



Proposed Hydro-electric Generation Station at the Bala Falls

Information is Needed

Did Councillors vote based on misleading information

■ When did District and Township learn of riverbed ownership issue:

- October 21, 2014, MNR e-mails proponent noting riverbed under District's bridge is owned by the Municipality, and **requesting the Municipality be made aware of this**
- October 30, 2014, MTO confirms Municipality owns riverbed
- November 6, 2014, proponent forwards their riverbed ownership legal opinion to MNR
- January 21, 2015, District **grants Road Entrance permit**
- April 17, 2015, Township agrees to **road widening**
- May 15, 2015, Township agrees to **lease Township lands**
- June 17, 2015, District **grants Road Widening permit**
- October 2015, Township continues **lease negotiations**

Proponent knew MNR does not own riverbed

Permits granted

Was misinformation provided

- January 9, 2015, proponent forwards six-page letter to District concerning requested Road Entrance permits
- February to April, 2015, Bala Falls Working Committee meets
 - March 4, 2015, issues Resolution supporting road widening
 - April 21, 2015, issues report outlining Township land leasing options

Township's responsibilities

- Being able to enforce the proponent not impacting Margaret Burgess Park during or after the proposed construction
- Specifying how Portage Landing would be restored and being able to enforce that it is
 - Even if the proponent goes bankrupt or otherwise abandons the proposed project

Township minimizing liability

- Township has received a reply from their insurance company concerning obligations to reduce their liability due to proposed generating station
- Would proposed project increase Township's insurance costs
- The public needs to know the Township's liability and cost impact

Requests

Information on the following topics, as part of the Agenda package for the next Council meeting ...

- 1) MNR not owning riverbed below the Muskoka Road 169 bridge over the Bala north channel:
 - a) When did District staff learn this, when were Councillors informed
 - b) When did Township learn this, when were Councillors informed
- 2) If the Township leases Portage Landing:
 - a) How Township would enforce proponent not impacting Margaret Burgess Park during or after proposed construction
 - b) How Township would specify/enforce restoration of Portage Landing
- 3) Township's insurance:
 - a) Questions asked of, and response concerning steps to reduce potential liability due to proposed generating station
 - b) Would costs increase