



TERRACE BAY NEWS



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Stokes - cont'd

There was no explanation of how they could reduce the work force at Terrace Bay after accepting a forgiveable loan of \$250,000 from the Ontario Development Corporation for the Longlac sawmill supposedly to create jobs.

The construction of the sawmill at Longlac was made possible by funds made available by the taxpayers of this province who are justified in seeking a more complete disclosure by companies who are beholden to society for the resources upon which their operation is based and for the many ways in which their operation is subsidized by the public purse.

The day has long since passed when Kimberly-Clark or any other company can cavalierly and unceremoniously, without explanation, dismiss employees by simply stating that economics necessitate such action.

It will remain a question in the minds of many people, who thought highly of Kimberly-Clark before this episode, until a more complete and detailed explanation is forthcoming.

Jack Stokes, MPP.
Thunder Bay"

"Mr. Stokes: -

I have your letter of July 19th and want to first assure you that Kimberly-Clark has no plans of any kind to shut down our operations at Terrace Bay or Longlac as has been rumoured. We are, however, in the process of integrating the mill and woodlands operations and this has resulted in a need for fewer staff positions.

We regret exceedingly having to take the steps at Terrace Bay that resulted in the loss of jobs for 15 salaried employees out of a total salaried payroll of 91. This is part of an effort to reduce all of our operating costs, whether they be townsite, material, or labour.

I am sure you are well aware that the general

economic conditions throughout the pulp and paper industry have been poor, particularly in the pulp area. The demand is down and this coupled with an over-supply due to new production has caused a depressed price situation. The problem has been compounded by the increase in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar.

Kimberly-Clark Corporation has been re-examining payrolls right around the world and during the past year and one-half have made significant reductions. We now believe we have our staff as streamlined as possible and do not anticipate any further cuts. You are also well aware that many other Canadian companies, particularly in the pulp and paper field, have taken similar action.

A number of those persons affected by job termination have been placed on immediate pensions and efforts are being made in several cases to place released employees in jobs in other Company operations or to put them in contact with people in other companies. We believe all were treated generously by way of separation pay.

I can well understand why you were concerned when you heard the news and probably have not answered all of your questions. If you would like I should be happy to sit down with you and discuss the whole situation in detail.

J.C. Wig,
Vice President.

PLAYGROUND NEWS

Practise began last week for the upcoming Track & Field Meet between Terrace Bay and Schreiber on August 14th.

On arts and crafts the older girls made mobiles, macrame, belts, peep shows out of shoe boxes and string painting with India ink while the boys worked with plaster of paris. The younger boys and girls made hand puppets, pin wheels and tamborines which undoubtedly brought a number of headaches to quite a few homes!

Friday afternoon, the five and six year old children went for a swimming party out at White Sand Lake. They stopped in Schreiber to visit Mr. Kruger's horses, then the children continued on to White Sand Lake for a swim and lunch. Special thanks to the parents who provided the transportation for the outing and to Mr. Kruger.

Friday night was movie night for all of the older children. They watched Walt Disney's "The Pigeon
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