



CORPORATION OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER

MEDIA RELEASE

The Township of Schreiber is excited and pleased to announce that a partnership has been reached between the Township and Dongara to negotiate the terms of an agreement to site a “waste pelletizing” plant in Schreiber. Dongara is a private company that manufactures an engineered fuel pellet, trademarked as “Enerpax+” from municipal solid waste (MSW). The pellets have been marketed as a substitute for medium grade coal, only with cleaner emissions.

The roots of this partnership grew from goals set in Schreiber’s 2007-2010 Strategic Plan. One of the four strategic focus areas of the Strategic Plan involved a commitment to “Environmental Development” through support of Alternative Energy and the undertaking of Green Initiatives.

Over the past few months Council and staff have been working diligently on numerous projects under the waste management portfolio, exploring various options to handle Schreiber’s MSW. These efforts culminated in a letter of intent between Dongara and the Township of Schreiber to pursue a pellet plant that manufactures an engineered fuel from Municipal Solid Waste. This is the first step in using waste as an alternative to fossil fuels in the production of energy. This plant is intended to service not only Schreiber and the North Shore but neighboring regions as well. Additionally the project will bring economic development to the community through job creation and revenue generation. It will diversify the economy and be a welcome addition to the existing businesses and industries.

Mayor Madge Richardson stated “It is extremely gratifying to announce such a great initiative. Not only will this project provide a solution to local waste issues, the benefits are extended to our immediate as well as regional neighbours, and possibly beyond. This is an environmentally responsible solution to our waste management problems.” Mayor Richardson further states “The Township of Schreiber is looking forward to the work ahead to ensure a successful partnership.”

“Dongara sees this project as an exciting introduction to Northern Ontario. We look forward to working with the Township of Schreiber to the success of this progressive, green initiative.” Jim V. DeGasperi, President of Dongara.

For more information: **Backgrounder** attached and contacts as below.

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BACKGROUND

The Township of Schreiber and Dongara announced today that they have agreed to a Letter of Intent to negotiate the terms of an agreement to site a “waste pelletizing” plant in Schreiber. The pellets are an engineered fuel to be used in the replacement of fossil fuels.

The Township of Schreiber identified Alternative Energy and Green Initiatives as primary Strategic Goals under the “Environmental Development” section of the 2007-2010 Schreiber Strategic Plan. To this end, Council and staff have been working diligently on numerous projects under the waste management portfolio over the last year, exploring various options to handle Schreiber’s municipal solid waste (MSW). These efforts culminated in a letter of intent between Dongara and the Township of Schreiber to pursue a waste-to-energy project (pellet plant) that will service not only Schreiber and the North Shore but neighboring regions as well. This project is both alternative energy and a green initiative as it seeks to provide an inexpensive fuel alternative while at the same time eliminate significant costs of landfill disposal and future landfill closure costs.

Dongara is a private company that uses residential waste (municipal solid waste) as a feedstock to manufacture a fuel product, trademarked as “Energax+”, that is a substitute for fossil fuels. It is a sustainable fuel product made from a renewable source that has a predictable energy value and environmental quality. The pellets are marketed as a substitute for medium grade coal, only with cleaner emissions and are currently being used primarily as an industrial energy source. Dongara operates a pelletizing facility in Southern Ontario and is under long term contract to process waste for the Region of York and is contracted to sell Energax pellets to approved facilities as an alternative fuel source.

Waste management is an ongoing problem for many communities in Ontario but particularly for isolated communities in Northern Ontario and along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Ever increasing environmental regulations make siting a new landfill a decade-long endeavor. Existing landfills are expensive to operate and even more expensive to ultimately retire. The lack of conveniently located Material Recovery Facilities (MRF’s or recycling processing plants) in Northern Ontario makes recycling an economically challenging option. By converting waste to pellets and ultimately energy, the Dongara process diverts recyclable material, recovers a usable product from residual material normally sent to landfill and reduces the overall amount of waste being sent to landfill.

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There are numerous environmental and economic advantages to this partnership that will benefit not only Schreiber but the region as well.

Environmental Benefits

- Reduces overall waste going to landfill
- Eliminates the need for siting new landfills
- Prolongs the useful life of existing landfills
- Produces clean-burning energy product out of residuals

Economic Benefits

- Reduces waste disposal costs
- Creates jobs in the local economy (up to 50 anticipated)
- Municipalities will have a stable tip fee for the next 20 years

For more information regarding Dongara and their patented process, please see www.dongara.ca

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