



Proposed Hydro-electric Generating Station at the Bala Falls

Working Committee:
Where's the Integrity and Common Decency

Working Committee Mandate

- *“Identify and recommend ways to mitigate concerns raised by Council and the community”*
 - Where is the community input coming from
 - ▶ Not from the community – they aren’t allowed to be involved
 - Complex issues need good questions and local knowledge
 - ▶ Be Honest with yourself, are you actually trying to fulfill the mandate
- Schedule prevents public involvement at Council
 - Deadlines to delegate at these meetings was before the Working Committee minutes were released
 - Where is the February 26, 2015 letter referred to in the minutes
- Is this all about two weeks of single-lane restriction for a proposed two-year project
 - Or about reversing the previous Council’s work

Voting

- A committee where a developer gets to vote for their own project gives the perception of a Kangaroo Court
 - Maybe the answer is to not have voting
 - ▶ Or the proponent doesn't vote
 - Or have a broader cross-section of members
 - » Or accept questions from the public
- But something has to change if you feel you need to demonstrate Integrity and Common Decency
- A committee designed to facilitate the proponent may fulfill what you feel your election mandate was
 - But it is simply Bullying, which you claimed was unacceptable

Election platform keywords

Observations

- Ironic that the probity candidates appear to be reneging on their election platform – in order to support a proponent who is reneging on their commitments to Ministries and the public
- It does not demonstrate High Morals or Ethics to have a developer voting on a committee which has a mandate to “*mitigate concerns raised by Council and the community”*”
 - The developer does not represent these concerns
 - ▶ They can advise solutions, but it does not fulfill the mandate to vote

The Ward system

- The Ward system is not about ganging-up and voting against the minority
 - It is about respecting that the Councillors closest to the issue understand it best and deferring to them if it does you no harm
- Perhaps Council today should vote to reduce the salary of one of the Councillors 😊 ← Sarcasm icon
 - It would be for the best for the group as it would save money 😊
 - There would be enough votes, so it would be democratic and the “will of Council” 😊
 - But it would be wrong
- The probity Councillors seem to be giddy with power
 - We’d like to see some Integrity and Common Decency for a very sensitive local issue