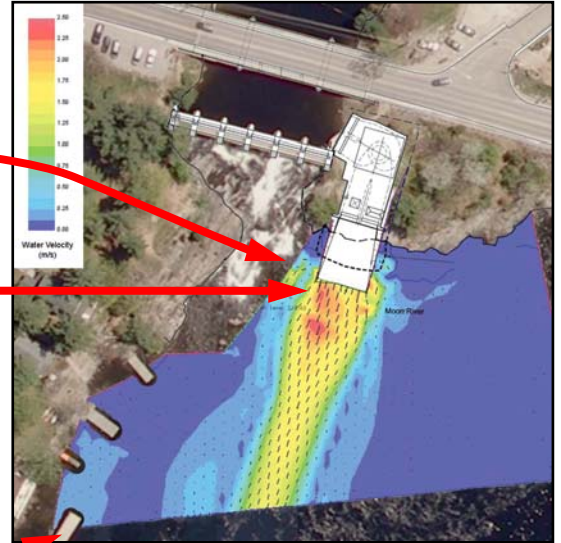


Three Facts About the Proposed Generating Station at the Bala Falls

1) Way Too Dangerous

- For generations, people have been drawn to Bala to be in the usually-serene water at the base of the Bala north falls.
- But the proposed generating station would be just a few feet away, and without warning it would start at about noon on summer days. People would either be **drowned by the undertow** from the treacherously fast and turbulent water, or would be pushed out to the middle of the Moon River.
- **Generating stations are not and should not be located this close to in-water recreational areas**, yet the proponent and Ministry of Natural Resources have not addressed this **death trap**.
- The fast water would also tip people out of their canoes and kayaks, both on their way to the only public docks on the Moon River, and to the three private docks closer to the Bala north falls.



2) Muskoka is for Everyone

- Anybody can come to Bala, and park for free, and fish or swim for free, or bring a picnic and watch the beautiful falls for free – even the washrooms are free. There are stores and restaurants, and you can rent a canoe or kayak and go exploring.
- At least 50% of the flow of the Niagara River must go over the Niagara Falls – because it drives the area's economy. But in Bala only **6%** of the flow would be over the falls, the greedy proponent would wring Bala dry.
- Our area's economy is driven by the Bala falls – literally bus-loads of people come to see them. But people won't come to see **dry rocks where the falls used to be**.
- The proposed station would make the most power – in the spring and the fall – exactly when it is least needed. Ontario taxpayers would be paying this private developer up to **17¢/kW•h** for excess electricity that Ontario would have to **sell at a huge loss to the US** for less than **5¢/kW•h**. Over the initial 40-year contract, the private developer would be paid a **subsidy of over \$100,000,000 just to ruin both Bala's economy and Ontario's economy**. The politics of the Ontario Liberal government's misguided renewable energy policy has shown the environmental assessment process to be a farce. Major issues remain unaddressed.

3) This Mess Can be Cancelled for Free

- The proponent has reneged on crucial commitments, they promised their building's roof would be lower than the road, but it would tower more than 20 feet above it.
- The proponent still doesn't have all the required approvals, has not dealt with major risks and environmental issues, and so they would miss their deadline to be in commercial operation.

For both these reasons the Ontario government can cancel this costly mess without the proponent having the right to claim costs or expenses. We need to convince the government that now is the time to cancel.

Find out more at SaveTheBalaFalls.com

What You Can Do to Help Save the Bala Falls

A) E-mail Premier Wynne

- KWynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org

B) Make sure she hears that

- The proposed Bala hydro station would drown people
- **It would be unprecedented to locate a generating station this close to public and private docks, in-water recreational areas, and residences**
- There would be no warning when the proposed station starts
- Fencing and signage would not keep people safe, people boat, Scuba dive, and portage too close

C) Donate to our Legal Challenge Fund

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D) Be signed-up for our e-Newsletters

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