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Honouring Canada's veterans



Hundreds of people in Schreiber and Terrace Bay (above) honoured Canada's war dead during Remembrance Day ceremonies last week.

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Northern municipalities meet with minister

by Darren MacDonald
 Staff

Terrace Bay Reeve Jim Ziegler says he felt "positive" coming out of a meeting with Environment Minister Ruth Grier last Thursday in Sudbury.

Municipal leaders from across Northern Ontario—including Schreiber Reeve Bob Krause—met with Grier to explain their concerns about her ministry's plans to ban chlorine-based pulp and paper production.

Ziegler was one of three



Reeve Jim Ziegler

municipal leaders—Marathon and Fort Frances were the others—who made a presentation to Grier on the possible effects

of the legislation.

"We came out of there feeling positive," said Ziegler in an interview Friday. "She heard us, she understands our concerns, and she knows the impact of even just one mill going down."

He said he told the minister that chlorine is produced naturally in the rivers that flow into Lake Superior.

"So you're always going to have chlorine in the system, whether it's occurring naturally or it's manmade," said Ziegler.

"I also gave her information about what Kimberly-Clark has done over the last eight years, and told her how much they have spent on pollution control equipment."

He says he told Grier that if the province tried to force a mill like Kimberly-Clark to conform to zero-discharge legislation, it would mean that the tens of millions of dollars the company spent on equipment would be wasted.

Kimberly-Clark currently meets or exceeds all MOE

requirements except for the organochlorides (AOX) discharge level, which they are currently working on meeting. The ministry requirement is 1.5 kg per tonne of pulp produced.

Ziegler says that another concern the pulp and paper industry has is that the money the industry spent to meet the AOX requirement of 1.5 will be wasted if zero discharge legislation is introduced.

"When they changed the discharge level to 1.5, mills went

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