Mississauga, north of Cawthra Woods area.

Brzakala states that the actual date of the discovery occurred late last summer as Applewood workers were sorting through the company's inventory of flagstone shale. One of the tablets while being moved broke. Lying amongst the fractured pieces Brzakala found an odd shaped piece that differed from the other broken pieces. Upon closer examination, Brzakala could see that it had a clearly defined pattern that resembled a part of some sort of skeletal feature.

It was not until a few weeks ago, that Brzakala relocated it while conducting a routine inventory review.

Although interesting to look at, Brzakala thought it might be a bit more valuable than keeping it as a paper weight, so he contacted the Natural History Museum in London, England.

Company President, Rick Brzakala, holds fossil found in Mississauga which dates back 50 million years.

The verdict is in says Brzakala.

Earth Sciences experts at the museum in London, England confirmed Brzakala's find to be the fossilized remains of a orthocone nautiloid , a type of mollusc .

During the Paleozoic Era, the straight-shelled nautiloid ruled the seas. It was considered to be the great white shark of its time as it was a merciless killer feared by all. This perfectly designed killing machine was up to 20 feet long — 15 feet of shell plus 5 feet of head and tentacles — and had an insatiable hunger. A chambered, gas-filled shell kept this 300-pound beast buoyant some 50 million years ago.

Brzakala's instinct to hold onto it last summer paid off. Although the fossil's monetary value remains uncertain, Brzakala believes that from a purely

historical perspective, the find is valuable in the form of a great keepsake.

The kids can't wait to take it into their next school show and tell. There's the real value....helping kids discover and learn from the past, says Brzakala.