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Subject: Bala Falls - safety measures

Dear Township Council:

This note is further to Swift River's February 22nd delegation to Township Council.

During our delegation, council inquired about the safety measures planned for the project, in particular upstream and downstream of the north dam. At that time I alluded to a study that was being undertaken by the MNR with respect to public safety under the existing conditions, and that measures to be taken by Swift River would be somewhat contingent on the results of MNR's report and what measures MNR ultimately implement prior to Swift River's project proceeding.

As background, it is Swift River's understanding that this study was commissioned by MNR in 2009 as part of its province-wide dam safety policy and Bala was added to the list of dams being assessed after the tragic drownings at the site in the summer of 2009. Please note that Swift River has been anxiously awaiting the finalization of this report by MNR since 2009 when we were notified that it was going to be undertaken. Especially in light of the extensive public interest in safety matters in relation to Swift River proposed project.

During the February 22nd council meeting, Council requested that I follow-up with them when MNR's report was released.

I was recently informed by MNR that this study has now been finalized and would be releasing it to the public. Swift River requested a copy of MNR's finalized report and reviewed it yesterday. Upon review, I feel it is safe to say that I think Council would be very interested in the findings of MNR's report and the recommendations that have been made to improve safety in this area, in particular with respect safety boom location, fencing, signage, and flows over the north dam - all with respect to existing conditions. Please note that Swift River has had no connection or involvement in MNR's report, other than to be aware that it was an ongoing initiative by MNR and to review the finalized copy just yesterday.

It is my understanding that MNR will be delivering a copy of its report to the Township CAO later this week.

I would suggest that once Township has received a copy and had a chance to review this new information and what recommendations MNR plan on implementing for its own purposes, Swift River and the Township will be finally be able to better discuss what additional measures will need to be taken with respect to the proposed waterpower project.

Regards,
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