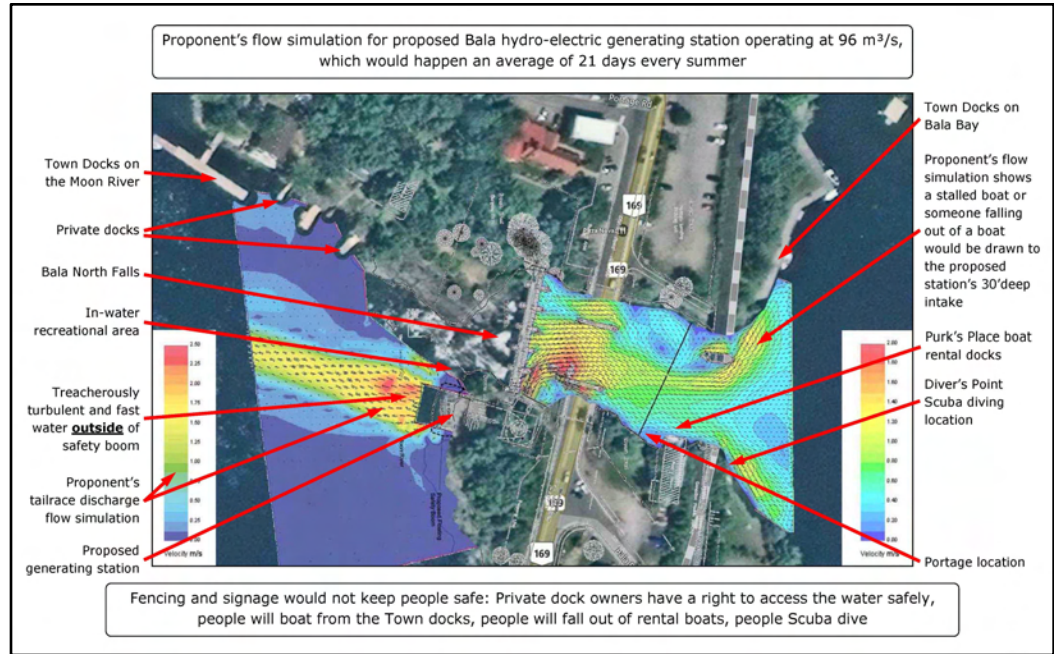


THE DANGER WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED AND UNMITIGATED

Deadly

Hydro-electric generating stations are *deadly* dangerous.

- At the upstream intake, the tons of water passing through the trash-rack would hold people under water until they drowned.
- At the Moon River, the undertow from the treacherously turbulent water would either drown people or push them out to the middle of the Moon River.



Unprecedented

A study of 29 similarly-sized hydro-electric generating stations in southern Ontario shows that:

- **NONE** have public or private docks nearby. Yet Bala does – a boat rental is directly upstream, and there are constantly-used public docks both upstream and downstream.
- **NONE** have in-water recreation nearby. But Bala has a portage directly upstream, people playing in the Bala north falls downstream, and Scuba diving, canoeing, and kayaking both upstream and downstream.

Similarly-sized hydro-electric generating stations visited:
 South River, High Falls, Wilson's Falls, Bracebridge Falls, Matthias Falls, Trethewey Falls, Hanna Chute, Muskoka South Falls, Wasdell Falls, Bancroft, Minden, Elliot Falls, Fenelon Falls, Auburn, London Street, Marmora, Healey Falls, Campbellford, Seymour, Ranney Falls, Hagues Reach, Meyersburg, Sills Island, Frankford, Batawa, Glen Miller, Sidney, Fletcher's Horse World, Heywood

It would be *unprecedented* to build a generating station this close to an extremely popular in-water recreational area.



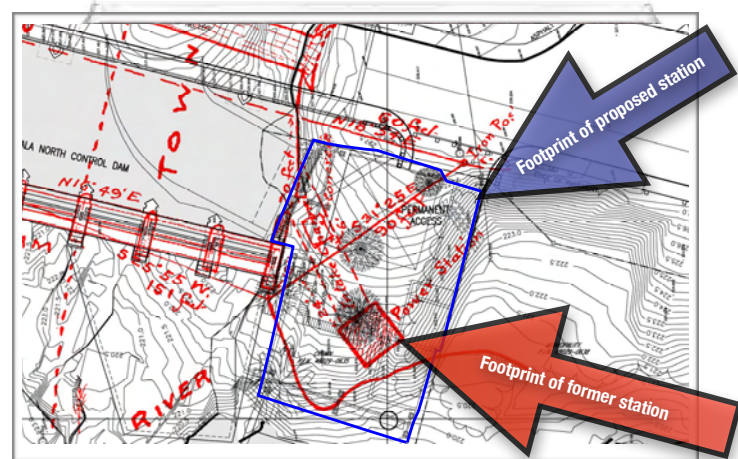
Unmitigated

Instead of attempting to reduce this danger, the proponent has **changed their approved plans to be even *more* dangerous.**

Former Bala Generating Station

There was a small generating station operating at this site 60 years ago (removed in 1972), but the proposed generating station would:

- Have **11 TIMES** the flow (this is as much more as a hurricane is to a summer breeze).
- Be **25 TIMES** the footprint (256 ft² vs. 6,361 ft²)
- Be in an area visited far more now than it was two generations ago.



No Plan

The proponent has not presented *any* plan on how they would keep the area safe for the public.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SAVE THE BALA FALLS

1) E-mail Minister of the Environment Glen Murray

- GMurray.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

And copy the Premier and Minister of Natural Resources Mauro

- KWynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org and BMauro.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

2) Let them know that

- The Bala north falls is the most popular in-water recreational area in the entire Township of Muskoka Lakes
- It would be deadly dangerous – and unprecedented – to build a generating station this close to a popular in-water recreational area
- Yet the proponent has no plan to keep the area safe

3) Donate to our Legal Challenge Fund

- Details at SaveTheBalaFalls.com

4) Be signed-up for our e-Newsletters

- Click at the top-right, at SaveTheBalaFalls.com

The Bala north falls is the most popular in-water recreational area in the entire Township of Muskoka Lakes. There is nowhere else for this recreation, which is fundamental to the area's economy.