



Mattawa-Bonfield Economic Development Corporation

International Wood Industries – Bonfield Facility

Fact Sheet

August 3rd, 2017

- **Municipal Council rezoning meeting is set for August 22nd, Bonfield Parish Hall, 7 p.m.**

- **What is the value of government funding in the \$140,000,000 investment?**

o Response – none

- **Who are the private sector investors?**

o Response: This question is a very personal and private question related to a private, vs public or government business endeavor. The “story” to focus on is that there is a state of the art mill facility being proposed for the Mattawa-Bonfield region by a private firm with a solid business plan. The execution of that business plan, is not dependent on government funding and how refreshing is that!? Will IWI take advantage of government funding available to them, such as NOHFC funding? It’s absolutely our role as an Economic Development Corporation to ensure they do! Is it necessary? No. Who is /are the source(s) of the private sector funding makes absolutely no difference. What we do know is that IWI is an Ontario based and incorporated business whose President is Canadian born, raised in Toronto and living in Ontario. He and his team are experienced in the forestry sector, including in mill startup and from all that we know having worked very closely with them through this process, we are very confident about IWI’s capacity to make this project reality.

- **What permits are they going to have to start working on?**

o Rezoning, Environmental Assessment, Traffic Impact Study, Species at Risk, Mill License. Not now STARTING to work on them but they are in fact underway and near complete. This is not simply a project at the “idea” stage; the public announcement of the proposed mill coincided purposely with the rezoning application because that process is indeed a public one. For that reason, details about the proposed establishment of a private sector business, the Bonfield Mill Facility, were released when they were. IWI has already incurred a great deal of expense related to carrying out the work associated with meeting the requirements of various government permits.

- **Where is their wood coming from?**

- o A combination of crown and private source agreements.

- **Who are those agreements with?**

At the public sector level, to date, the Algonquin Forest Association. On the private sector level, we are not at liberty to release that information. What we can tell you is that the mill license application must provide proof that the wood supply required to operate the mill, to carry out the business plan is in place. With whom IWI has entered into private sector wood procurement agreements is irrelevant. The question is will they have enough wood to operate? The answer is in order to obtain a mill license and carry out their business plan, there needs to be sufficient wood supply in place and therefore there will be.

- **Hard or softwood?**

- o Both.

- **Are they going to be running their own harvesting company?**

- o At this time, IWI is working with the region's major harvesters/logging companies and discussing their current and future capacity to provide wood supply to the mill.

- **When will they start working with OVR?**

- o OVR was the first at the partnership table. They are not only going to work with OVR, they have been. There are indeed plans in place to ensure rail service from and to the property will occur. The property requirements for this mill were simple – sufficient in size and ease of access to rail and highway. This property meets those business requirements. A spur line will be installed. Again, the announcement is more than a concept – professional work has been underway; meetings have taken place; money to meet the various Ministries' and Municipal permit requirements has been spent. The proposed mill is working towards meeting all government requirements related to rezoning, constructing and operating a mill facility. It is suggested that Darryl Duquette, Manager of OVR be contacted to learn more about how this project fits their business growth plans. Another good news piece to focus on!

- **Are job applications being accepted today?**

o No. There is a plan in place for the recruitment process, however until such time as all permits are in place, the mill is proposed. There is no point in accepting applications for employment until there is employment to be secured. IWI has been very careful in not wanting to set up false expectations at any level. Again, the timing of the announcement coincided with the public notice of property rezoning.

Around town..

-I hear this won't happen because they won't be able to pass the archeological requirements and that they have found arrowheads and because of issues related to the First Spike!

There is no archeological study required to be carried out on the property and IWI confirms that no arrowheads have been found on site. We are unsure about how First Spike could / is/ will impact this project. In any way. The statement is unfounded.

-There will not be enough wood for the mill- see previous comments.

- Delays due to environmental problems - This statement is unfounded.



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ACTION	WHEN
✓ Property Rezoning & Permits	Summer/Fall 2017
✓ IFC Drawings	Fall 2017
✓ Plant Manager Hired	Fall 2017
✓ Site Works	Fall/Winter 2017
✓ Construction Start	Spring 2018
✓ Equipment on Site	Fall/Winter 2018
✓ Commissioning	Winter 2018
✓ Human Resources in Place	Winter 2018
✓ Wood Production	Spring 2019

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