

Letter to the Editor, Bracebridge Examiner

Recently, travelling to the **Owen Sound** area and adjacent **Grey County** I was surprised to see smack on the front of their Chamber of Commerce brochure a waterfall. In addition they also produced a brochure exclusively promoting all the waterfalls throughout **Grey County**.

Isn't it ironic while they promote their waterfalls to attract the highly competitive Ontario tourist dollar, here in **Muskoka** we plan on destroying one of our beautiful and historic waterfalls.

It is also interesting to note a respected editor quoted in a recent local newspaper "The district's economy is based almost solely on the natural environment. The lakes and forests are the attractions that make our small population triple each summer."

Another local editor's comment also stated "In an area like **Muskoka** where the environment is a source of pride and a considerable draw for tourists, threats to the ecosystem are a major cause for concern."

Again and again it's been said that the building of a hydro/electric dam at **Bala Falls** will destroy the iconic beautiful area both physically and economically.

Let's finally put an end to the present disastrous course of action planned for the "Falls" for the sake of all those who love and respect the natural beauty of Muskoka.

P.S. A recent tourist promotion for Germany's beautiful **Black Forest** area featured appropriately none other than a waterfall, not a concrete blockhouse hydro-electric plant!

Respectfully,

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