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Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (Muskoka Branch)
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Re: Proposed Bala Hydro Dam impact on Heritage Resources

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Muskoka Branch is concerned about the proposed project's impact on heritage resources in the immediate vicinity. The Burgess Memorial Church next to the falls in Bala is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Also nearby is Purk's Place, a property identified by the Township of Muskoka Lakes on its list of resources, the Heritage Inventory. Both of these cultural heritage resources hold significance for the community. The ACO Muskoka Branch would ask that the impact of the project be assessed for its potential threat to these important heritage buildings. Any damage to them would be a great loss to the community.

Sincerely,

Ruth Nishikawa
President