Study to be conducted at Kimberly-Clark TB pulp mill

continued from page 1 intends to stay in Canada.

"The question is the depth of our committment here," he added.

There is over \$403 million "tied up in assets" at K-C's Terrace Bay mill, and with a 17 per cent profit margin goal, the local plant is roughly \$83 million below target, he explained.

Smith joked that since the total labour bill in all of K-C's pulp and forest operations in the area is almost \$85 million, he could reach the target by firing everyone at the mill.

He then added on a more serious note that "we have to start from where we stand and make progress

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step by step."

He also added that the original press release,

which came out on April 17 and warned that "alternate solutions to the problems" are needed, was not issued to scare anyone or to "break the union."

a number of other policies.

on May 13 to discuss the re-

quest by local Public

employees to negotiate for

a first contract. The next

day, Council will meet

with representatives from

the Canadian Union of

Works

Council agreed to meet

Department

Questions

"The plain fact is, if you're working for a sick company, you've got a sick

Public Employees. That

date has yet to be con-

declared as Physical Ac-

tivity Week by Council,

with May 23 designated as

Sneaker Day. Clean-Up

Week in the township will

be held from May 12 to 16.

May 23 to June 1 was

firmed with the Union.

union, whether you know

it or not," he explained. "We have an economic problem...we are all in it together," Smith added. "All you have to do is have your mind open to change and keep a positive

attitude."

He noted that many of the mills the company has had to shut down over the years have been older ones, with employees resistant to change.

"Right now the Terrace Bay mill is one of the oldest in the K-C family," he pointed out.

During the subsequent question and answer period, Keith Rogerson, the Vice-President of Local 665 of the United Paperworkers International Union, said what might be a contributing problem is the high ratio of managers to workers in the mill.

"In the woodlands it is 3.5 workers to one manager, and (in the mill) it's 3.1 workers per manager," he told Smith, adding the Federation of Labour has suggested that a realistic ratio is 10 workers to each manager.

"We're going to have to find out," Smith replied, suggesting that the study will do just that.

Gilles Pouliot, Lake Niigon Riding MPP, had a chance to speak at the meeting, and he said he was seeking assurances from Smith that the company will "endeavour to investigate all possibible

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avenues of assistance."

"Give us a chance to act," Pouliot suggested. "Give the federal and provincial governments a chance to act."

"You've got it," Smith replied. Pouliot had visited the Terrace Bay mill last month as part of a study group headed up by the Minister of Northern Affairs and Mining, Rene Fontaine.

Frank Hurley, the international representative for the union Local, also spoke at the meeting, and told Smith that he was "very disappointed" with the way Smith had used the media

as a "negotiating tool." "I wish I could manipulate the press the way you may believe I am," Smith responded. "It simply isn't

Hurley said that he is confident the operation in Terrace Bay is firm and that the union Local is more than willing to sit down with the company.

At the end of the meeting, Smith again told the crowd that no immediate action would be taken by the company at the mill, aside from the study which he said should be completed as soon as possible.

(Further details were unavailable at press time, as copies of Smith's speech were not distributed until after the second meeting on May 3, which took place following the weekly deadline for the News.).

Council facing large expense

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didn't put in a heating system in 1980," Chapman replied. In that year, the Recreation Centre was renovated.

"It boils down to whether you want to spend \$100,000 or \$250,000, and hopefully get some grant money," Councillor Peter Romanuk said.

"We should also look into the actual costs for our own heating system," Ziegler suggested. "It would not take 10 years to save that money."

"We could get a consultant's study to look at the

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building and get some options," Simons said. The existing heating lines date back to 1972 and 1973.

Council then passed a motion which resolved that as a result of the impending notice of termination of the heat supply by Birchwood Terrace, Council will investigate the availability of grant funding for an independent heating system for the Recreation Centre.

Council will also investigate the costs of such a system.

Later in the meeting, Council also passed a motion to apply to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for a Planning Study Grant to assist the town with preparation of Official Plan amendments relating to Site Plan Control Policies, Community Improvement Policies, and

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asked continued from page 1 asked and everybody should be able to discuss these (things) with us," she said. "Council should have

input." Desrosiers did point out that Permanent Concrete is unable to go ahead with its plans because the provincial government has refused the permit, but he was still upset that the town had issued the permit anyway.

"You people are elected to run this town," he said. "They (Permanent Concrete) won't even be employing one person from Terrace Eay."

The Permanent Concrete permit application had been made by Randy Mercure of Terrace Bay on April 23.

Simons noted that the permit had already been signed by the town's Building Inspector even before Desrosiers had come in with his complaint and request.

"Now I'm wondering about the powers of Council," Reeve Chapman said. "Do we have nothing to say on the issuing of permits?"

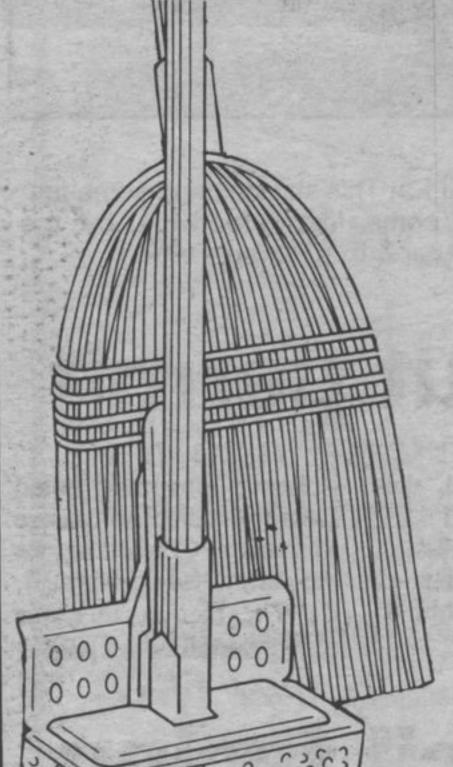
"I just wanted you to have a look at this before it was issued," Desrosiers said. "I wasn't asking you to refuse it."

Baker, who was at the Council meeting, pointed out he had made a number of phone calls to see if he could refuse the Permanent Concrete application.

"At that point you should have said this should go to Council," Reeve Chapman told Simons and Baker.

"There is no provision (for us) to refuse," Simons responded.

"I just want to make it quite clear that this is not over," Desrosiers said just before leaving the meeting.



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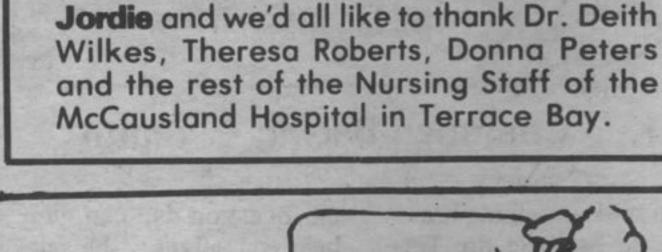
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