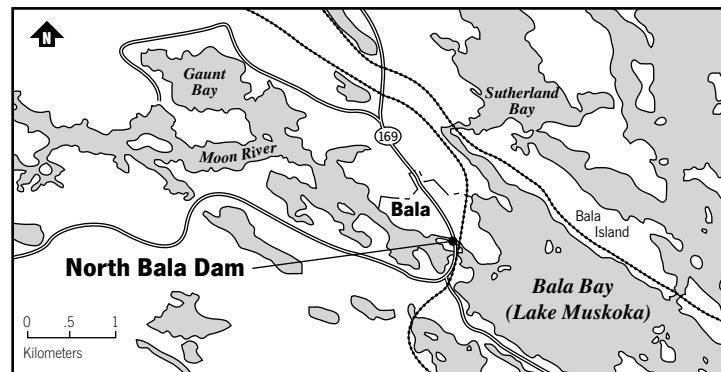


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Public Information Centre (Open House) North Bala Hydro Project

Swift River Energy Limited Partnership (Swift River) is proposing the construction of a 3 to 4MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric facility at the North Bala Dam. The proposed project will be governed by the existing water level rule curves for Lake Muskoka as outlined in the Water Management Plan for the Muskoka River System.

The map below indicates the location of the proposed development.



The project is subject to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Environmental Screening Process for Electricity Projects required under Regulation 116/01 of the Environmental Assessment Act as well as assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The screening process will also be conducted to meet the requirements of the MNR's Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower.

This Public Information Centre (Open House) is being held to provide preliminary information on the proposed project.

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Bala Community Centre

Please note that a second open house will be held later during the environmental screening phase when more project details become available.

Information will be collected and used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and solely for the purpose of assisting the proponent in meeting environmental assessment and local planning requirements. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. All comments will become part of the public record.

For more information, please contact:



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Subject: North Bala Hydro Project

Swift River Energy Limited Partnership (Swift River) is proposing the construction of a 3- to 4-MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric facility at the North Bala Dam. The proposed waterpower project will be governed by the existing prescribed water level ranges for Lake Muskoka as outlined in the Water Management Plan for the Muskoka River System.

Swift River was selected as the Applicant of Record through competitive site release under the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Waterpower Site Release and Development Review Policy. The project is subject to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Environmental Screening Process for Electricity Projects required under Regulation 116/01 of the Environmental Assessment Act, as well as assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The screening process will also be conducted so as to meet the substantive information and consultation requirements of the MNR's Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower. Hatch Energy has been retained by Swift River to undertake the environmental screening process for the project. As part of the public consultation process, a preliminary Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held at the Bala Community Centre on Wednesday, August 29, 2007.

This letter serves as your invitation to attend this PIC, which will serve to introduce the proposed project. For your information, we have attached a copy of the PIC Notice which will be published in the *Bracebridge Examiner* and the *Muskoka Today* newspapers during the weeks of August 13 and 20, respectively. The notice provides further details on the PIC.

At least one additional PIC will be held when more details concerning the project are available. As the environmental assessment proceeds, we will notify you of any future consultation activities for this proposed project.

Yours very truly,



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