

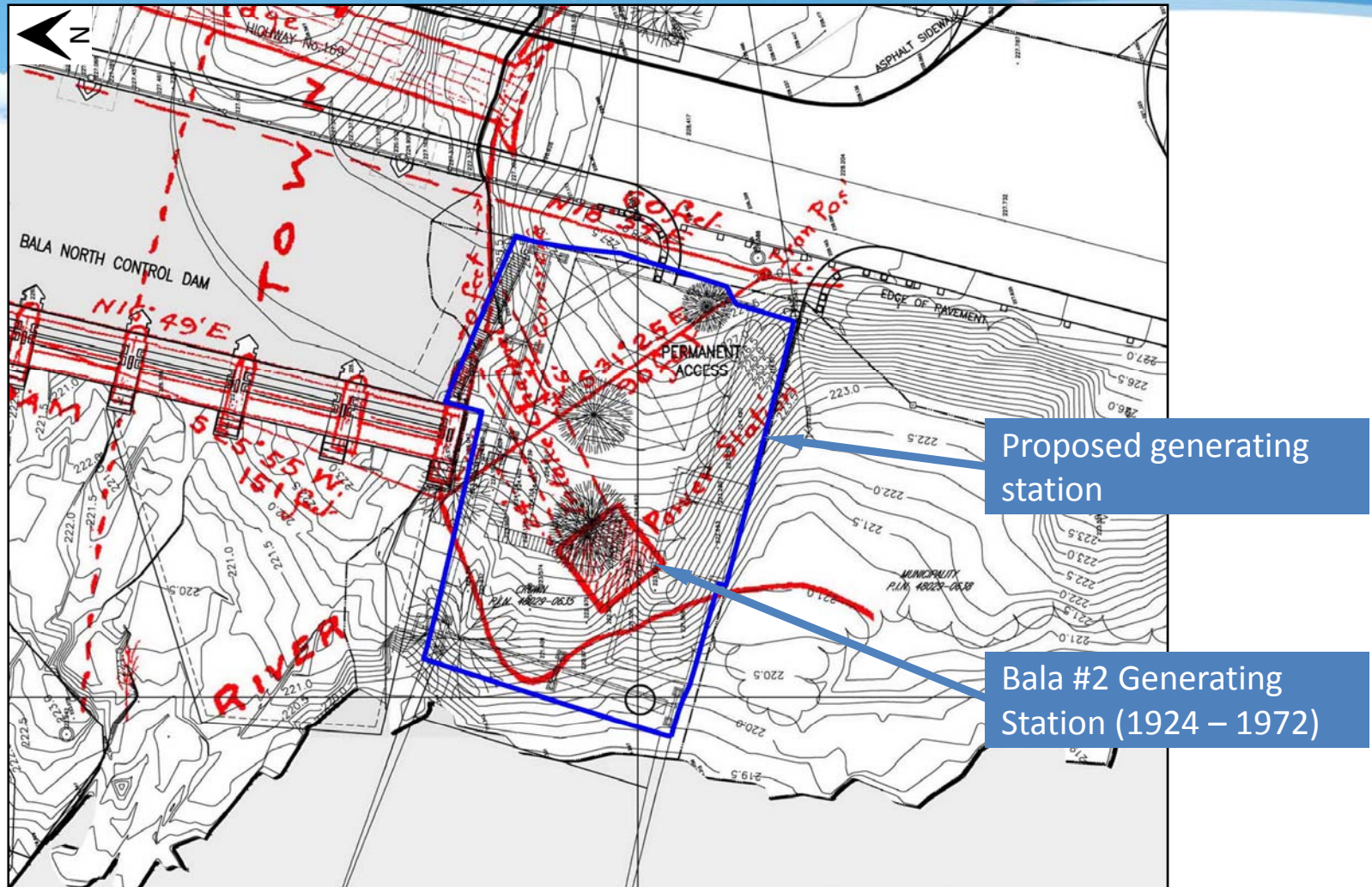
Proposed Hydro-electric Generating Station at the Bala Falls

Bala #2 Generating Station: Environmental Concerns

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 - Built by Bala Electric Light & Power Company Ltd. in 1924
 - Bought by Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario in 1929
 - Operated until 1957
 - Demolished in 1972 (had been unused for 15 years)

Bala #2 Generating Station: Location



Proposed generating station would have 25 times the footprint
The entire site would be excavated and dumped somewhere

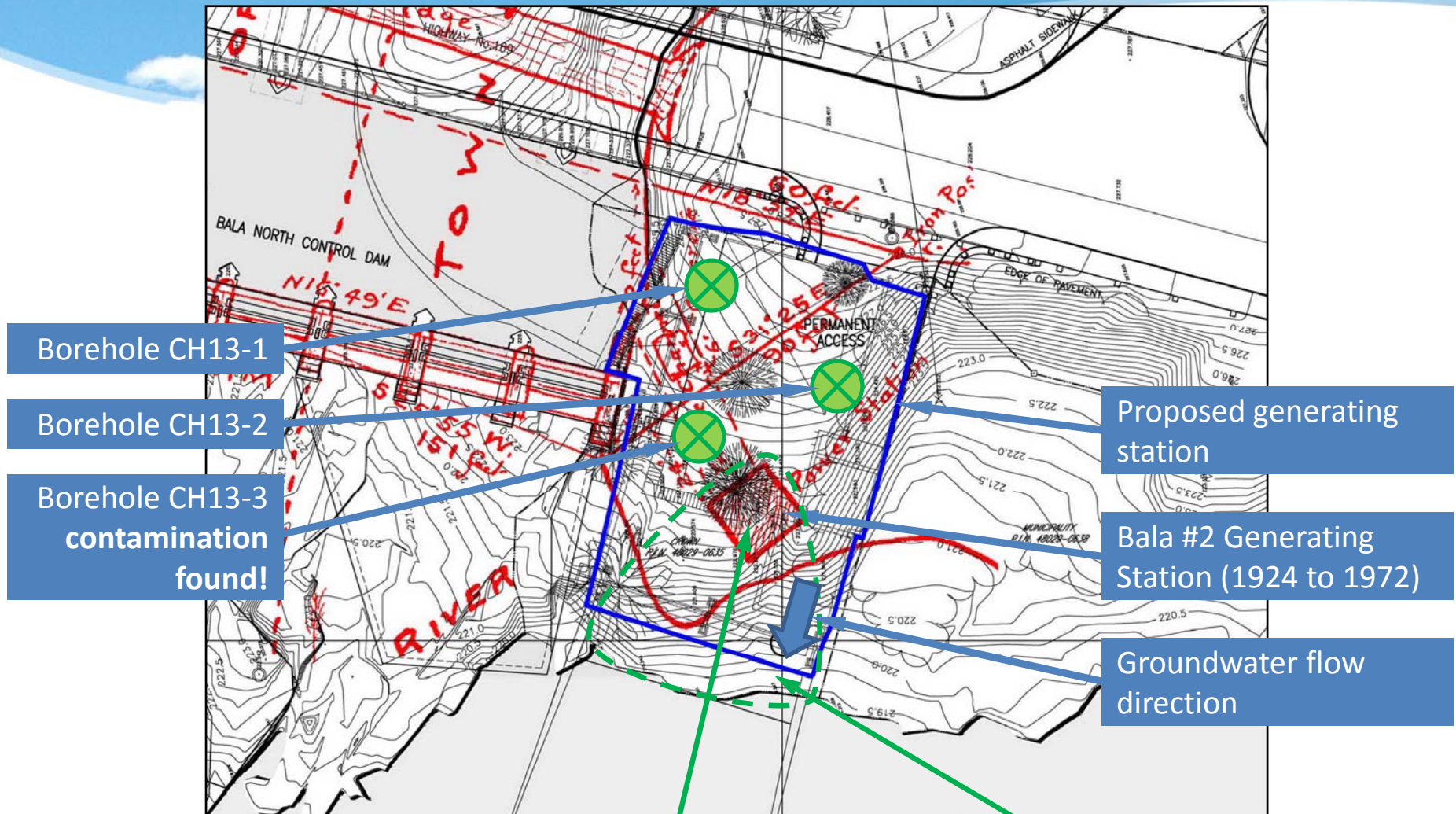
Proponent's *Environmental Site Assessment*

Over a year ago

- *Environmental Site Assessment, November 2013*
 - Based on June 2013 exploratory boreholes
- Found concentrations of Zinc in groundwater **above Ministry of the Environment standards**
 - Recommended re-testing
- Also found Lead and Copper above a different threshold
 - Not understood if this is an issue
- States *“the lower and upper tier municipality need to approve the use of non-potable conditions for the Site.”*
 - Municipality may have some responsibility



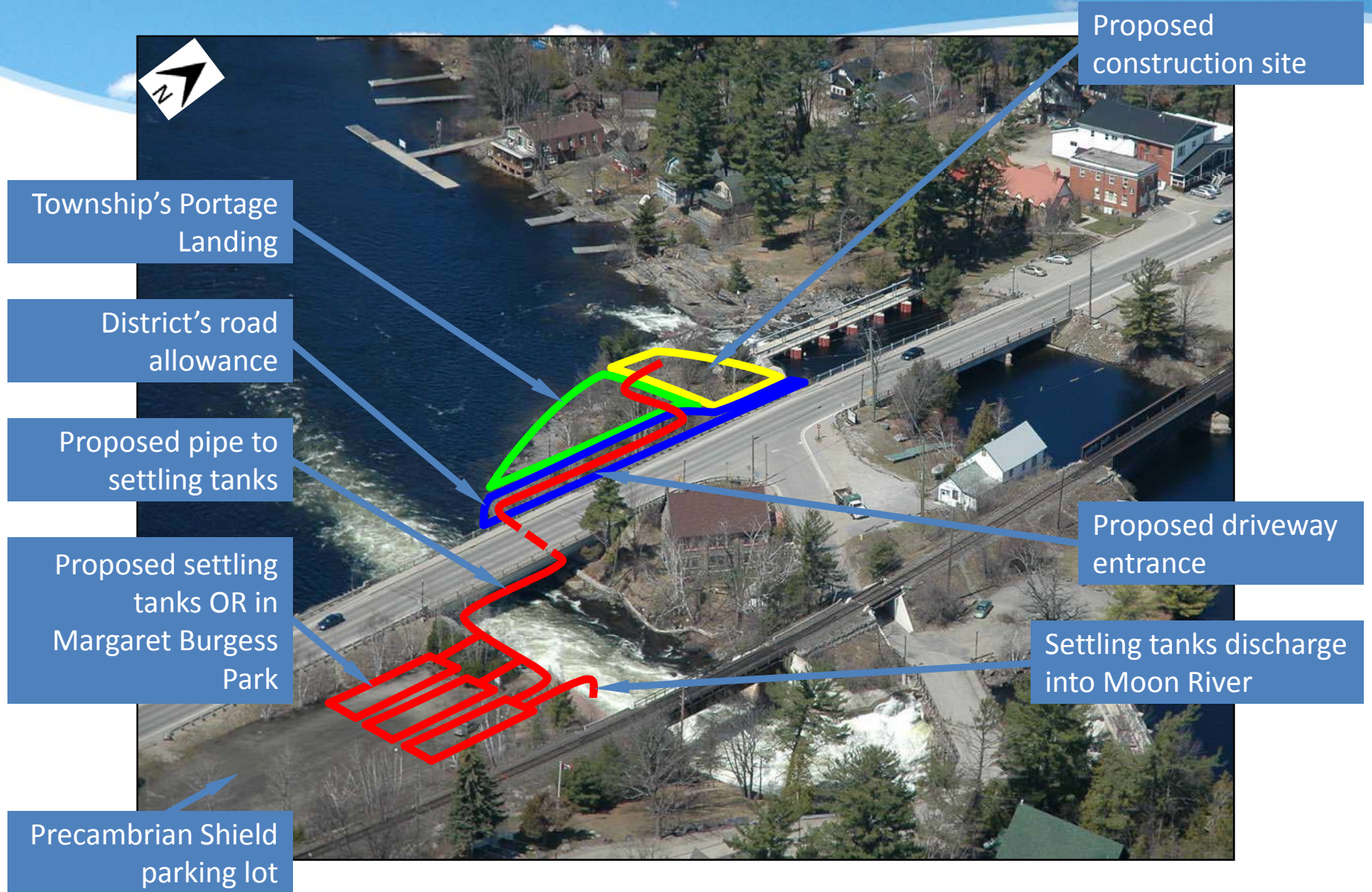
Exploratory borehole locations



Need to test **where station was**, and closer to water

Hazardous wastes or machinery may have been left and buried in 1972

District impacts



Requests

- Ask property owner (Ministry of Natural Resources):
 - Has the re-testing been done
 - For test report stating excavated rock would not be contaminated
 - ▶ As it may be dumped on Township's Portage Landing, District's Road Allowance, or elsewhere in Muskoka
 - To test where generating station actually was, and closer to water
 - Would contaminants be removed before pumped to Moon River
- How to detect leaks from pipes:
 - Suspended from District's bridge over Bala south channel
 - Buried below construction driveway entrance
- Impartial and qualified person to review proponent's Environmental Site Assessments and other reports
- Need answers before any excavation or earth-moving