



## **International Wood Industries, Proposed Bonfield Sawmill Facility**

### **Who is International Wood Industries (IWI)?**

IWI is an Ontario based company and has extensive experience in the forest products industry. Its principals have operated a sawmill in Europe and have also been involved in timber harvesting in Ontario and Quebec for many years.

### **Why the Mattawa-Bonfield region?**

IWI saw a market opportunity by combining certain technologies with local resources in the Mattawa-Bonfield region and, as a result, the concept for the Bonfield Sawmill Facility was developed.

### **What will be the Bonfield Sawmill Facility?**

The Bonfield Sawmill Facility will be a new state-of-the-art sawmill and wood processing centre. The site is located on Highway 17 and Trout Pond Road in the Township of Bonfield consisting of approximately 212 acres of land. There is an existing rail line passing through the property operated by the Ottawa Valley Railway.

The site plan development consists of a Sawmill, Dry Kilns and a Planer Mill, Moulder Mill, and CNC facilities in addition to ancillary buildings in support of the main processing plants. An administrative office and employee cafeteria is included on the site. Total budget for the project is forecast at \$145 million dollars. IWI has entered into an LOI with private sector funding partners for the development costs.

Access to the site will be through Trout Pond Road. There are two planned entrances, one for logging trucks and shipping which pass through a weigh scale system. The second entrance is for employees, this road takes them directly to the offices and cafeteria of the complex. A heavy truck service road rings the site next to the proposed railway spur line, for offloading and picking up finished product shipped by highway.

The site is developed in a linear fashion based on production activities, as you first enter the site after the weigh scales, there is an area of raw logs off loading and sorting. Next to the raw log sorting bins is the Sawmill which cuts and sizes the logs to undressed lumber. In between, the sawmill and the planer mill, there are the three dry kilns to remove unwanted moisture from the wood. When the undressed lumber reaches the required moisture content, the packs are then moved to the planer mill for finishing. Finished product is readied for shipping by truck or rail next to the finished product storage which is located next to the railway spur line.

The site also has specialized lumber functions located in and around the mills. The CNC machine is located in the planer mill as well as hardwood flooring and moulding operations. The chipper is located in the sawmill, the chipper has been located to reduce noise impact to the surrounding area. Chippers typically run at 100 decibels, but as you

get farther away the decibel level drops by 6 decibels for every double length. As an example: property line noise should be around 55-60 decibels, to reduce the decibel level of a chipper it needs to be placed 1480 feet from the property line. IWI has achieved this in this site plan proposal. The site has been developed to mitigate any community impacts, noise, traffic and environmental issues.

### **AT WHAT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT IS THE FACILITY TODAY?**

The site is presently zoned agriculture and an application for rezoning to a commercial/industrial use to accommodate the wood processing facility is scheduled to be submitted in July 2017.

As we will be shortly submitting a rezoning request to the Municipality of Bonfield, we thought it would also be an appropriate time to announce the project. That being said, IWI will be proceeding with numerous approvals and permits over and above the rezoning application for the planned production facility. IWI expects to have all these approvals in place by mid-September. Providing this is achieved, IWI will proceed with the project and work will begin on site in October; with construction completed by December, 2018 and hiring in place for a January, 2019 startup.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE HUMAN RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS AND WHEN?**

Total current estimated staff for the required for the sawmill is 87 positions from Mill Manager to cafeteria workers and maintenance staff. Total annual payroll is forecast to be approximately \$4,500,000. Working through and with the Mattawa-Bonfield Economic Development Corporation (MBEDC), IWI will begin accepting applications for key positions in October. All human resource enquiries will be directed to and addressed by the MBEDC.



### **FOOTNOTE:**

An International Wood Industries website is currently under construction. It will be launched once the various permits are in place. The website will also include information such as timeframes and processes for accepting applications for employment, as well as any contract for services opportunities, should they and as they arise.

In the meantime, enquiries will flow through MBEDC at [director@mbedc.ca](mailto:director@mbedc.ca). from where all questions / enquiries will be directed to the appropriate contact.

International Wood Industries on the WWW is a US industry page and **NOT** associated with International Wood Industries developing the Bonfield facility. Ours is Ontario based. Its President, Gary Medwid is Canadian, born and raised in Toronto.