

Standing Committee Meeting - May Outage

March 1, 2023, at 11:30 am Admin Boardroom

Present: Alexandra Carter, Scott Fairless, Jeanette Provan, Naminder Sharma, Darcy Lanes, Angelo Sia, John Hagley, Wade Price, Warren Dagenais, Marc Gosselin

JP I just finished a meeting with both owners on the proposal we put forward to them to pull the reduced scope shut from September into the spring period. We also received a letter this week on FES funding we received. We have more we're going after and we're hoping that will allow work into the fall time scheduled so we don't want to be shutting down and trying to do maintenance then. We have approval to pull it up. We also have approval to extend the month of the outage. We'll have to push it, we'll start the beginning of May, the original window we had for boilermakers were in that last week when we pulled the outage forward when we weren't doing work it was outside of that week. So we're looking at pushing it back a week. We have approval to utilize our folks and we'll extend it for the whole month and use as many of our people as possible to substitute for contractors

AS I'm a little lost. You're not going forward with September curtailment? Your plan is to continue forward with May curtailment, you're pushing it to beginning of May and you're utilizing our members to do the work?

JP we'll utilize our guys as much as we can, I don't have full visibility of the chip supply for September, but we have more funding now so there's a reasonable expectation that we can chip away at that gap of shortage of chips

AS so you originally said 4-week curtailment in September, is that now like 2 weeks?

JP it depends on how much we have for chips, could be 2 weeks now, could be none. We're doing reduced scope of work during this outage instead. We'll use as many of our people as we can. Whether it's spark watch...

AS do you have days on the calendar?

JP we would push it back a week

DL so it's April 29 to start shutting the mill down

SF be like what a normal shutdown would look like

DL start up would be around the 26th of May, that weekend. That was the original schedule, but it may get pushed slightly depending on how things get scheduled. We just got this so lots of logistics

WD can we run 'til then?

JP we will probably adjust speed multiple times. Right now, we're in trouble with weather like getting trucks dug out of snow, that's why we're at 12 right now. Until everything is dug out then we'll be back up to normal speed. We'll stay at 12 through this week and see what next week holds. If more snow, then we may need to stay slower longer.

AS so this meeting on March 3, will that change these dates?

JP what we are submitting is a maintenance outage for a month. If we get the approval, which we are expecting, because we'll be doing maintenance, we'll run cogen with exception of when we need a steam outage for maintenance. That's the premise we're working on right now. That's what we're putting forward to BC hydro

AS this is a bit early, there will be a plan coming forward in near future in terms of jobs being done?

JP it will take a bit of time obviously, we have to go through our resources, we have to spread jobs out over time period, we have to look at minor maintenance and line that out, where we can put helpers and tradespeople. I literally finished this meeting an hour ago and then told these guys right after that

WD is there still a possibility of people being laid off?

DL so a smaller scope is meaning major maintenance is smaller, so next year we'll have another major maintenance outage like we would have this year. The big stuff still has to happen. So the stuff we take on like high pressure feeder and minor maintenance. So we'll spread it out over the time and we'll take stuff back from BAM, Royalite, IDL and so forth our intention is to use our people for as much as humanly possible. So to answer your question, our intention is to map it out so that there is minimal if no layoffs but we need to plan

WP ok

JP so it's not a yes or no

WD so with the boilers...

DL we will have power boiler outage in the fall, but we have to do a small steam outage this time to look at the steam header

NS there will be jobs in each area, but it'll be smaller scope. Like Evaps we'll just clean one or two. We'll focus on cleaning of kiln rather than major maintenance

JH sounds like some good news

WD sounds good

JP I know it took a while to work through but at least it's more in the direction... help secure some funding is good

AS how much funding?

JP 814K

AS what will that mean?

JP it will be a combination of allowing us to pay more, plus it may allow us to secure more chips locally. They have other pulp stands they've identified. This was from the first round at end of march but there's another round in end of April. So WF is identifying other pulp stands and getting applications ready for when the other funding will be available late April

AS whole logs?

JP yes

AS ok because you had said there were no chips available

JP we have BC eco chips who does our chipping. We aren't set up here to do that

AS I saw on two mile flat there's chips

SF that's West Fraser's. That's BC eco chips

DL there is some that belongs to pinnacle pellet

AS so that means if they're already chipping, it would mean increased whole log chipping rather than a different site?

JP depends on what makes the most economical sense. It'll be driven on which pulp logs we get

AS ok. Got anything else? So what is the plan to announce to the members?

JP at this point, it's just what we've told you guys. I can send out an email communication. I can hit control rooms and everything. Until we work through what it'll look like, I can't tell them much more than what we just shared

AS ok so May 1

DL if anybody has questions, they can give us a call or you guys can let us know

JH should there already be time off slips for after May 1 then what will we do with that?

SF they can still use that time, we won't close the book. Like we said, we want to get as much done with our people as much as we can. I just want to add, when we talk about scope we're talking about big capital projects. So minor work order stuff is what you all usually do during shutdowns anyway. But this time you'll have more time to get those jobs done

WP will there be overtime?

DL no we'll pull that back, it'll just mean things take longer

SF let us have a look at all this. The superintendents and coordinators are about to find out in 20 minutes. they have their lists kind of, but they've never looked at spark watch and helpers from our group, normally this takes 5 months to plan but we've shortened their window.

WP you guys will be busy

SF yes but happy busy

WP yeah there will be a lot of happy people

AS we reserve the right to ask any questions later on

JP I don't know Darcy if it makes sense to pull all the groups together or have supervisors talk with groups?

DL I think for what we know right now, I think if you put a notice out and say there's more to come, you guys can comment but...

JP I don't want to create additional disruption. I want people to know there's some light coming in the absence of information. I just don't want more disruption that doesn't add value

AS I'm going to call and go into control rooms and let them know

JP I just mean calling all the maintenance groups together

WP the whole floor will know within 20 minutes anyway

DL we'll have the supervisors updated soon too