

Woodlot Owners, Contractors / Employees of Cumberland County

Monday, April 15, 2019

Cumberland County Municipal Council

Honourable Council Members,

As you are aware, there is great concern in the forestry industry in Nova Scotia with the uncertain status of the continuing operation of Northern Pulp, due to the Boat Harbour Act passed by the government of Nova Scotia.

The Boat Harbour Act requires that the effluent treatment facility in Boat Harbour to be closed in January 2020. The Northern Pulp Company has repeatedly stated they won't be ready with their new treatment facility by this deadline, and with no extension to this deadline, they would have no recourse but to discontinue their operations in Nova Scotia.

The forestry industry in Nova Scotia is very interdependant with Northern Pulp's operation being a center piece of the industry. If they fail, the ramifications would be very far reaching and would probably be particularly devastating to the many people involved in the industry of Cumberland County.

A group of woodlot owners, industrial forestry companies, forestry contractors, trucking companies, and other forest industry stake holders would like to present to you at council, or in some other forum, the impact of a Northern Pulp shut down to Cumberland County, and the reasons why the company should be granted an extension for their development of an alternate treatment facility process. After this presentation, if you as a council support our position, we would request that you send a letter to the premier, requesting the provincial government grant an extension to the company, to allow them the time that is actually required to complete this massive project.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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