



PROJECT UPDATES

October 19, 2011	Swift River issues “Open Letter to Bala Community” indicating its intent to abandon Option 2 and to revert back to Option 1. Change in options is due to failure to come to an agreement with Township of Muskoka Lakes over lease of municipal lands for project required for the Option 2 plan.
September 12, 2011	Township receives several objections to notice of intent to designate lands as heritage around the project site.
August 17, 2011	Township posts notice of its intention to designate several properties around project as heritage, including municipal land for which powerhouse is to be located for Option 2.
July 29, 2011	Township of Muskoka Lakes passes resolution to not consider any lease agreement with Swift River until several non-specific conditions are met.
June 27, 2011	Swift River presents to Township Of Muskoka Lakes council to ask for lease for lands for project, and issues answers to public’s questions previously provided to Swift River by the Township.
June 6, 2011	District council passes bylaw to transfer land required for project to Township of Muskoka Lakes.
May 16, 2011	Swift River’s solicitor presents to District council asking that the decision to transfer land to Township not be ratified.
April 26, 2011	District of Muskoka passes resolution to transfer District land required for project over the Township of Muskoka Lakes
February 23, 2011	Swift River presents to District’s Public Works Committee with respect to land lease application.
February 22, 2011	Swift River presents to Township of Muskoka Lakes with respect to land lease application.
February 15, 2011	Swift River releases new digital renderings of both Options 1 and 2 for the project.
January 31, 2011	Swift River files application package with Township of Muskoka Lakes for lease of Township lands for project.
January 28, 2011	Swift River files application package with District Municipality of Muskoka for lease of District lands for project.
January 18, 2011	Swift River presents to Township of Muskoka Lakes for new council members.
January 10, 2011	Swift River presents to District Municipality of Muskoka for new council members.
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”.
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 th) 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-Tariff 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”.