

A Bala Disaster in the Making?

The **Bala Falls Hydro Project** brings to light a key concern that could cost **Muskoka and Ontario taxpayers untold multi-millions plus**. This project also comes with potential lawsuits arising from the actual physical construction of the hydro-electric plant. Common sense would tell you fracturing and disturbing of foundations could result from drilling and dynamite blasting percussions for the hydro plant structure so close to present built foundations of;

1. *Highway bridges*
2. *CPR railway bridges*
3. *Historic stone church*
4. *Water dams*

★ **The Environmental Screening/Review Report prepared by Hatch Energy stated this very evident concern!**

Repairs to structural damage could total millions more than the hydro plant itself!

Weakening these structures and causing the closing of either the provincial highway or main CPR line or both could be a real possible scenario.

Swift River Energy Corporation reps were asked a similar probing question in regards to the matter at the district chamber in June 2014 in relation to this possible outcome and they replied they weren't qualified engineers to be able to address this concern.

The real answer to the "district's" question might be an old cliché – not written in stone as to what might happen due to the hydro plant's construction, but rather in crumbling stone – from the nearby numerous foundations!

Could a disaster physically and financially be in the making at **Bala Falls** if rational thinking is not put into play?

The beautiful **Bala Falls** show put on by all-controlling nature for hundreds of years (especially the spectacular display in the spring) must continue and not be destroyed by the hand of man.

P.S. **Swift River Energy Corp** – the name appears to be a misnomer as there likely won't be any water running down the river/falls face when the proposed hydro electric plant would be operating!

Sincerely,



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