

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

December 1, 2010	Department of Fisheries and Oceans accepts Letter of Intent dated November 30, 2010, for project to outline revised mitigation and compensation plans for fish and fish habitat. DFO states that it is “satisfied that all fish and fish habitat related concerns have been adequately addressed”. <a href="#">Click here</a>
November 2010	Economic Impact Study completed, copies sent to the Township of Muskoka Lakes and Ministry of Environment. Digital copy provided on website for public viewing.
October 2010	SREL forms a multi-stakeholder Flow Duration Committee and holds 3 meetings, totalling over 12 hours of presentations and deliberation, to review the scenic flows proposed in the ESR and to provide recommendations to the amendment to the Muskoka River Water Management Plan.
August-October 2010	SREL retains C4SE to conduct an independent survey of local businesses and complete a Economic Impact Study of the project.
June 28, 2010	With the cooperation of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MN), SREL will be conducting additional velocity measurements upstream of Bala’s North and South dam (the week of June 28 <sup>th</sup> ) to expand on the work contained in the Environmental Screening Report (ESR).
May 2010	SREL receives request from MOE to provide additional clarification on some of the proposed mitigation before a decision is made with respect to navigation and economic impacts.
April 8, 2010	SREL awarded a 40-year Feed-In-Tarriff contract from Ontario Power Authority to purchase electricity from the Bala small hydro project.
March -22 through April 5	SREL issues formal responses to all elevation requests received during 45-day public review/comment period.
March 25, 2010	SREL meets with Chamber of Commerce executive to discuss methods to reduce possible impacts to businesses during construction period.
March 2010	SREL meets with MOE EAAB to discuss outcome of stakeholder meetings
February 16 through March 3, 2010	SREL holds meetings with stakeholders (in Burlington, Toronto, and Muskoka) to address concerns and questions raised with respect to ESR.
February 2010	SREL meets with Ontario Power Generation and Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss operation strategies for Bala dams and water management for Muskoka River system.
February 2010	SREL meets with MOE EAAB regarding ESR and proposed plan to respond to public comments received on ESR.
January 22, 2010	SREL sponsors local Habitat for Humanity initiative to support Bala housing project.
November 27, 2009	Public comment period ends. Ministry of Environment begins its review of project.

October 14, 2009	SREL posts Notice of Completion in local newspapers, signifying the start of the public review and comment process. 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 project website).
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Since posting the Notice of Completion (October 14, 2009) in accordance with the “Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects, March 2001”.