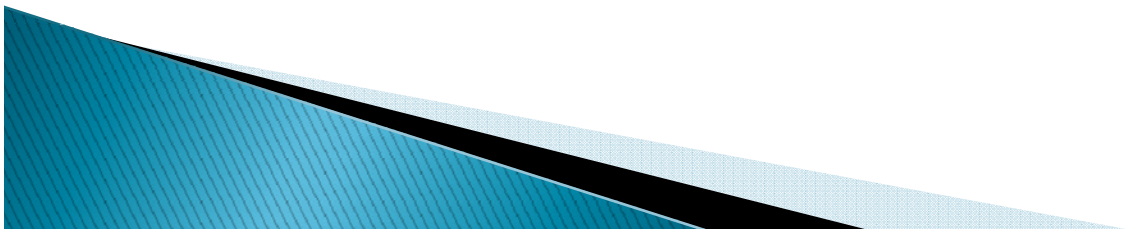


Bala Falls Power Station

An Update

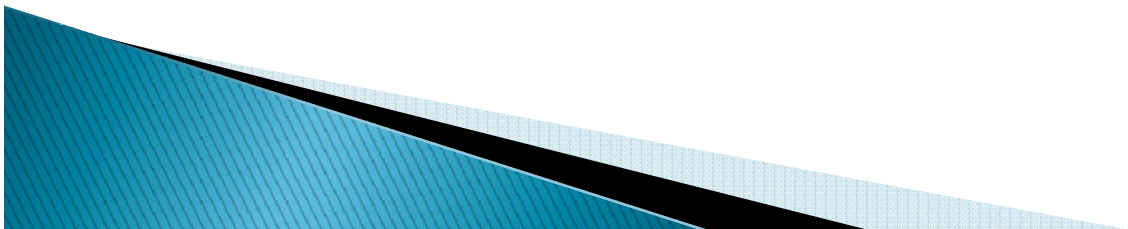
Federal Assessment Now Required

- ▶ Due to interest by Oceans and Fisheries Canada
- ▶ This is in addition to the provincial environment assessment



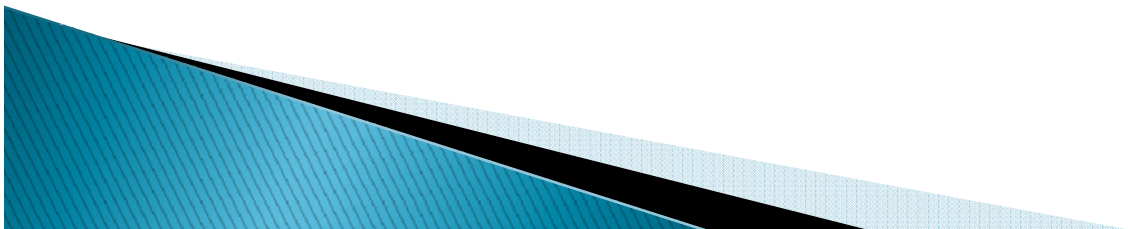
Meeting with Ministry of Natural Resources

- ▶ Current policies do not provide fair weight to community concerns – only private developer's interests
- ▶ Full consideration may be required if the environmental assessment is elevated

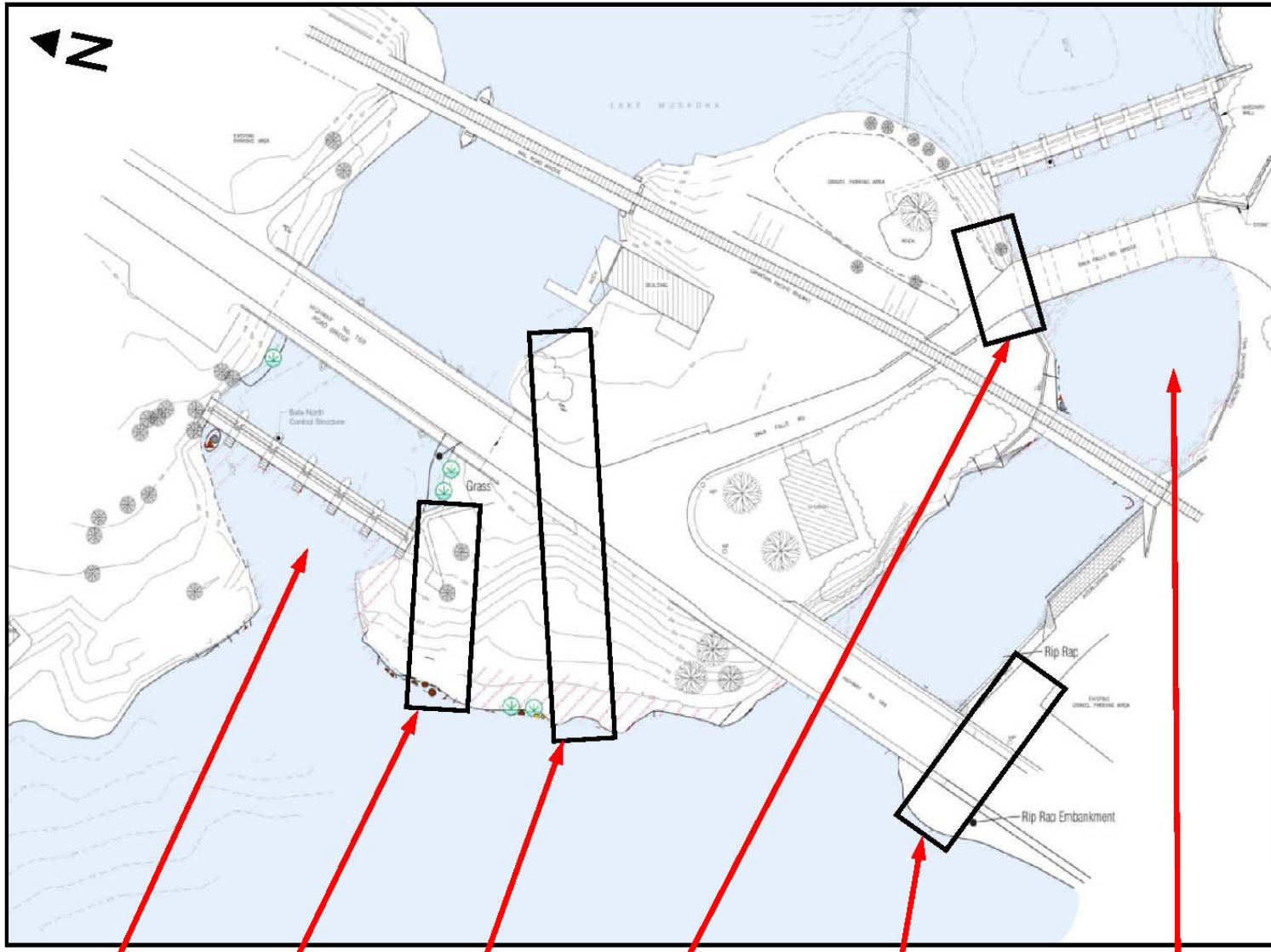


Communication with SREL

- ▶ We have twice formally requested a meeting with SREL, and they have firmly refused both times
 - They refuse to extend the 30-day public comment period for their environmental screening report
 - They refuse to release draft sections of the environmental screening report even though the Ministry of the Environment's guidelines suggestion doing so



Alternative Sites



North Falls
and Channel

Option 1

Option 2

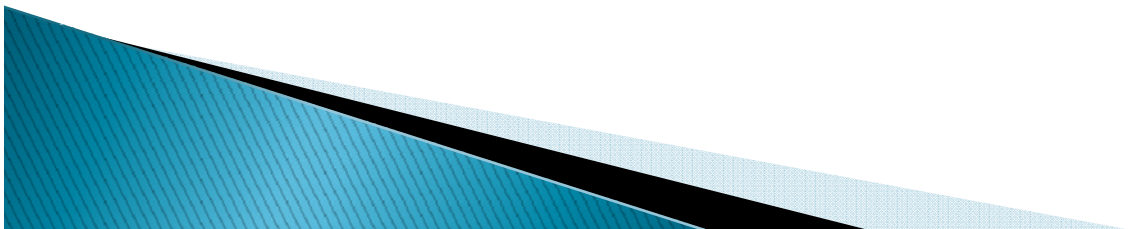
Option 3

Option 4

South Falls
and Channel

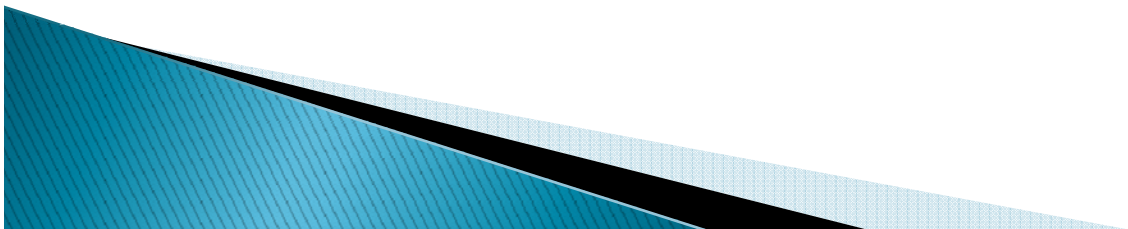
Presentation to Township Council

- ▶ Request for south channel to be considered in mitigation
- ▶ Just as current Option 2 site requested to use District lands in mitigation



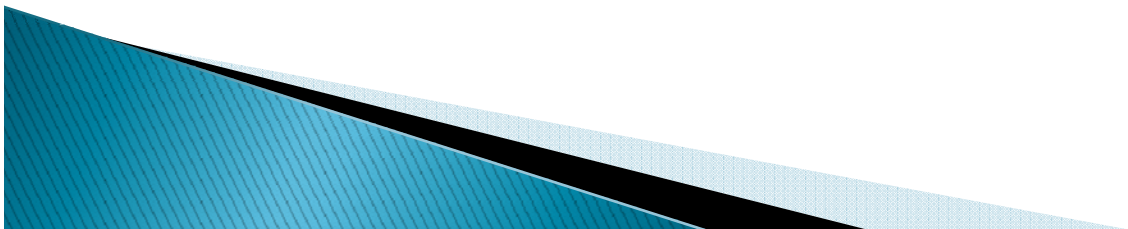
Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (Gord Miller)

- ▶ **2007/08 Annual Report – “Getting to K(No)w”**
 - “Ontario’s Environmental Assessment process seems to lead inexorably towards approval of projects. Individual environmental assessments of major undertakings are very rarely refused outright by the Ministry of Environment. What’s more, a “No” decision is not a possible outcome under the streamlined Class Environmental Assessment process used to approve thousands of activities.



Clarifications

- ▶ MNR didn't include south channel in site release because they don't have suitable lands there
 - But the District / Township do, so a south channel alternative is possible
- ▶ Any plan to use the south channel for a power station would ensure no chance of flooding – both during construction and afterwards



Clarifications (2)

- ▶ The District in fact has complete control over this process as the District's land is required by the proponent
 - Option 1 requires District land at least for construction and parking/maintenance access
 - In any case, the proponent has no interest in constructing Option 1 due to intake limitations and other concerns
 - Option 2 requires District land for most of the power station
- ▶ The District therefore has “veto power”

