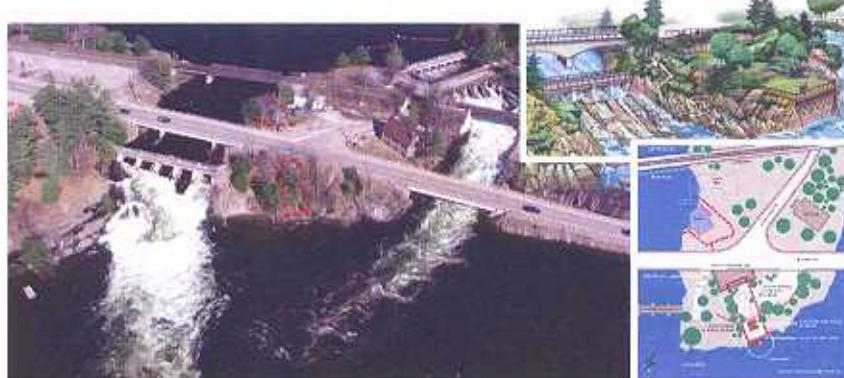


Thank you to the residents, cottagers, business operators and the municipality for your valuable input that has improved our Bala Falls Small Hydro Project.

The current plan has been made possible by a long term lease to use a small parcel of municipal land. This will enable us to move our small hydro project from provincial lands abutting Bala Falls to a site some 35 metres away. While we have confirmed that both the original Option 1 and the preferred Option 2 plans are technically and economical viable, Option 2 more effectively addresses community concerns about our original site design.



### Preserving Bala's Natural Beauty

- With input from a Community Advisory Committee, parkland improvements that include safer pathways, seating, and interpretive signage depicting Bala's history
- Two new picturesque viewpoints from which to take in Bala Fall's scenic beauty (an upper, barrier-free lookout adjacent to Hwy 169 and a lower, easily accessed water's edge lookout)
- A commitment to maintain historical summer flows over Bala Falls

### Contributing to Bala's Long-Term Economic Well-Being

#### DURING CONSTRUCTION:

- \$22 million private sector investment in new, local source of clean, green, renewable energy
- Millions to be spent through "buy local" policy
  - Materials supply: lumber, concrete, food, lodging, fuel, haulage
  - Employment: carpenters, electricians, pipefitters, welders, landscapers
  - Equipment rentals and servicing, warehousing

#### OVER THE PROJECT'S LIFE:

- A new local feature to draw new visitors
- Facility operations and maintenance services provided by Lakeland Energy, a respected, customer-owned, local utility
- Support for a new, safer, all-season pedestrian/snowmobile link connecting Bala's two commercial areas
- 40-year lease of municipal land offers additional long-term community benefits (particulars to be determined)
- A new local business to help champion and support Bala's economic development over the long term

As part of a province-wide effort to find and develop new green sources of renewable energy generation, our Bala Falls Small Hydro Project will help Ontario fulfil its commitment to shut down its dirty, greenhouse gas emitting, coal-fired generating stations by 2014. By locating this facility closer to a rural road centre, it will eliminate the need for costly new high voltage power lines, while improving the reliability of the local electricity distribution system.

In addition to our Project's clear environmental and electricity system benefits, Swift River Energy is particularly proud that our Bala Falls Small Hydro Project will also contribute to Bala's long-term economic well-being.

Respectfully,



John Wildman | Vice Chair | Swift River Energy Limited

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