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That is to say, we can't sell them around Canada.

The European Union won't take them either.

We export finished products — like kiln-dried lumber and pulp and paper — because the beetle larvae are killed in the production process. There are limited conditions under which softwood chips and roundwood can be exported.

But according to the Registry of Buyers that hasn't amounted to much.

In 2018, 0.1 per cent of the province's total 3.36 million cubic metre harvest was softwood for export.

Ninety-two per cent was milled or turned into pulp in Nova Scotia.

In his announcement McNeil mentioned an export facility at Sheet Harbour.

That's Great Northern Timber, which was responsible for much of the 7.1 per cent of the harvest that was exported as hardwood chips last year.

"As GNT and our sawmill colleagues have already explained when we met the Liberal caucus many months ago, there are no readily available markets today," Thor Oleson, chief executive officer of Great Northern Timber, said in a written statement on Friday.

"GNT is Eastern Canada's largest and most experienced wood fiber exporter and we and our partners have explored this idea extensively. The U.S. market is flooded with an oversupply of their own chips. The European market will not accept Nova Scotia softwood or mixed hardwood chips due to plant health restrictions and our products are too far away to be competitive in the Asian markets."

GNT spent millions of dollars refurbishing a pellet mill in Middle Musquodoboit and for the past year and a half has employed 23 people at that facility.

"It too will now need to find a new way forward as Northern Pulp was its biggest supplier of low value fines," said Oleson.

"...So, if the premier is committed to developing this export market, GNT would look forward to being a part of a solution that helps sustain a portion of the forest sector in Nova Scotia but there is a lot of work to do and a lot of provincial support required."

Carter's payments on over a million dollars of debt won't stop when Northern Pulp calls to cancel his harvesting contracts — as Paper Excellence chief executive officer Brian Baarda said Friday would start happening immediately.

So beyond his wife and operators, he was also thinking about what to tell his sons.

Austin and Cody Carter had begun to take over responsibility for the business.

"To my children I'd say take the equipment and go to a province that wants you to work," said Carter.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DARTMOUTH

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the following application:

Case 21982 - Application by WSP Canada Inc, to rezone lands at 20 Sea King Drive (PID 40789323) to TH (Town Housing) Zone from R-1 (Single Family Dwelling) Zone and to amend the lot coverage requirement to 50% for townhouses one storey above grade and 45% for all other townhouses in the TH Zone, in Dartmouth.

The public hearing will be held by Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Meeting Space, Main Floor, Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5; by fax, 902-490-4208; or by e-mail, clerks@halifax.ca. Written submissions should be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on January 9, 2020. For any written submissions exceeding three standard letter sized pages in length, ten copies must be supplied to the Municipal Clerk's office.

A copy of the report may be obtained by calling Planning Services at 902-490-4472. Alternatively, a copy of the staff report is available online at:

<https://www.halifax.ca/planning>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HALIFAX

Halifax Regional Council intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, adopt the following Heritage Conservation District:

Case H00446 - Establishment of Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, By-law H-800, and Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

The public hearing will be held by Regional Council on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS. If the Public Hearing cannot be concluded on this date, it will continue on a date determined by Council at the Public Hearing. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5; by fax, 902-490-4208; or by e-mail, clerks@halifax.ca. Written submissions should be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2020. For any written submissions exceeding three standard letter sized pages in length, thirty copies must be supplied to the Municipal Clerk's office.

A copy of the report may be obtained by calling HRM Planning and Development at 902-490-4472. Alternatively, a copy of the staff report is available online under "Documents" at: <https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/old-south-suburb>

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