

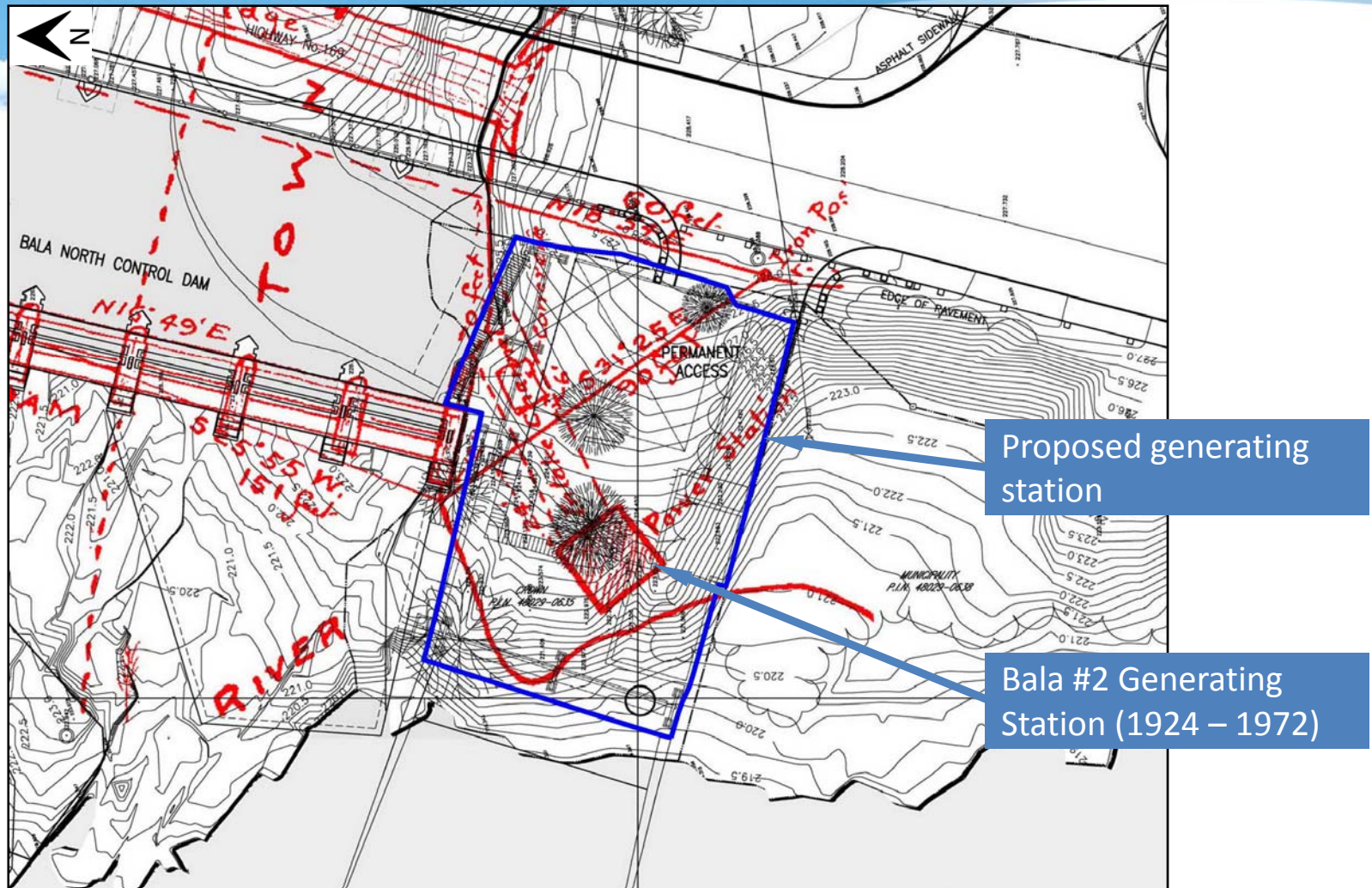
Proposed Hydro-electric Generating Station at the Bala Falls

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

Bala #2 Generating Station (1924 – 1972)

Proposed generating station would have 25 times the footprint

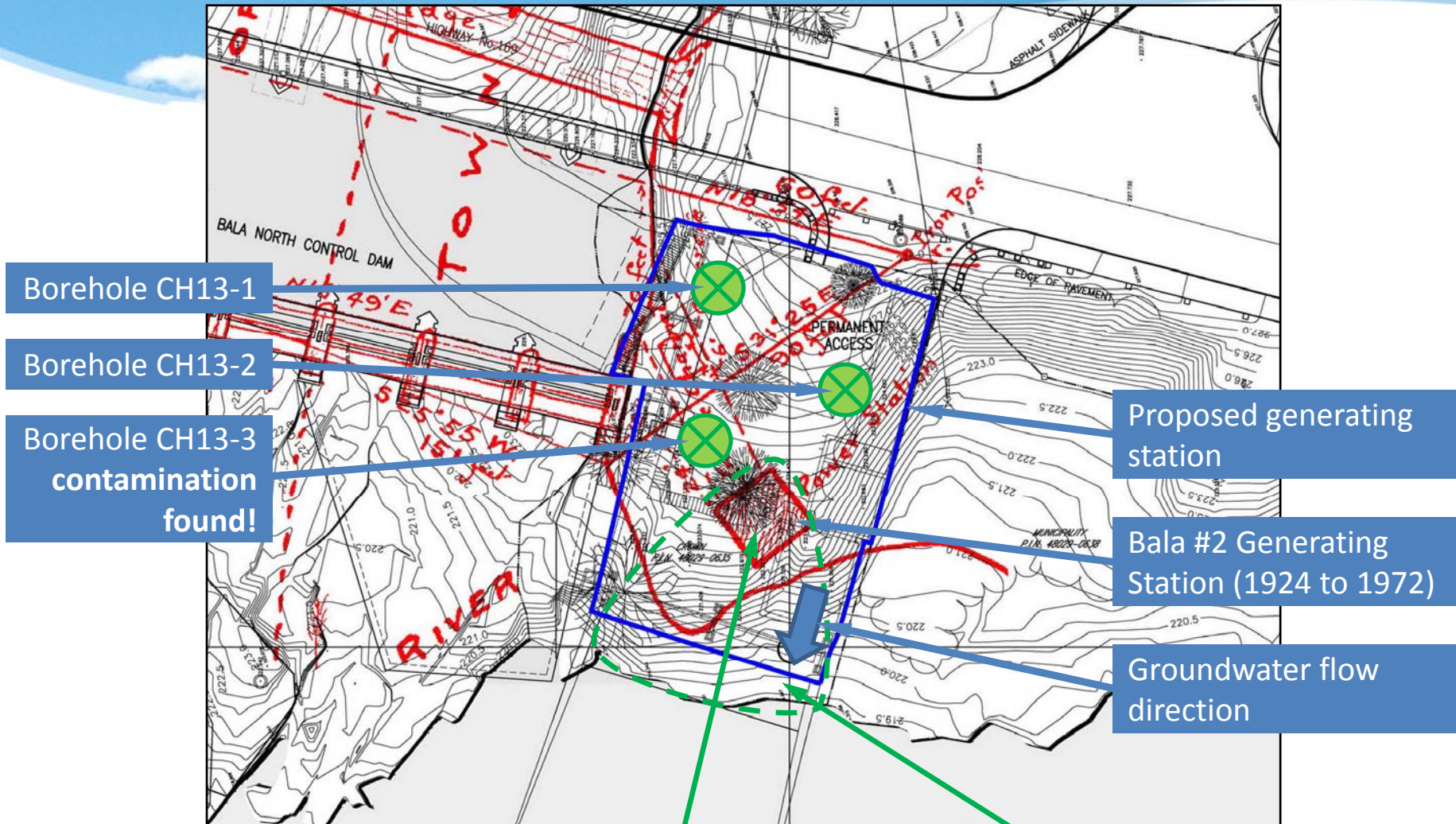
Proponent's *Environmental Site Assessment*

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

Requests of Township of Muskoka Lakes

- Ask the property owner (Ministry of Natural Resources):
 - Has the **re-testing** been done
 - For test report stating excavated rock would not be contaminated
 - ▶ Regardless whether it would be **dumped onto Portage Landing**
 - To test where generating station **actually was**, and closer to water
- Have **impartial and qualified person** review proponent's *Environmental Site Assessments* and other reports
 - Would proposed settling tanks remove Zinc or other contaminants before pumping it into the Moon River
- Need answers **before** any excavation or earth-moving