

Mayor Roy Avis .  
Members of Municipal Council,  
Fort Frances , Ontario ..



Re : All Municipalities – Rainy River District  
Re: All Federal - & - Provincial Political Parties  
Re: Local Representatives – John Rafferty – Federal – Sarah Campbell Provincial - NDP  
Re : Minister of Natural Resources  
Re: International Association of Machinists  
Re: Unifor – National Union  
Re : International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Re : Local - & - National Press

April 19, 2014 .

Dear Members of Council ,  
Dear Political Representatives,  
Dear Union Executives

There is still plenty of life left in the Fort Frances Papermill - & - Kraftmill – yet we as a Community and District have rolled over to the epitaph written by Resolute Forest Products Ltd . - that this mill is now shut down permanently - & - forever closed ..

We are hearing all kinds of silence from our Political Representatives – Silence that is too deafening , it is hard for us to take – tolerate – or – understand . Why ? - we ask --are any of you Politicians not standing up for– or – speaking out for the jobs that should still exist in this mill ? Where are you ? Why are you not getting together collectively - & - salvaging jobs that this economy so desperately needs – not just for Fort Frances but for the entire District ?

If this mill was placed on the open market – it would sell like hot cakes . It is a mill with great potential – great timber resources – close to markets - with golden job opportunities - & - one of our greatest positives for continued economic development – that is simply being ignored – unintentionally – or – on purpose – which is the true question – that we ( SRAPEA ) feel , needs to be addressed and addressed now ..

There is a rumour out there – that a number of Special Interested Parties – attempted on several occasions to purchase this mill . If this is the case ( or not ) the potential of purchasing this mill is severely hampered by our Politicians inaction - & - silence on these matters . It is further hampered by The Ontario Liberal Government who have ( in our opinion - & - belief ) given all the Timber Rights in this area to Resolute Forest Products Ltd .... How can a Mill be sold if they are without timber rights – or – are held hostage – by having to buy their timber from Resolute ???????... This timber , in our view , is on Crown Owned Land -& - it's Timber – all of it - owned by the Crown – who happen to be the people of Ontario - & - if it is sheltered , under an arrangement with Resolute – then that arrangement ought to be overturned - & - overturned now ... And ...This mill in Fort Frances , Ontario - be ordered - & - placed up for sale right now – even if the Federal – Provincial - & - Municipal Governments have to Expropriate this Mill to do so .... Do it now – before the wreckers ball – makes this mill look like the Kenora Mill ...

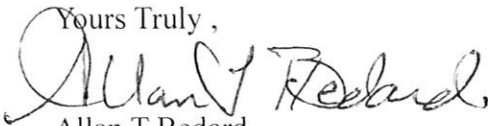
Our View is Clear – we believe too many Politicians are too closely tied to

this special interest – especially the Liberal Party of Ontario – who - with their Government in power - is choking off our future - & - our life blood , by allowing Resolute to maintain their choke hold on timber rights that could be used to get this mill up and running again . The Executive Officers - & - members of SRAPEA – find this offensive - & - demand these timber rights be secured for the job base of Fort Frances and the Rainy River District ...Once this is done the 30 plus truckloads of wood heading east everyday , can then be diverted to the operations here in Fort Frances , Ontario ...

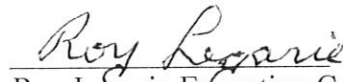
The Senior Officers and members of SRAPEA – demand the inaction stop now - & - a District Meeting be called – NOW - to address the issues raised in this letter – before this mill is torn down .. Your response to us in writing is greatly appreciated ..ASAP .

Thanking you all in advance , we wish to remain ;

Yours Truly ,



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