

PROJECT UPDATES*

June 28, 2010	With the cooperation of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), SREL will be conducting additional velocity measurements upstream of Bala's North and South dams (the week of June 28 th) to expand on the work contained in the Environmental Screening Report (ESR).
May 2010	SREL receives request from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to clarify some of the proposed measures to mitigate potential navigation and economic impacts.
April 8, 2010	SREL awarded a 40-year Feed-In-Tariff contract from Ontario Power Authority to purchase electricity from the Bala Falls small hydro project.
March 22 - April 5	SREL issues formal responses to all elevation requests received during 45-day public review/comment period.
March 25, 2010	SREL meets with Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce executive to discuss methods to reduce possible impacts to businesses during construction period.
March 2010	SREL meets with MOE to discuss outcome of stakeholder meetings.
February 16 - March 3, 2010	SREL hold meetings with stakeholders (in Burlington, Toronto, and Muskoka) to address concerns and questions raised with respect to the ESR.
February 2010	SREL meets with Ontario Power Generation and MNR to discuss operation strategies for Bala dams and water management for Muskoka River system.
February 2010	SREL meets with MOE regarding ESR and proposed plan to respond to public comments received during the public review period.
January 22, 2010	SREL sponsors local Habitat for Humanity initiative to support Bala housing project.
November 27, 2009	Public review/comment period ends. MOE begins its review of project.
October 14, 2009	In the Notice of Completion, posted in local newspapers and mailed to all those on the project's stakeholder lists, SREL opts to increase the required 30-day public review/comment period to 45 days and indicates where the ESR is available for public review (local locations and on the project website).

* Since posting the Notice of Completion (October 14, 2009) in accordance with the "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Project, March 2001".