



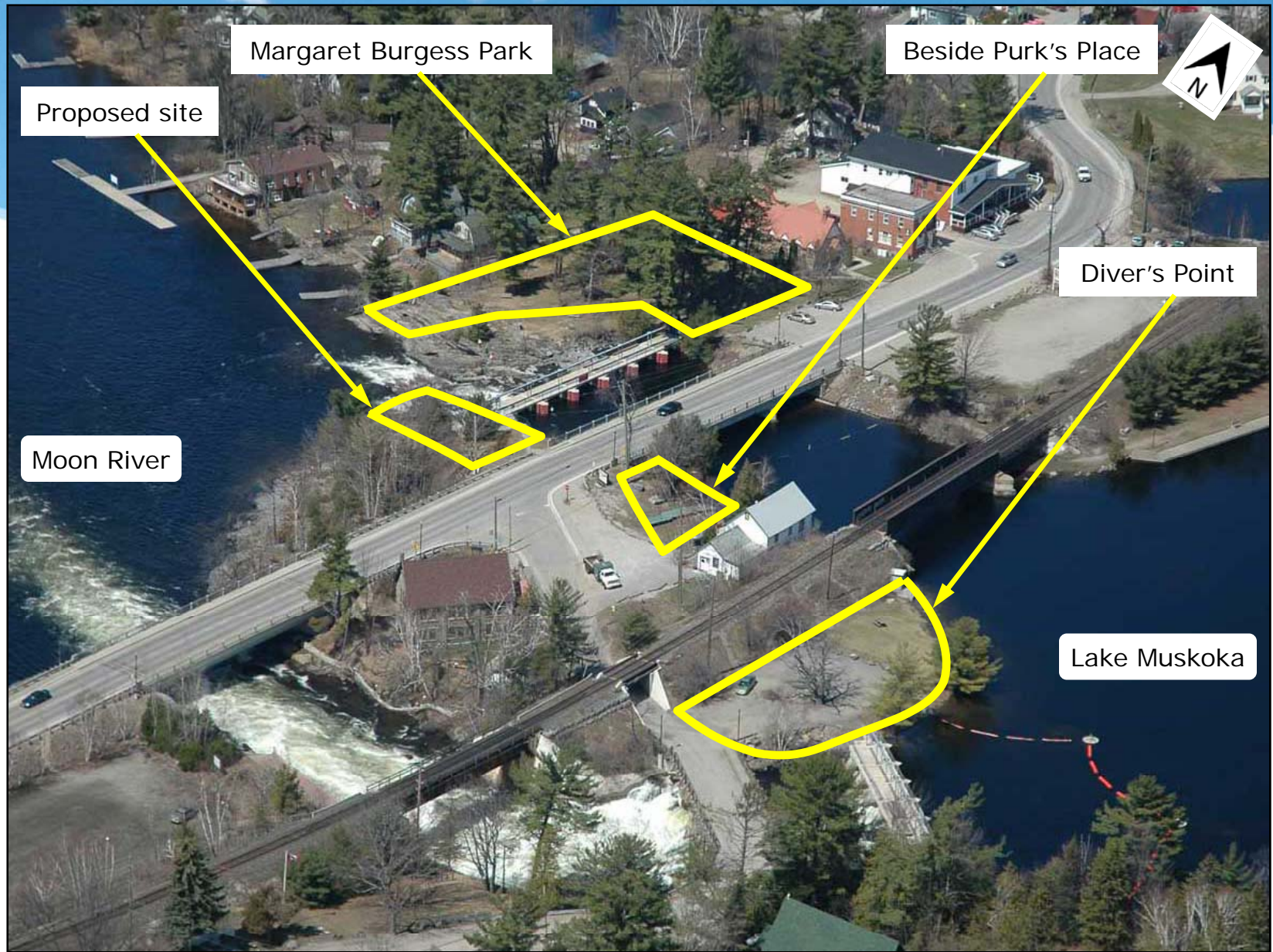
Proposed Hydro-electric Generating Station at the Bala Falls

Too Big for Bala

At the Base of the Bala North Falls

- In the summer, the water is usually safe
 - and popular





Proponent would control the four MNR-owned Crown land parcels in Bala
“which can continue in perpetuity” (Ministry of Natural Resources policy 4.10.05)

Proponent's Rendering of Alternative 1A

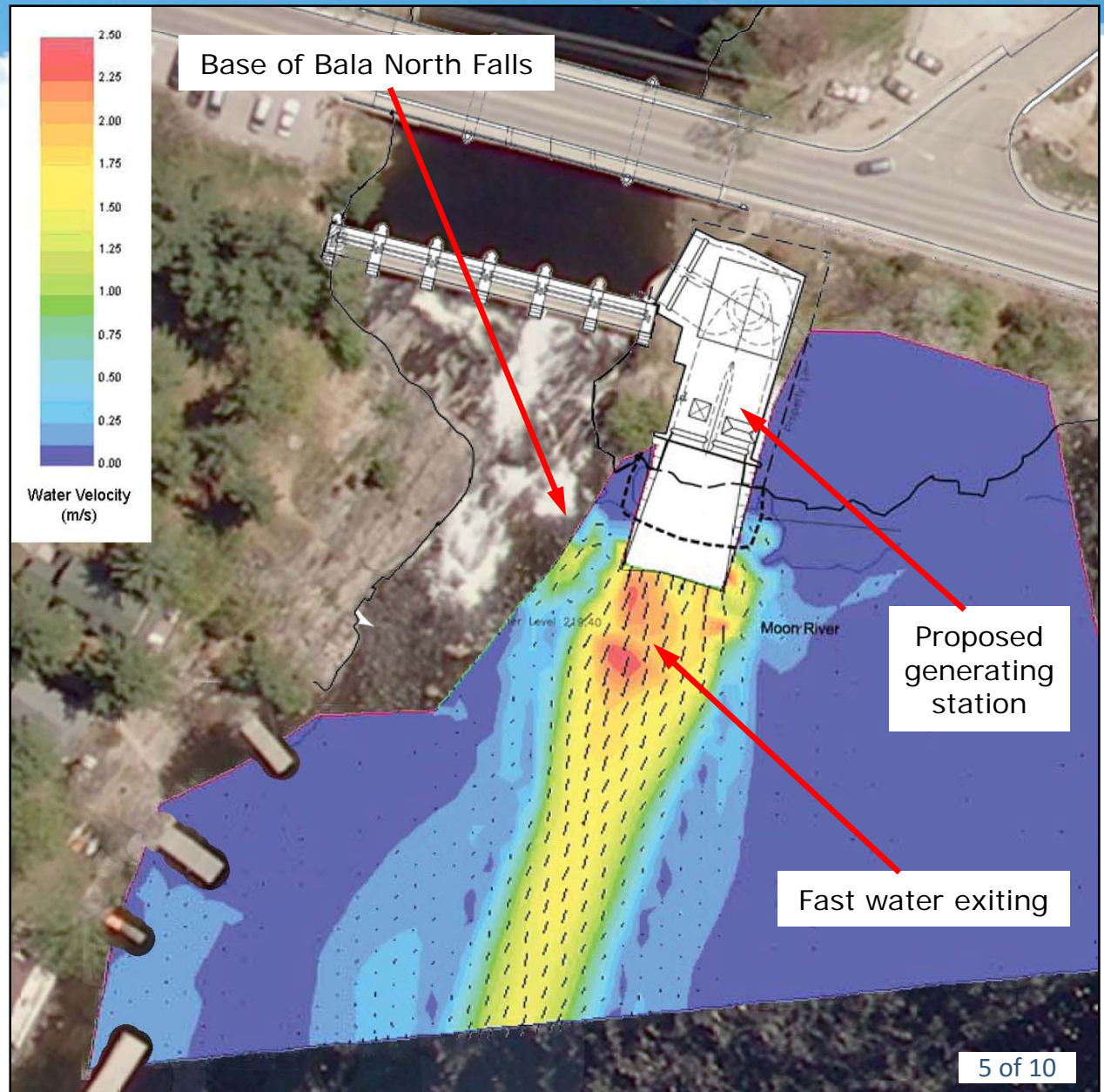


Bala North Falls

- Fast water from tailrace would be just a few feet from the in-water recreational area at the base of the Bala North Falls
 - Rather than **over 200'** to the South Channel

Proponent's Flow Simulation

- Fast water is just a few feet from the in-water recreational area at the base of the Bala North Falls



MNR's Response

- The MNR states:

“it would be the direct responsibility of Swift River Energy Limited to ensure appropriate public safety measures are in place as they relate to the flows ...”

- And the MNR also states:

“It is commonly recognized that swimming, wading or other water-based activities below a water control structure such as the Bala North dam are not advisable recreational practices”

The MNR ignores the fact that wading can be safe

An Impossible Task

- Given the ...
 - Proposed generating station would:
 - Operate at full capacity (more than **three times** that of Bracebridge Falls generating station) an average of **21 days** every summer
 - Cycle on (silently, starting at about noon) an average of **46 days** every summer
 - Proponent must ensure *“appropriate public safety measures are in place”*
 - Only way to access the Bala North Falls would be through Margaret Burgess Park

**It would appear that regardless of Option 2 or
Alternative 1A ...**

Bala Falls



The insurance company and lawyers would **require** the proponent to ...

Bala Falls ?



... Fence Margaret Burgess Park

- Just as Bracebridge Falls is
 - Which is operated by Bracebridge Generation, who would also operate the proposed project, and (as the MNR reminds us) *“has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the operation ...”*

Proposed Project is Too Big for Bala

- For years we've been asking:
 - Would it be **safe**
 - Would it be **beautiful**, as the area is
 - Would there be enough **water over the falls** to continue to draw people to Bala

It would appear the proposed generating station is simply
Too Big for Bala