No, this would be destruction – removing all the trees on the Crown land. And you want to do this before you even know if you could actually do the subsequent construction.

No, as is actually shown in the digram, you plan on raising the water level of Lake Muskoka in the summer months, creating a greater risk of flooding when there's an unexpected storm.

No, you wouldn't follow the 2006
Muskoka River Water Management Plan, you would need to make significant changes to it. And you still haven't told us the "rationale" for this Best Management Zone, as you're required to do.

Yes, you would increase the risk of flooding. During construction, you would obstruct most of the Bala north channel, so it would not be available for flood control.

Let's hear the whole truth

You don't have major approvals yet for the construction, why do you try to scare us when all you have is a date to begin the destruction.

What "informed", it has been nine years and we still don't know what you propose the appearance of this would be. When will you tell us how tall this would be. When will you show us how much of the view down the Moon River would be obstructed for cars driving past – which is the best opportunity to get potential tourists to stop and stay a while.

Swift River

We're Listening

Swift River is committed to keeping you informed about the North Bala Small Hydro Project.

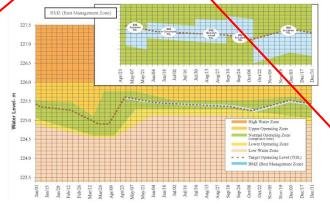
Project Update July 2014

Project Status Today

- · We are seeking remaining construction permits & approva
- An architect has been retained to design the final look of the facility based on public input.
- We are presently scheduled to start construction on October 20, 2014.

How will WATER LEVELS be affected by the project?

Water levels will be more stable on both upstream Lake Muskoka and downstream Moon River due to the new control system. Also, not only will we follow the Muskoka River Water Management Plan (MRWMP est. in Jan. 2006) but we have committed to open ting within an even more restrictive. Best Management ZO ke" for Lake Muskoka. This new Zone will restrict water level fluctuations to within a cm (1.5") of the larget level during the summer (see graph below).



The Proposed Operating Plan for Lake Muskoka. Graph based on the 2006 MRWMP with the new BMZ from the 2009 Environmental Screening Review Report.

What impact will the Project have on HIGH FLOW/FLOOD events like in 2013?

Our operation will NOT affect the likelihood or the impact of natural events. It may, however, reduce the impact of less severe events through our new control systems, and coordination with other facilities.

What "restrictive", this actually lets you vary from the Target Operating Level. In any case, the water levels could actually be increased to just less than the Normal Operating Zone, so be increased even more.

Water levels would be higher than now, why don't you tell us that.

During cycling, the turbine would be run at about the same flow as the full capacity of the Bracebridge Falls generating station.

And there is a 110'-long concrete breakwater protecting the people and boats from the fast and trbulent water existing the Bracebridge Falls generating station.

Bala would not have this protection.

And this cycling would begin at about noon on ¹/₃ summer days – just when people would be in the water. This cycling would be too often and too dangerous.

It is the flow – and changing the flow without warning that is the problem.

No, these were not construction permits, these were only driveway entrance permits for only two of the three locations you need. Quit exaggerating how far you think you are.

Sure, it would reopened, but what about your fencing it off so people can no longer climb down the rocks to get to the Moon River.

"Intention"??, sounds too non-commital to me. Why do you not say it would be opened.

WATER LEVELS: What happens during a DRY SPELL?

In extreme dry spells, the facility will shut down for part of the day saving water until there we enough volume to run the turbine for a few hours at about ¼ of its capacity. This activity is called cycling, and will occur a maximum of once per day.

FACT Water level changes due to cycling will be no more than 1" per day.





Variation of annual spring water levels looking down Moon River at plargaret Burgess Park next to the North Bala Dam. **Left photo:** shows extreme high water level in May 2013. **Right photo:** shows a more typical lower water level in May 2015.

You Should Know:

UPDATEWe were issued construction permits from the District of Muskoka in June. Unfortunately our offer to widen the shoulder for a section of Hwy 169 for offloading equipment in order to keep lanes open during construction (as outlined in our June update) was again rejected by the District at the aguest of the Township of Muskoka Lakes. Lake closures will now be inevitable during construction.

Other benefits of this proposed shoulder widening included: more street parking, easier snow removal and a new blace for people to safely pull over to view the river after construction was complete.

UPDATE As described in our May and June updates, we offered to pay the Township to use vacant lands for construction access and staging in an effort to keep Margaret Burgess Park open to the public. In June – 8 months after our initial offer – the Township finally responded. It officially defined our requirement to discuss this proposal, thus leaving us no choice but to close the park for the 18-month construction period.

FACT It is Swift River's intention to re-open Margaret Burgess Park for public use once construction is complete.

To learn more about the North Bala Small Hydro Project

DalaFall

All we want to know is:

- Would it be safe.
- Would it be **beautiful**, as the area is.
- Would there be enough water over the falls to continue to draw people to Bala.

But the greedy proponent won't answer the public's fair and relevant questions.

Find out what's really happening at SaveTheBalaFalls.com

How about talking about the 10'-high retaining wall the shoulder widening would need. Dangerous to fall down, and people looking upstream from the Moon River would see even more concrete. And what about the fence that would be required that would also obstruct the view down the Moon River.

How about telling us that traffic would be stopped for up to 1½ hours during blasting – regardless of whether the road is widened or not. How about the reduction in speed limit through the construction zone – everybody knows that speed limits are reduced through construction zones.

What "vacant lands", this is the historic Portage Landing, a designated Cultural Heritage Landscape. And you'd cut down all the trees and fill it with blasted rocks.

Your offer the keep Margaret Burgess Park open would mean that you'd close three other public sites. Better you close one site than three. We don't want your self-serving offer.