

## Dam 25 Hydro Project Community Liaison Committee February 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Ted Boynton (resident), Peter Brewer (resident), Grant Hipgrave (Bawitik Power), Lorrie Marlow (Parks Canada), Art Krause (ECCI), Rob Lamarre (Selwyn Tp), Terry McQuitty (resident), Paul Young (Bawitik Power)

Absent: Sheryl Over (resident), Deb Watson (resident)

### 1. Introductions

- Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and identified their place of residence or association to the Project.

### 2. Overview of Projects and Timelines

- Paul Y provided an update on the current status of the timing and coordination of the Dam replacement (Parks Canada responsibility) and the building of the Lock 25 Hydroelectric Generating Station (Bawitik Power Corporation).
- The current plan calls for Parks Canada to begin construction activities in the Summer/Fall of 2018. This work would include:
  - building construction access road,
  - clearing a laydown area (on the west side of the project site)
  - and excavating a bypass channel (capable of handling 420 cubic metres per second of water, equivalent to a 1-in-40 yr storm event).

This construction and dewatering work would be timed to ensure that sensitive breeding seasons for birds (bobolink, meadowlark and barn swallows), fish (rock bass, walleye) and reptiles (blanding and northern map turtles) are avoided.

- As currently envisioned, the bypass channel is expected to be completed by the end of June 2019, which will include the first stage of the generating station (Phase 1). Parks Canada and its contractors are expected to then have the current dam removed and replaced by the Fall of 2020 or early 2021. Bawitik will either continue to complete the generating station at the same time as Parks Canada completes its dam work, or, it will complete the work after the dam replacement is finished (Phase

2). The 44kV distribution line connecting the project to the province's electricity grid would likely be constructed during Phase 2.

- Paul Y explained that the turbine design is still being reviewed and depending on the chosen technology, the generating facility could be comprised of between five (5) and nine (9) units.
- Paul Y also clarified that after a more detailed review of the route options that construction access would avoid the current easement along the project site's edge. This was viewed favourably by CLC members.

### 3. Approvals

- Paul Y outlined that Parks Canada and Bawitik Power continue to work in close cooperation to collect the biophysical data to support their respective environmental impact assessments, i.e., a Detailed Impact Assessment and a Basic Impact Assessment, respectively.

### 4. CLC Questions/Concerns

- There was some discussion about what controls would be in place to oversee/regulate traffic, dust and noise. Paul Y explained that it is customary for projects of this sort to prepare and circulate project supervisors lists to neighbours should they have a question, query or concern. Some discussion followed about the possibility of reducing speed limits on the roads approaching the project site.

### 5. Next Steps

- Mention was made that:
  - a Public Community Meeting (PCM) is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 between 5 & 8 pm at the Lakefield Smith Community Centre
  - Notice of this PCM would appear in the Lakefield Herald, Friday Feb 23 and Mar 2
  - approximately 50 Notices were being mailed to Project Site neighbours.

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