

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: NORM BUSH

DATE: 19 Dec 2016

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

RESOLUTION NO.: 10

Whereas the City of Dryden and Domtar Inc. reached an agreement effective June 20, 2016 to settle all matters related to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) appeals for the 2009-2016 tax years related to Domtar's mill property in Dryden known municipally as 1 Duke Street, and identified by assessment roll number 60-26-260-005-14800-0000 ("the Mill");

And whereas the City is concerned that it must have sustainable revenue to support its community and service its current debt load and interest payments;

And whereas the Mill seeks to have predictable and equitable property tax obligations;

And whereas Domtar withdrew all outstanding assessment appeals before the ARB;

And whereas Domtar waived certain portions of refund arising from the resolution of the 2009-2012 ARB appeals;

And whereas the City agreed to amend its tax rate as necessary in order to ensure that the property tax liability of the Mill attributable to the City's share of taxes, will not exceed the 2016 City's share of taxes for the Mill for the 2017 and 2018 taxation years;

And whereas the City agreed to pass and publicize a broad, direction-setting resolution outlining the City's long-term goal to reduce the industrial taxes per ton to the average among the Mill's competitors to support the competitiveness of the Dryden Mill;

Be it resolved

THAT the City will work with the Mill to understand areas where the City may be able to support the Mill's competitiveness; and

THAT the City will develop a long-term financial strategy that will consider measures to reduce industrial taxes per ton of production resulting in the Mill having a competitive municipal tax obligation among its competitors.[1]

[1] Data for such a comparison is to be provided by Domtar by an accredited reference, acceptable to the City.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No	Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
Councillor N. Bush				
Councillor J. Carlucci				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor D. Skinner				
Councillor M. Trist				
Councillor R. Valley				
Mayor G. Wilson				
TOTALS			Carried ✓	Defeated

MAYOR: [Signature]