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## The Latest

Swift River Energy Limited is hiring a local operator for the hydro plant in Bala. Interested parties should send an email to [work@balafalls.ca](mailto:work@balafalls.ca) before March 31, 2019. More details are available on the following page. As part of our continuing engagement with the community, here's what you need to know about our activities.

### Work completed:

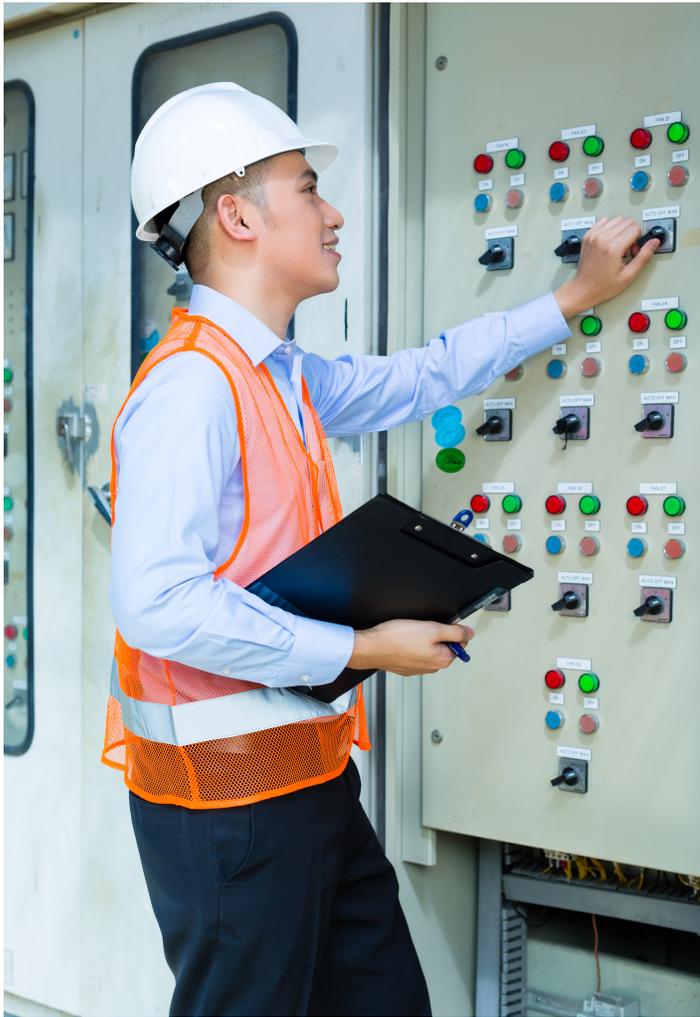
- Water intake structure
- Upstream cofferdam has been removed
- Manufacturing of electronic control systems (SCADA)
- Commencement of powerhouse building

The north and south dams are fully operational for the spring melt now that the station's intake is completed and the coffer dam has been removed.

## What's next

At the end of March, we will be conducting one final controlled blast at the tailrace, where water exits the power plant. The blast will require one road closure\*, lasting less than 15 minutes. Mail notifications have been sent to nearby land owners.

\*A road closure is being taken as an extra precaution at the request of the District Municipality of Muskoka. A previous version of the newsletter indicated that this work would not impact street traffic.



## Station Operator Needed

Swift River Energy Limited is seeking to hire 1-2 employees to carry out operation and maintenance procedures for our run-of-river 4.7 MW North Bala Small Hydro Project. The goal of the Station Operator is to minimize individual generating unit downtime and ensure operational and grid reliability. The position is ideal for an individual with an industrial electrician or millwright background. Industry experience is an asset. Computer skills are a mandatory requirement.

The project is expected to achieve substantial completion in June 2019. SREL would like to have a Station Operator position in place prior to the power plant coming online because the start up process would serve as a valuable learning environment for the employee.

The primary responsibility of the Station Operator is to maintain and run the plant in a manner that will maximize energy production while adhering to strict regulations and operating protocols. The hydro plant operates 24/7, and the Station Operator is required to be on call after hours to respond to alarms and any emergency situations.

Please send an email to [work@balafalls.ca](mailto:work@balafalls.ca) by **March 31** with:

- your resume;
- a cover letter highlighting relevant experiences;
- your hourly rate or salary expectations.

We will try to respond quickly to expressions of interests.

## Water Management Plan

In November & December of 2018, SREL met with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and other stakeholders and became a signatory to the Muskoka River Water Management Plan. As a signatory, we made commitments and agreements on how we will be a responsible user of water and how we will help to maintain normal lake levels within the Muskoka River Watershed.

The MRWMP considers all who use the water including wildlife, recreation, hydro generation, etc. The plan includes operational guidelines for waterpower facilities, provisions for the management of water levels, and a monitoring program for anticipated ecological and social improvements.

The requirements for the MRWMP are set by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



*Powerhouse frame being assembled, first week of March 2019*

ABOUT: The North Bala Small Hydro Project is a 4.7 Megawatt run-of-river waterpower facility at Bala's North Dam. Project benefits include a new park joining the two halves of Bala, a new observation deck overlooking the Moon River, more parking spaces, and creation of additional fish habitat. The project will reach substantial completion in June 2019.