

K—C asking Ministry for a new control order

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Other methods, such as a 64-acre external aeration treatment lagoon, can be attempted to reduce the toxicity further, but such facilities have a "variable track record and are very costly," he said.

"We have to go back to in-plant measures to address the problem," he added. The company is now seeking support for an extended in-plant approach from the Ministry's District Office as part of a new control order.

When questioned about the lagoon system, Fikis said the cost of such a project would be \$15 million and up to \$1 million additional in operating costs per year.

"And there's no guarantee that it will even work," he said. While the proposed in-plant measures would

still cost "millions of dollars," Fikis said that route would still be less "capital intensive" as an outdoor lagoon. As it is, K-C has already spent over \$50-million on environmental matters at the mill.

"If you are forced to build a lagoon, you just don't know if it is going to work," Chisholm pointed out. "Then if it doesn't work, where are you? The lagoon has no economic benefit."

Fikis also alluded to the mill's current economic difficulties when trying to explain why the company is reluctant to spend so much money on a project which may not even help the problem. K-C recently laid-off 255 permanent and 100 temporary workers at its mill in Terrace Bay and woodlands operations in Longlac.

"The economic situation speaks

for itself," he added. The company has lost \$78 million at its Terrace Bay operations since 1978.

"But we are not putting these issues behind us," Fikis stressed. "The Ministry has been very positive on this."

Chisholm then said "we have to be careful about what we say...it's not our intention to debate this in public. We are looking for the Ministry's understanding (on) this."

He said he feels the company has been a good corporate citizen, but it still has to be realistic in its approach.

"We have to look at the total picture," Chisholm explained. "The public will not be satisfied if we do nothing on this. Our track record has been good, but we are in a survival mode...we don't know what the future holds."

Lavallet then contributed to the discussion by saying the company is in the midst of a financial juggling act. Later, he admitted in an interview with the *News* that there just isn't any money available for a lagoon right now.

"A lagoon is certainly ruled out for this year," he said, adding that

meetings with the Ministry are still ongoing.

Lavallet is now hoping for an industry-wide position on the federal toxicity requirements. Such a position may come from a study to be conducted by the industry's provincial association.

Drive now starting

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Chamber to be perceived as a group "just sitting there for our own interests...we do want community involvement." To that end, the Chamber has allowed for individual and associate memberships besides the regular business memberships.

The Chamber will be incorporated eventually, perhaps before Christmas this year, but first the group requires some sort of idea as to how large the Chamber will be, he said.

Moore admitted he was somewhat disappointed with the poor turnout at one of the formative meetings held in August. Only about 16 actually showed up, when he was actually hoping for 40 or more.

"But we are going ahead regardless," he added. "Now we just have to develop our credibility and responsibility as well as our goals and objectives, which right now are pretty vague."

Right now, though, the Chamber's primary goal is to develop a solid membership base. "From that we will be working with Council and the community at large."

Information sessions will also be held by the Chamber to promote and improve trade and commerce as well as the economic, civic, and social welfare of the district, he said.

He will go over the results of the October membership drive with Council in about a month from now, and then a date for a general meeting for all Chamber members will be set. Moore believes such a meeting will be held by the start of November at the latest.

"All we are telling the people right now is that there is a Chamber out there," he noted.

Membership costs range from \$55 for businesses with one to 10 employees up to \$200 for shops with 31 or more employees. Associate memberships are available at \$25 each, while individual memberships run \$10 each.



Reeve and Premier

Terrace Bay Reeve Ollie Chapman and Ontario Premier David Peterson exchanged a few ideas and opinions at a conference held on September 12 in Terrace Bay to discuss the recent layoffs at the

Kimberly-Clark pulp mill in town. Also attending the meeting were Schreiber Reeve Mike Cosgrove, Terrace Bay Chamber of Commerce President Mike Moore, and UPIU local 665 President Don Lavigne.

Pouliot gets help with TB layoffs

The Deputy Minister of Northern Development and Mines, George Tough, has responded positively to a telex from Lake Nipigon MPP Gilles Pouliot, telling Pouliot in a letter sent earlier this month that the Ministry will be doing "everything possible" to alleviate the effects of the recent layoffs in Terrace Bay.

"You have my assurance that my Ministry will be doing everything possible...to assist the affected communities to identify and develop alternate employment opportunities," the Deputy Minister said in his letter, a copy of which was sent to the *News* by Pouliot.

Now that Kimberly-Clark of Canada's survival plan for its pulp mill is known, efforts will be stepped up within the Ministry, Tough told the Terrace Bay area MPP.

"An Interministerial Committee headed by our Regional Assistant

Deputy Minister in Thunder Bay will co-ordinate provincial involvement," he added.

Tough also responded to the MPP's suggestions for things the government could do help all Northern residents.

"I note your suggestions about equalizing gasoline prices and establishing a "tomorrow fund" to assist laid off workers," Tough said. "Similar recommendations were made by the Advisory Committee on Resource Dependent Communities in Northern Ontario, and these are receiving full consideration by this and other provincial ministries," the Deputy Minister pointed out.

Tough concluded by thanking Pouliot for sharing his concerns. "I can assure you that we will be doing everything possible to assist individuals and communities to make positive adjustments," he said.



A MESSAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Lake Superior Board of Education schools are now protected by burglar alarm systems. These systems have been installed to protect the schools against vandalism and theft which costs the taxpayer thousands of dollars every year (approximately \$25,000 in 1985 alone.)

The following "interim" policy has been adopted by the Board to assist in the management of the systems. This policy will be revised early in the new year.

INTERIM POLICY - USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

1. Each school in the LSBE will establish weekday hours during which the school will be available for community use. Schools will be available for outside use during these hours in accordance with current board policy.
2. Elementary schools will not be available for regularly scheduled community use on weekends.
3. Secondary schools will be available for outside use on weekends with the following provisions:
 - A. A permanent LSBE custodian must open and close the building.
 - B. A fee of \$25.00 an hour will be charged for the use of the school (maximum 2 hours.)
 - C. Custodians will be compensated according to the current collective agreement.
 - D. The above arrangements must be approved by the appropriate principal and are subject to the availability of custodial staff.

The Lake Superior Board of Education appreciates the cooperation and understanding of the residents of Manitouwadge, Marathon, Terrace Bay, Schreiber, and the surrounding areas.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Debbie and Mike Brady are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl

JESSIE ASHELY

Proud grandparents are Bill and Anita Cook of Schreiber and Jim and Helen Brady of Kerwood Ontario.

Jessie was born on August 25, 1986.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all our friends for many years of happiness in Terrace Bay, and Schreiber. Our warm send-off from Terrace Bay, and all the help given by our friends meant so much to us. Your gifts will bring back alot of fond memories. We miss everyone, and invite you to visit us in our new home at 7 North St., Perth, Ont. K7H 2S2

Brian & Donna Peters