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The Bala north channel

The Bala north channel used to be a few feet deep, with no flow in the summer – you could stand in it, and walk up the shore



The intake

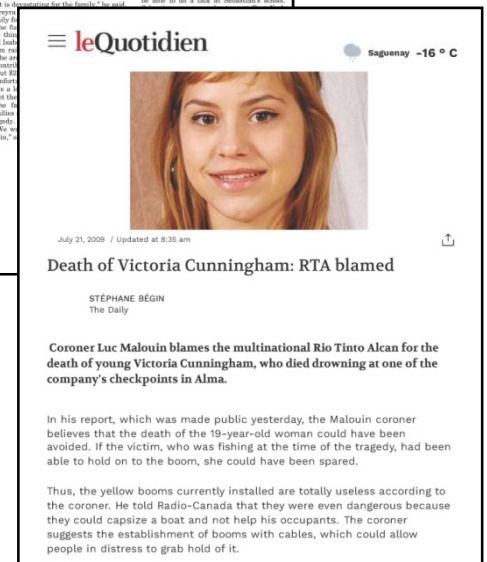
- The intake is 35' deep and 40' wide
 - 106 tons of water per second would flow in (65 cars/s)
- Flow would be moved from the Bala south channel to the north channel
 - Endangering people both upstream and downstream of the north channel
- Flow could start anytime
 - Likely about noon, as proponent would be paid 50% more beginning at that time



Three drownings of teenagers due to hydro-electric generating stations

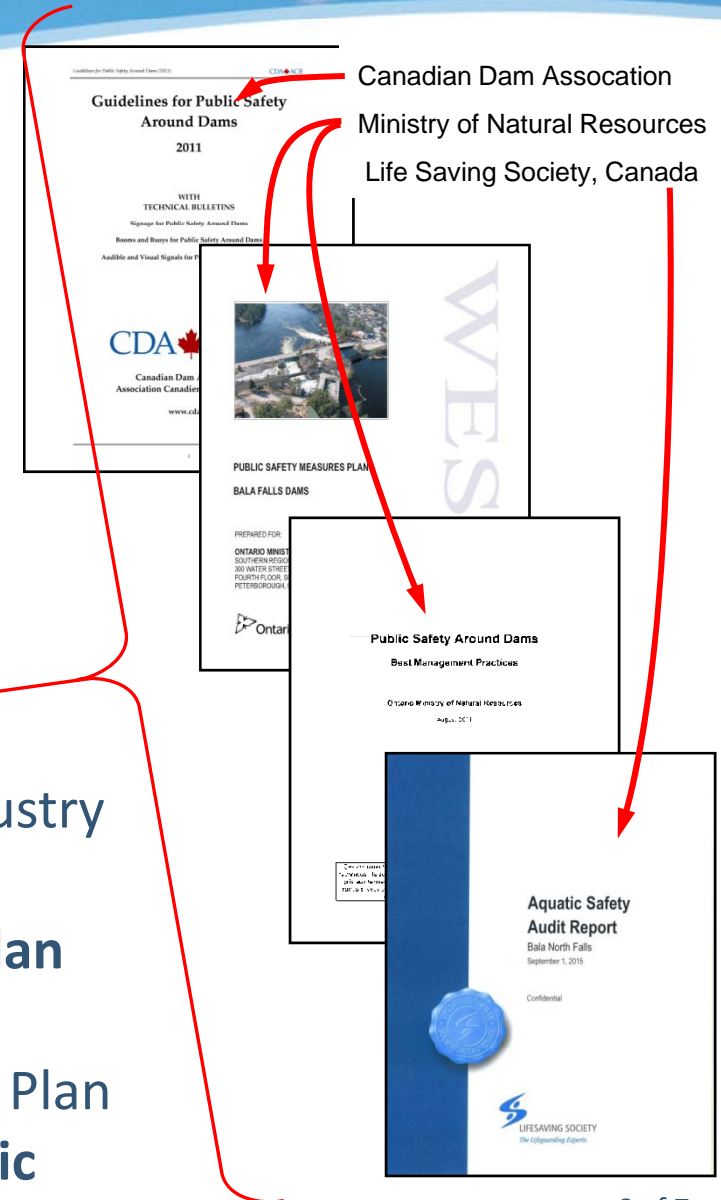
- Grieving parents wanted to know this could not happen again
- We understand the location situation, the province and proponent do not
- It is now time for us to act, to show that communities must learn from others and change

- All in the last few years
- Two of the stations were much smaller than the proposed Bala station
- Two drownings were upstream, one was downstream of the generating station



Public Safety Plan

- Transport Canada's approval is only for marine navigation
 - The public has not been shown how, or if, it could be operated safely
 - Proponent and MNRF have never built a generating station as close to in-water recreational areas
- Public Safety Plans
 - Requirements are well-known in the industry (hazards, safety measures ...)
 - But are only useful **if the Public Safety Plan addresses all local conditions**
 - MNRF has not required the Public Safety Plan to be **workable, or disclosed to the public**



Our request

- Province has asked the Township of Muskoka Lakes to comment on Swift River Energy Limited's application for a Permit To Take Water from the Bala north channel
- It is now time to act:
 - **No operation until there is an adequate Public Safety Plan**
- Township Council should ask the station not be operated during in-water recreation times

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