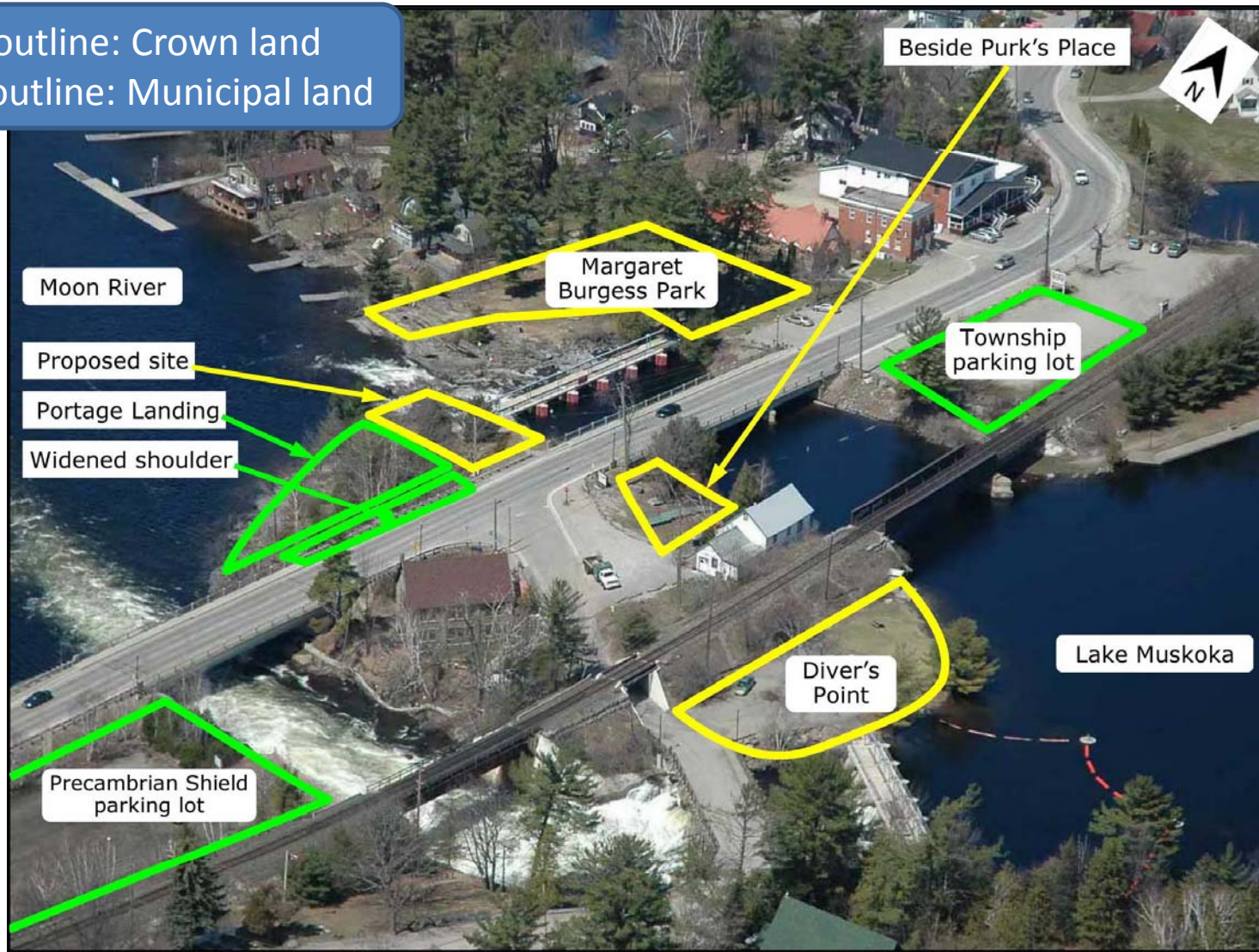


Yellow outline: Crown land
Green outline: Municipal land

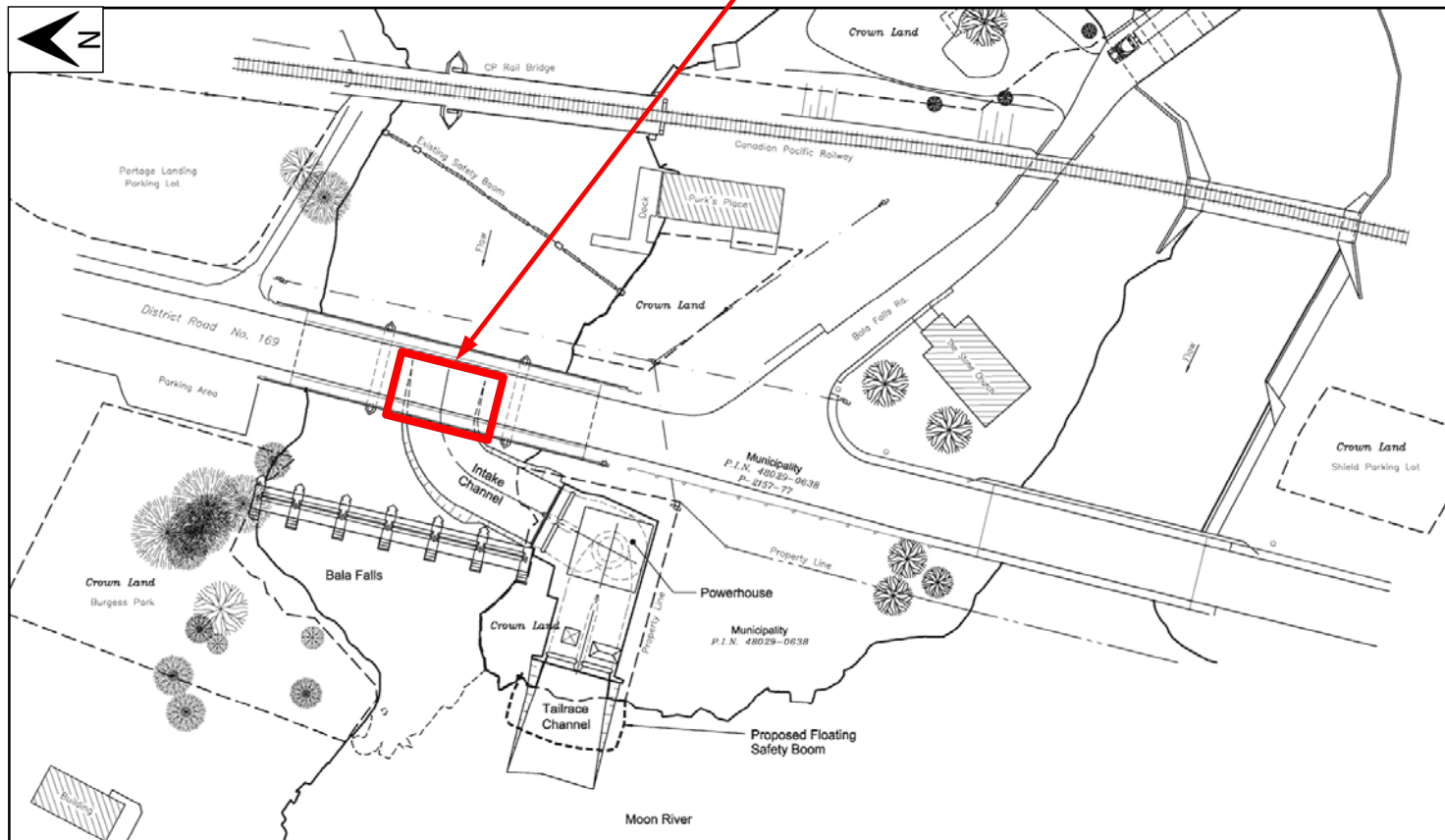


Proposed Hydro-electric Generation Station at the Bala Falls

The Municipality's Responsibility is to its Constituents

Proponent's Plans

- Proponent's plans require excavating below District's Muskoka Road 169 bridge over the Bala north channel



Concerns

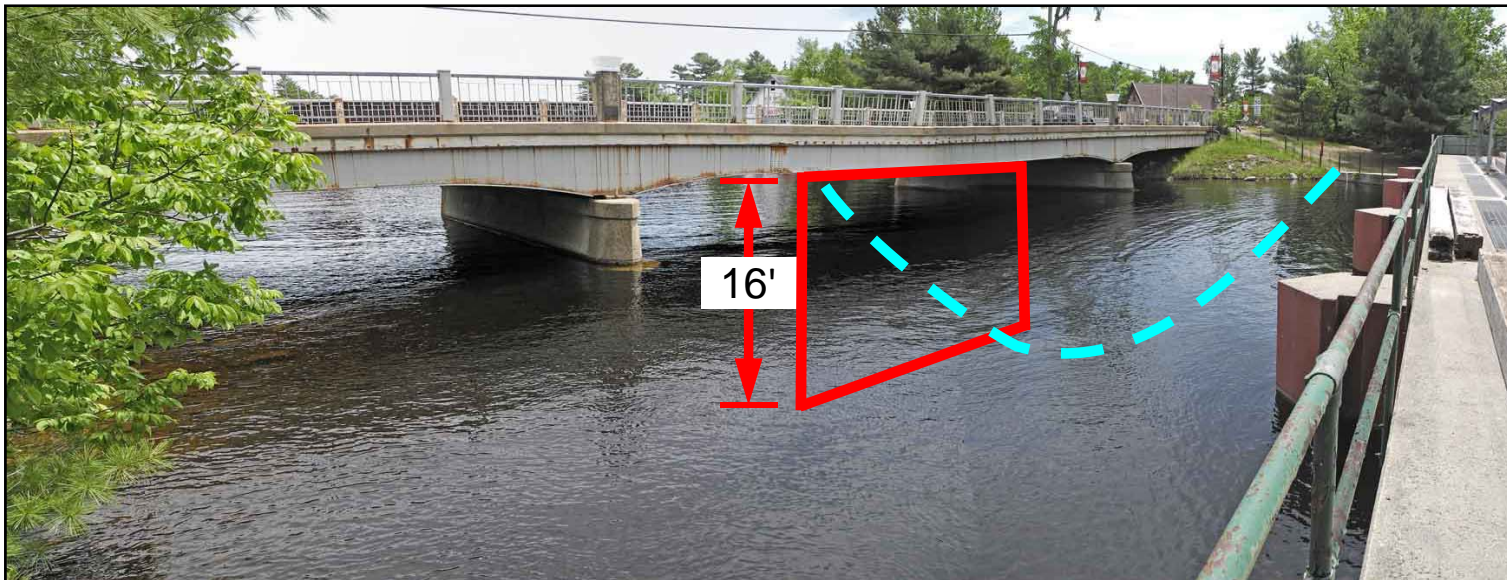
- Blasting and excavating close to support piers could damage bridge
- \$2M Letter of Credit to be provided by proponent
 - May be inadequate to cover District's repair costs
 - Would **not** compensate for delays and costs incurred by area business deliveries, school buses, and the general public
 - **Cannot** compensate for delays to emergency response vehicles
- The detour is 50 km

Attempts to spread fear, uncertainty and doubt ...

- Claim that District may not own the riverbed is false:
 - District has all documents to prove they do
 - In 1997 the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario **confirms** they transferred the riverbed to the District Municipality of Muskoka
 - Proponent can take legal action against the District if they wish
- Claim that preventing excavation may not stop proposed project is irrelevant:
 - Today is only about preventing damage to the District's bridge
- Claim that resolution is in bad faith is false:
 - The bad faith is on behalf of the proponent, who has known for **over a year** that the MNR does not own this riverbed
 - Yet they did **not** share this with the District or Township, thereby misleading everyone, and creating today's situation

District *can* protect their bridge

- Claim that District should allow the excavation to ensure adequate clearance for trucks is false:
 - This bridge is already higher than the bridge to the south



Council's responsibility

- There would be no benefit to the municipality in allowing this excavation
 - Only risk; to the municipality, area businesses, and general public
- The Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes responsibility is to its tax-paying constituents:
 - Not a private developer
 - ▶ That continues to threaten the Township with the 2013 legal action against the Township
- Our request is therefore your vote **for** Committee of the Whole Resolution COW-11-22/09/15
 - Requesting the District **not** permit any blasting or excavation of any District-owned land below or near their Muskoka Road 169 bridge over the Bala north channel