

No drastic action expected yet

K-C to conduct 'study' of mill

Kimberly-Clark Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Darwin E. Smith had a few "dark and ominous words" for the company's employees at the Terrace Bay pulp mill, but his conclusion was that "the pioneering spirit of self-sufficiency" would help the mill to ride through its current economic difficulties.

In a speech made at two meetings held for K-C workers in Terrace Bay on May 3, Smith said all employees must now work together to solve the mill's problems, and that "no precipitous action will be taken" before an internal study is completed.

where near the rate of inflation, (and) the cost of mill operations," he told the assembled group in the Terrace Bay Arena.

"Sadly, (we) we longer need or can consume the full output of the mill," he added. "These are dark and ominous words, and they represent the greatest failure of my life." Later, however, he said he wanted to turn that failure into a success.

He explained that all mill systems will be evaluated, and that the study will be in the hands of local management.

"(We) want to help, but

oidable changes." Smith did not detail what those changes were, or what they might be for the Terrace Bay mill, which is the main employer in the town, with approximately 1,900 workers on site and in the woodlands operation.

Smith also had harsh words for the press, which he felt "distorted what I said" in a previous news release.

He reassured those at the meeting that the company

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K-C Chairman Darwin E. Smith

He said something has to be done because the Terrace Bay mill had a loss of \$17 million last year, with a total operating loss of \$78 million since the expanded mill opened in 1978.

"Almost everything went wrong...our expansion costs, pulp prices no-

the question is, can you help yourselves?" he asked the audience.

He warned the group that last year K-C had to close a mill in Pennsylvania forever because the workers there had an "unwillingness to accept unav-

News makes news

This week's issue of the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News is a little different from all previous ones in that it is being mass-distributed. What, exactly, does that mean?

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League winners

George Nugent was front and centre for this group photograph taken just after he was presented with an Appreciation Plaque for his help with the Oldtimers squad in the Terrace Bay No-Body Contact Hockey

League this past season. The League held its annual Awards Banquet on April 26. Many of the other players and League participants who received trophies during the evening can also be seen above.

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Talent Show

A number of Grade Eight boys and girls took part in a comedy dance routine at St. Martin School's Talent Show, which was held as part of Education Week in

the province on April 25. This skit included some fancy costumes and some fancy footwork by the youngsters. (Photograph by Conrad Felber)

Clerk questioned about permit

By Conrad Felber

Clerk-treasurer Larry Simons was under fire from both Terrace Bay Council and a town resident last week for not withholding a building permit until Council had been given a chance to investigate

the matter, but Simons insisted that he did not have the power to hold or cancel that permit.

Dave Desrosiers, a Terrace Bay building contractor, attended the April 28 meeting of Terrace Bay Council to ask why a building permit had been issued to an out of town company before it could be put to a vote by Council.

He warned that if the company in question, Permanent Concrete, is allowed to come into town and establish a concrete plant, that just might put his own company out of business.

"Council should have looked at this before the permit was issued," Desrosiers said. "I asked him (Simons) to hold it until this meeting."

The permit was issued last Friday by Doug Baker, the town's engineer.

"Were you asked to hold this?" Reeve Ollie Chapman asked Simons.

"I advised him he should contact Council and that Council would have no authority to hold or refuse a permit anyway," Simons replied. "I'm certainly not above the law myself...it is not in my power to hold or even issue a permit."

He added that Council would only be within its own power if it revoked the permit once issued.

"I did check with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on this," Simons said. "We did have no authority to withhold that permit."

Reeve Chapman noted Desrosiers had no chance to speak to Council before the permit had been issued.

"The fact is, this was

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Council facing large expense

A broken, corroded five inch heating line may wind up costing the township of Terrace Bay up to a quarter of a million dollars to replace.

The problem was raised at the April 28 meeting of Terrace Bay Council by Town Engineer Doug Baker, who told Council that the underground heating line from the boiler in Birchwood Terrace to the Recreation Centre had to be patched up recently.

The line supplies heat and hot water to the Centre, Reeve Ollie Chapman noted.

She said the town is facing a number of alternatives, including a complete replacement of the water line or the construction of an independent heating system for the Centre.

The town could also, for a minimum of \$50,000,

repair the line as it exists. A separate system would cost about \$250,000, according to clerk Larry Simons, who stressed that that was merely a "ball-park figure."

Repairing the line would simply buy the town more time, Baker explained.

"They could shut down Birchwood Terrace two years after we've sunk in \$100,000 to replace the (existing) line," Councillor Jim Ziegler pointed out. "That's a lot of money... we should look into these lines first."

Baker did warn that the line's days are numbered.

"They (Birchwood Terrace) said they would be there forever," Chapman said.

"We don't have that in writing," Ziegler said.

"But that's why we

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