

This is about all we know about the appearance of the proposed generating station

Nothing

Proposed Hydro-electric Generating Station at the Bala Falls
Proponent must Honour Commitments and
Get Required Approvals First


Proponent's Asks

- Proponent asks for Driveway Entrance permits and to lease Township land
- They must **first** honour their commitments and get **all** approvals

Township Resolutions

- Considering use of Municipal land

- As the proponent is now asking through their offer to lease
- July 8, 2008: *“Township ... concurs ‘in principle’ ... subject to ... successful completion of the required Environmental Screening”*
- October 21, 2008: *“Township ... recommends ... that the environmental screening ... include ... the heritage value of the North Bala Falls and any related heritage impact the hydro ... station may have on the falls”*


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COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 8 July 2008 RESOLUTION NUMBER: C-29-080708


MOVED BY: Councillor Patricia Arney

SECONDED BY: Councillor Elizabeth Denyar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes, concurs 'in principle', that the District Municipality of Muskoka consider the use of the District owned lands, located on the south side of the Bala Falls North Dam, by Swift River Energy, as part of a new hydroelectric generating facility, all subject to further public input and successful completion of the required Environmental Screening.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS	
COUNCILLOR ARNEY	---	---	
COUNCILLOR DAVENSON	---	---	
COUNCILLOR DENYAR	---	---	
COUNCILLOR ELLIS	---	---	
COUNCILLOR GRADY	---	---	
COUNCILLOR HARE	---	---	MOTION DEFEATED []
COUNCILLOR MARTIN	---	---	MOTION CARRIED [✓]
COUNCILLOR THOMPSON	---	---	
COUNCILLOR WALLACE	---	---	
MAYOR PRYKE	---	---	
TOTALS	---	---	

Susan Pryke
MAYOR


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COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 21 Oct 2008 RESOLUTION NUMBER: C-14-201008

MOVED BY: Mayr Gladys

SECONDED BY: Brian Hare

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes recommends to the Ministry of Natural Resources, and Swift River Energy that the environmental screening for the hydro project at the North Bala Falls include:

- 1) the heritage value of the North Bala Falls and any related heritage impact the hydro generation station may have on the falls, and
- 2) the environmental screening process take into consideration the potential impact that the proposed construction may have on Bala's economy, including its important winter economy by addressing safe snowmobile movement around the construction site, by investigating alternative water coverage of Bala Bay.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS	
COUNCILLOR ARNEY	---	---	
COUNCILLOR DAVENSON	---	---	
COUNCILLOR DENYAR	---	---	
COUNCILLOR ELLIS	---	---	
COUNCILLOR GRADY	---	---	
COUNCILLOR HARE	---	---	MOTION DEFEATED []
COUNCILLOR MARTIN	---	---	MOTION CARRIED [✓]
COUNCILLOR THOMPSON	---	---	
COUNCILLOR WALLACE	---	---	
MAYOR PRYKE	---	---	
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MAYOR

District Resolution, October 14, 2008

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site will be considered by Muskoka District Council, subject to the conditions in smoker 2 of this resolution.

2) The consideration in section 1 is conditional upon:

(i) the Muskoka District site being identified in the ongoing environmental approval process as a preferred alternative to the presently selected Crown Land site;

(ii) compliance with all applicable approvals by the proponent, and

(iii) on completion of 2 (i) and (ii), an agreement satisfactory to Muskoka.

Members	Yea	Nay
B. Bovin	X	
L. Braid		X
M. Casey	X	
M. Clarmont		X
S. Clement	X	
F. Coleman	X	
D. Coates	X	
B. Colhoun	X	
C. Doughty	X	
M. Gray	X	
J. Kinck		X
S. Martin	X	
S. Pryke	X	
J. Peake		ABSENT
T. Pilger	X	ABSENT
G. Smith	X	
G. Sutcliffe	X	
B. Thompson	X	
I. Wallace	X	
J. Walden	X	
G. Young	X	
S. Young	X	
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Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

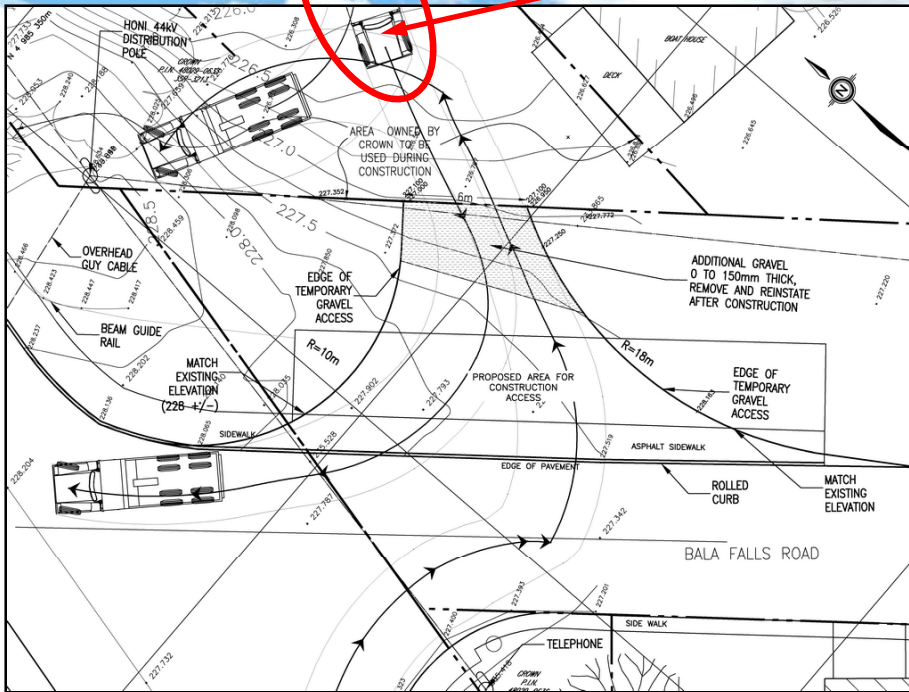
Councillor B. Thompson declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the recommendations to award tender Nos. 08-315-106, 08-315-312 and 08-400-100-3.

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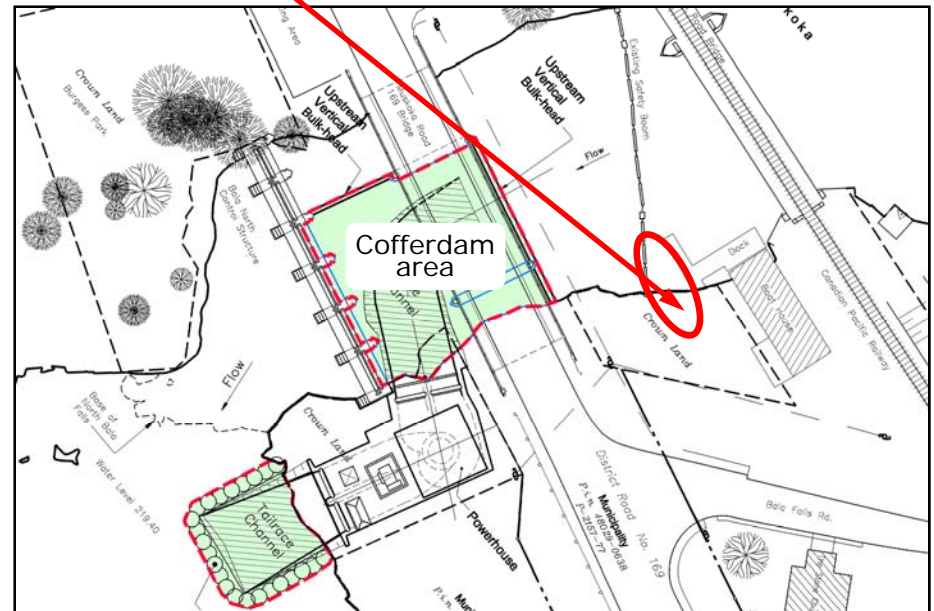
- Resolution to consider providing Municipal land for Option 2 ...
 - “... is conditional upon ... *compliance with all applicable approvals by the proponent*”

Cofferdam in Bala North Channel

Truck backing into north channel !?



Proponent's application drawing NBC-03



Proponent's 2012 Environmental Assessment, Figure 5.1

- Proponent plans to drive blasted rock up the Bala north channel
 - Requires a much larger cofferdam area than in either 2009 or 2012 Environmental Assessments and approvals

Appearance ?



All we know is we don't know – and it would be 48% larger than 2012 Addendum and rendering

No Environmental Approval

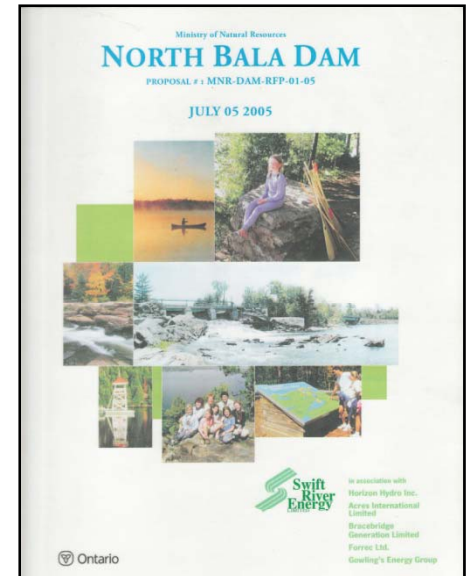
- Ministry of the Environment states: *“Swift River Energy Limited must implement the Project in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Environmental Screening Report ...”*
- Proponent’s major changes therefore do not have Environmental Approval:
 - Footprint of proposed generating station being 48% larger
 - Size and location of cofferdam in Bala north channel
 - Fencing-off Margaret Burgess Park forever
 - Required work in Margaret Burgess Park

Proponent needs other approvals first

- Proponent still needs
 - **Plans and Specifications approval** from the Ministry of Natural Resources, under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
 - **Approval from Transport Canada** under the Navigation Protection Act for impacts on marine navigation
 - Given trucks turning, construction of bridge over Bala north falls, trees removed, all disturbing the soil in Margaret Burgess Park, an Archaeological and **Heritage Impact Assessment** is required

Proponent Not Honouring Commitments

- Proponent was selected based on their 2005 proposal, which stated the proposed generating station ...
 - *“will be below road level and only some 5 ft above ground level”*
 - *“will not generally diminish the public’s enjoyment of the area for swimming, boating ...”*
- Proponent’s 2012 Addendum showed height as more than 30’
- And the proponent would make the area too dangerous for in-water recreation, both upstream and downstream
 - So Margaret Burgess Park would be fenced-off forever



Proponent's Offer to Lease

- The Bala falls main asset is the **natural** beauty
 - Proponent would permanently destroy the Portage Landing area south of the proposed construction site
- The offered money may seem substantial
 - But is only the realty taxes from 20 to 25 cottages
- Would occupy and make mess of three sites rather than one
 - Proponent would remove all trees and vegetation from Portage Landing (it is just “over-burden” to them)

Proponent's Asks

The proponent has many **commitments to honour**
and
approvals to receive
before
the Township needs to consider this lease offer or
Driveway Entrance permit application