



October 24, 2009

To the Bala Community:

**North Bala Small Hydro Project
October 29th Open House: POSTPONED**

I am writing to you to inform you that the public information meeting scheduled for October 29, 2009 has been postponed until further notice.

In the meantime, if you have an interest in our Bala Falls Small Hydro Project, I encourage you to visit our project website, at www.balafalls.ca, or any one of the following locations where the project's Environmental Screening Report (the "Report") is available for public review.

- **Bala Public Library**
1008 Maples Street, Bala
- **Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce**
3181 Muskoka Road 169, Bala
- **Township of Muskoka Lakes**
1 Bailey Street, Port Carling
- **The Norma and Miller Alloway Muskoka Lakes Library**
69 Joseph Street, Port Carling
- **District Municipality of Muskoka**
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge
- **On-line at:** www.balafalls.ca

In accordance with the Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act and the regulations guiding the project's review and approvals (see the Ministry of Environment's "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects, March 2001", www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/4021e.pdf), you are required to file any outstanding concerns you may have with the Report or requests to elevate the project to an Environmental Review or an Individual Environmental Assessment, before November 27, 2009, with our consulting planning engineers and the Ministry of the Environment at the following locations:

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Hatch
Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 7J7
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Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1L5

Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused, and thank you for your understanding. In the event that our North Bala Hydro Project obtains the necessary approvals, we expect – in keeping with our practice to date – to be holding further meetings with the community.

We look forward to continuing our commitment to community outreach after obtaining our necessary environmental approvals.

Respectfully,

Karen McGhee

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