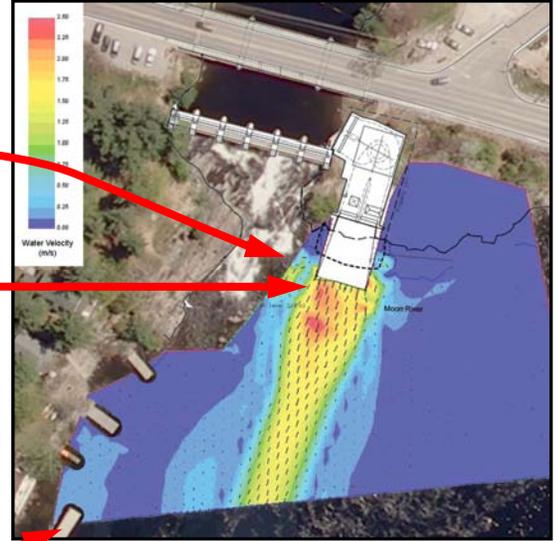


# Three Facts About the Proposed Generating Station at the Bala Falls

## 1) Way Too Dangerous

- For generations, people have been drawn to Bala to play in the usually-serene water at the base of the Bala north falls.
- But the proposed generating station would be just a few feet away, and without warning it would start at about noon on summer days. People would either be **drowned by the undertow** from the treacherously fast and turbulent water, or would be pushed out to the middle of the Moon River.
- Generating stations are not and should not be located this close to in-water recreational areas, yet the proponent and Ministry of Natural Resources have not addressed this **death trap**.
- The fast water would also tip people out of their canoes and kayaks, both on their way to the only public docks on the Moon River, and to the three private docks closer to the Bala north falls.



## 2) Muskoka is for Everyone

- Anybody can come to Bala, and park for free, and fish or swim for free, or bring a picnic and watch the beautiful falls for free – even the washrooms are free. There are stores and restaurants, and you can rent a canoe or kayak and go exploring.
- Did you know that by international agreement 50% of the flow of the Niagara River must go over the Niagara Falls – because it is important to the area's economy. But in Bala only **6%** of the flow would be over the falls, why is our economy less important.
- The area's economy is driven by the Bala falls – literally bus-loads of people come to see them. But people won't come to see **dry rocks where the falls used to be**.
- Did you know that the proposed station would make the most power – in the spring and the fall – exactly when it is least needed. Ontario taxpayers would be paying this private developer up to **17¢/kW•h** for excess electricity that Ontario would have to **sell at a huge loss to the US** for less than **5¢/kW•h**. Over the initial 40-year contract, the private developer would be paid a **subsidy of over \$100,000,000 just to ruin both Bala's economy and Ontario's economy**. The politics of the Ontario Liberal government's misguided renewable energy policy has shown the environmental assessment process to be a farce. Major issues remain unaddressed.

## 3) This Mess Can be Cancelled for Free

- The proponent has reneged on fundamentally-important commitments, such as that their building's roof would not be higher than Muskoka Road 169.
- The proponent still doesn't have all the required approvals, has not dealt with major risks and environmental issues, and so they would miss their deadline to be in commercial operation.

For both these reasons the Ontario government can cancel this costly mess without the proponent having the right to claim costs or expenses. We need to convince the government that now is the time to cancel.

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