



Proposed Bala Falls Power Station
*Incomplete and Inconsistent Information
from the Proponent*

Congratulations and Thank You

- We are very pleased that on April 26, 2011 the District Municipality of Muskoka passed a resolution to transfer ownership of the land required for Option 2 to the Township of Muskoka Lakes
 - This is an issue which more affects and is of **concern to the local area**, so this is the correct level of government to be involved
 - This was a major issue in the October 25, 2010 municipal election, prospective Township Councillors clearly stated their position, the public has had their say, and these **Councillors therefore have their mandate**
 - This is wonderful, this is the way **democracy** is supposed to work

A Lack of Information from the Proponent

- Proponent made dimensioned drawings available in February 2011 for their *Licence of Occupation Application*
 - As we delegated to the District Municipality of Muskoka's Public Works Committee on February 23, 2011, these drawings were **inconsistent, incorrect, and incomplete**
 - Proponent has still not addressed these
- As delegated to the Township of Muskoka Lakes Council this morning, proponent has demonstrated a **repeated pattern of not answering questions** from the public and neglecting to tell the public of important developments

Incorrect Information from the Proponent

- We have requested a **vibration analysis** so know the “park-like setting” of the proposed public lookout does not feel as if one is standing on a humming factory
- Proponent replies: *“No vibration is expected to be experienced atop of the powerhouse”*
 - Is this inexperience, hope, misleading information, because ...
- At the public lookout for the Fenelon Falls power station
 - **Vibration is very noticable**
 - And the drone of the machinery below **drowns out the sound of the falls**
 - And the proposed Bala power station would be $\frac{2}{3}$ larger

Delays Caused by the Proponent

- We have delegated in this room, to the Township of Muskoka Lakes, and worked for years to get the information needed to evaluate and understand this proposal
- The delays are due to the **proponent withholding information, providing incorrect information, ignoring public input, providing evasive responses, and changing their plans**

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still
THERE IS TOO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW

- Same presenter
- Same venue
- Same title
- Same unaddressed concerns
- Two years later!

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Conflicting Information from the Proponent

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What the Public Needs to Know

- Would the project be **safe**
 - Transport Canada says yes, but their mandate and expertise is marine navigation
- Would the project be **beautiful**, having a positive impact
 - All we've seen is an ugly concrete cube with blasted rocks piled up the side
 - And even this isn't correct since it doesn't allow for cooling and the public lookout is obstructed
- Would there be enough **scenic flow**
 - The falls are crucial to Bala's economy
- A **local** process is needed
 - The Ministry of the Environment's process isn't working for Bala

Thank You

- For quickly seeing from the proponent's recently submitted *Licence of Occupation Application* that this proposed project has many **problems and inconsistencies**
 - And this is a cultural heritage site, requiring more than a technical evaluation
- For enabling the Township to
 - Directly deal with this issue, as it has always been of more **local significance**
 - Move this forward, following the **proper process**