

MATTAGAMI LAKE DAM HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING STATION PROJECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

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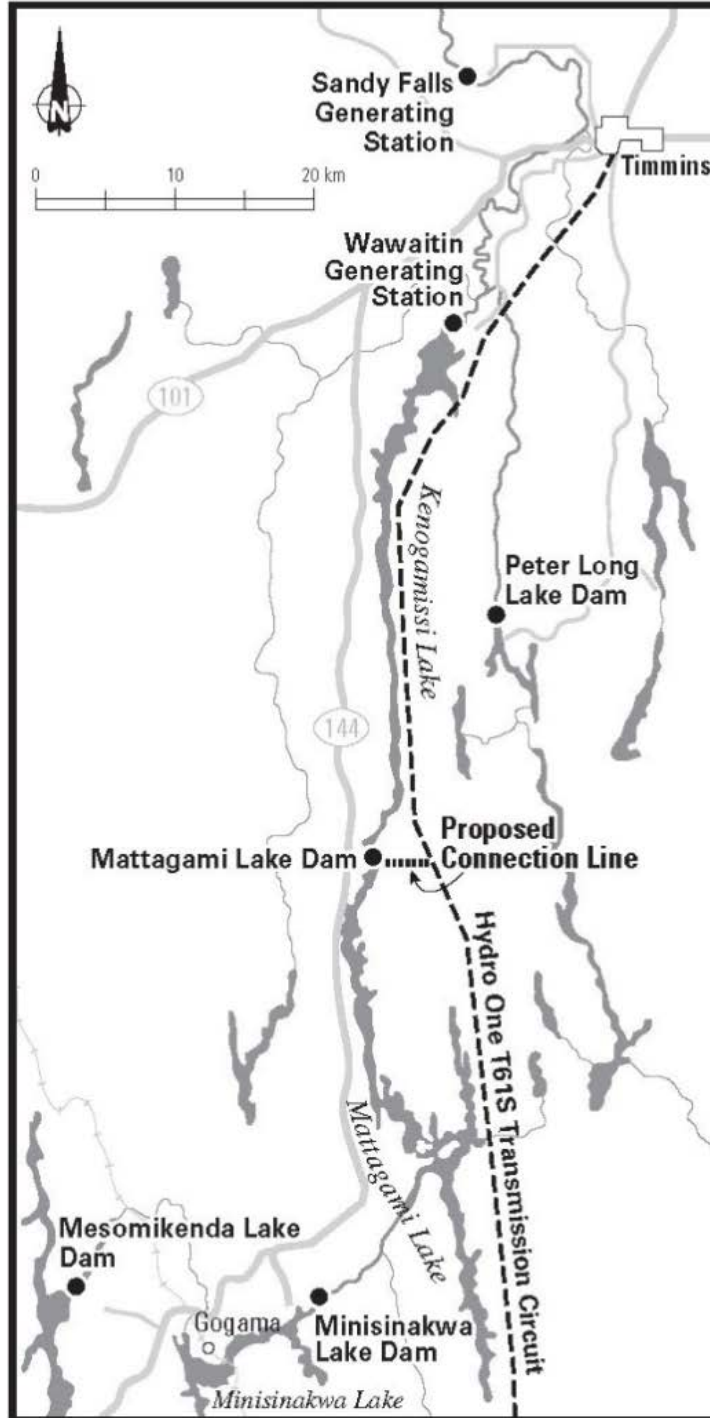
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1.0 Project Map and Contact Information (Qualified Applicant and Registered Proponent)

Figure 1: Location of Project Site and Proposed Connection Line



Project Name: Mattagami Lake Dam Hydroelectric Generating Station Project (the Project)

Project Website: www.mattagamilakedam-ea.com

Qualified Applicant: Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG)

Registered Proponent: As required by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s Large Renewable Procurement I (LRP) request for proposal process (the LRP RFP), the Project will be registered using a Special Purpose Entity (name to be determined)

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2.0 Introduction

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG), as the Qualified Applicant, through an associated Special Purpose Entity, is proposing to develop a 5-7 megawatts (MW) hydroelectric generating station (GS) and an approximately 3 km transmission line in the immediate vicinity of OPG's existing Mattagami Lake Control Dam ("the Project"). The Mattagami Lake Control Dam is located at the outlet of the Mattagami Lake (Kenogamissi Falls) on the Mattagami River, about 54 kilometers (km) south of the City of Timmins and about 20 km north of the Mattagami First Nation Reserve.

OPG and Mattagami First Nation are contemplating entering into a commercial relationship with respect to the Project. The intent will be to submit a joint proposal using a Special Purpose Entity to develop the Project in the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Large Renewable Procurement I (LRP) request for proposal process (the LRP RFP).

The Project was subject to a provincial environmental assessment (EA). This assessment began in 2007 and was completed in 2011. The environmental assessment included an Environmental Review ("ER Report"), carried out according to the Ontario Ministry of Environment Guide to Environmental Assessment for Electricity Projects (March 2001), Category B Environmental Screening Process (less than 200 megawatts) ("the *Guide to Electricity Projects*"). This environmental assessment included, among other topics, an assessment of the effects on the aquatic, terrestrial and socio-economic environment. The proposed transmission line was also included as part of the environmental assessment. This ER Report can be found on the Supporting Documents page of the Mattagami Lake Dam website (see Sections 1.0 of this Community Engagement Plan for the website address).

In 2011, a minor modification was made to the proposed design of the project and OPG produced a Supplementary Report in 2012 concluding that: "It is the determination of the OPG team that the Alternate Proposal will have less environmental effects than the Base Case. Thus, based on this determination and the requirements of the *Guide to Electricity Projects*, OPG is of the opinion that an "Addendum" as per section B.5.2 of the Guide is not required. Consultation with stakeholders has confirmed this". This conclusion was accepted by the Ministry of the Environment. This Supplementary Report can also be found on the Supporting Documents page of the Mattagami Lake Dam website.

In addition to the environmental assessment, a number of environmental permits and approvals may be required, including approvals from the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. A list of these permits and approvals can be found in the ER Report.

The Project includes the building of a new generating station adjacent to the existing control dam. The new generating station will comply with the existing operating regime identified in the Water Management Plan for the Mattagami River System. It will be managed so that there will be no change to the approved water levels in the existing Water Management Plan. The Project will provide the Province of Ontario with new reliable, clean and renewable electricity.

Currently, there are no transmission facilities at the Mattagami Lake Control Dam site. OPG will be responsible for constructing a transmission line from the proposed GS to Hydro One's existing T61S transmission line [115 kilovolts (kV), 60 hertz (Hz)] located about 3 kilometers (km) to the east. The existing Hydro One transmission line runs from the Timmins Transformer Station to the Shining Tree Distribution Station.

A Water Management Plan for the Mattagami River System has been developed and includes eighteen waterpower structures and facilities located along the river system that have influence on levels and flows. The Plan was the result of a partnership between Ontario Power Generation, the Ministry of Natural Resources and other private power producers which operate facilities along the river, as well as First Nations and the general public, which participated in the form of various advisory committees.

The Water Management Plan was prepared in accordance with the Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower, as approved by the Minister of Natural Resources on May 14, 2002. The *Ontario Lakes and River Improvements Act* requires compliance by facility operators with the operating regimes (required flows) established in the Water Management Plans and a compliance monitoring program has been established.

OPG is committed to consulting with the respective First Nations, government agencies and the public regarding the Project, details of which are contained in the following Community Engagement Plan.

3.0 Community Consultation and Engagement Objective

During the environmental assessment, OPG undertook a comprehensive and rigorous consultation program for Aboriginal peoples, the public and government agencies. Details of this consultation were documented in the Public/Agency Consultation Technical Support Document and the Aboriginal Consultation Technical Support Document and in the Environmental Report. Consultation with respect to the LRP will complement the consultation program that was completed for the EA.

The overall objective of community consultation is to:

“provide the public with an opportunity to have meaningful input on the Project and address public concerns where possible and feasible.”

In 2015, that guiding objective will still hold true and will help to steer the Project during the LRP process.

4.0 History of the Environmental Assessment Consultation Process

4.1 ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

The proposed Project occurs within the traditional territory of Mattagami First Nation. OPG and Mattagami First Nation continue to advance discussions concerning the possibility of the parties entering into a commercial relationship with respect to the Project. Many meetings have been held with Mattagami First Nation on all facets of the Project.

The following other Aboriginal groups (First Nation and Métis) have also been contacted as part of the Project: Flying Post, Matachewan, Wahgoshig, the Wabun Tribal Council, and the Abitibi, Temiscamingue, James Bay Territories Consultation Committee (Region 3 Métis). Phone calls and letters were placed and sent to all of these communities.

An “Aboriginal Peoples Consultation Technical Supporting Document” has been prepared for the Project as part of the EA process to document First Nations Consultation. This document was circulated and reviewed by relevant regulators.

4.2 PUBLIC AND AGENCY CONSULTATION

Public consultation has been a key part of the development process for the Mattagami Lake Dam Project since 2007. To date, consultation has been conducted under the guidance of the Ontario Ministry of Environment Guide to Environmental Assessment for Electricity Projects (March 2001), Category B Environmental Screening Process (less than 200 megawatts) (“the *Guide* to Electricity Projects”). Consultation has involved: two formal open houses; a website; on-going individual stakeholder consultation (in-person, phone, e-mail); newsletters; and special stakeholder meetings. A detailed summary of the consultation undertaken can be found on the Project website on the Supporting Documents page, in the Report entitled “Mattagami Lake Dam Public and Agency Consultation Technical Supporting Document”.

4.3 NOTIFICATIONS

Prior to the first Open House, a Notice of Commencement and invitation to attend the June 21, 2007 Open House appeared in local newspapers and the notices were also mailed directly to all individuals and organizations on the mailing list. In addition, newsletters were sent to individuals on the mailing list. Advertisements were also placed in the same newspapers prior to the second set of Open Houses, which took place on November 20 and 22, 2007.

Open House notices appeared in the following newspapers:

- Timmins Daily Press; and,
- Les Nouvelles (in French).

Copies of these notices appear in Appendix A of the “Mattagami Lake Dam Public and Agency Consultation Technical Supporting Document” and are also located on the Notices/Decisions page of the Project website.

Notices were published on two occasions in each newspaper, generally two to three weeks in advance of each Open House. Copies of the notices and the newsletters were also mailed out to the agency contacts in the database approximately two to three weeks prior to each Open House.

Newsletters were distributed to those on the public and agency database. The first newsletter served to introduce the Project, and to explain the EA Process and identify the types of studies and fieldwork planned. The second newsletter built on the first one by providing information and preliminary findings resulting from the fieldwork. Copies of the Newsletters can be found in Appendix B of the “Mattagami Lake Dam Public and Agency Consultation Technical Supporting Document” and are also located on the Newsletters page of the Project website.

4.4 OPEN HOUSES AND MEETINGS

The first public Open House with respect to the Proposed Undertaking was held on June 21, 2007 at the Gogama Community Recreation Centre located in Gogama, Ontario. The agenda included an open house format followed by a formal presentation and a question and answer period. A total of 14 individuals attended the Open House, of which most attended the presentation.

A second set of public Open Houses with respect to the Proposed Undertaking were held in Gogama, Ontario on November 20, 2007 and in Timmins, Ontario on November 22, 2007. The agenda included an open house format followed by a formal presentation and a question and answer period. A total of 51 individuals attended the Open Houses.

A separate meeting was held with cottagers in 2011 to discuss the Project.

4.5 WEBSITE

A website pertaining to the Project was established, and can be found at www.mattagamilakedam-ea.com. The website provided a project description, FAQs, a description of the EA process, notifications about public meetings, and contact information. This website was active by early June 2007, and continues to be accessible and operational. Contact information consisting of phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the OPG Project Manager and the SENES environmental assessment co-ordinator have been available throughout the course of the Project on the internet site.

4.6 SUMMARY

The public and agency consultation process for the Project has been comprehensive and inclusive of all interested individuals and government representatives. A fuller description of the public consultation process and comments made by the public can be found in the “Mattagami Lake Dam Public and Agency Consultation Technical Supporting Document”.

5.0 Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) Consultation

5.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Project will be submitted into the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Large Renewable Procurement I (LRP) request for proposal process (the LRP RFP). The LRP is a competitive process for procuring large renewable energy projects generally larger than 500 kilowatts. At the conclusion of the LRP, the IESO may award contracts for successful projects up to the specified procurement targets for each renewable fuel: 300 megawatts (MW) for wind, 140 MW for solar, 75 MW for waterpower, and 50 MW for bioenergy. The IESO is expected to award contracts to successful projects at the end of 2015.

As part of the LRP process, OPG is committed to consulting with both the Aboriginal and public communities.

The following requirements are applicable community engagement requirements of the LRP I RFP section 3.2.5.

3.2.5.a Community Engagement Plan	Requirement Satisfied
(i) A proposed community engagement plan in respect of the Large Renewable Project must have been developed (the "Community Engagement Plan");	This is the Community Engagement Plan which satisfies the requirements and is posted to the Project website.
(ii) The Community Engagement Plan must include the name of the Qualified Applicant and, if available, the Registered Proponent;	
(iii) A copy of the Community Engagement Plan must be continuously posted on the Large Renewable Project Website from the date that is at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the public community meeting identified in response to Subsection 3.2.5(c), and continuing until the IESO announces the Selected Proponents for this LRP I RFP, if any; and	
(iv) A copy of the Community Engagement Plan must have been delivered to the clerk of each Project Community, if applicable, and any other designated official prescribed by each Project Community, acting reasonably.	

3.2.5.c Public Community Meeting	Requirement Satisfied
(i) At least one (1) public community meeting must have been held to discuss the Large Renewable Project with members of the public in each of the Project Communities;	<p>The Large Renewable Project and Connection Line is located in whole in Unorganized Territories. There are no viable venues within 25 km of the Project, thus, the public community meeting has been scheduled to take place in Timmins, the Municipality geographically closest to the Project, on June 25, 2015.</p> <p>All documents required to be on display during the public community meeting will be on display as well as available on the Project website.</p> <p>When available and after the public community meeting, a meeting summary report will be posted on the Project website.</p>
(ii) If the Large Renewable Project or Connection Line is located, in whole or in part, in Unorganized Territories, at least one (1) public community meeting must have been held to discuss the Large Renewable Project with members of the public in such Unorganized Territories, which must have been held within twenty-five (25) kilometres of the Large Renewable Project, unless there are no viable venues within twenty-five (25) kilometres of the Large Renewable Project in which case the public community meeting must be held in the Municipality geographically closest to the Large Renewable Project;	
(iii) All of the information required in the Prescribed Template – Notice of Public Community Meeting must have been on public display at the public community meeting;	
(iv) The Site Considerations Information must have been on public display at the public community meeting;	
(v) The Community Engagement Plan must have been on public display at the public community meeting;	
(vi) The public community meeting must have occurred on or after June 12, 2013;	
(vii) A copy of the meeting summary report for each public community meeting must have been posted on the Large Renewable Project Website; and	
(viii) A copy of the meeting summary report for each public community meeting must have been provided to the clerk of each Project Community (including, but not limited to, the Project Community within which the public community meeting took place), if applicable, and any other designated official prescribed by each Project Community, acting reasonably.	

3.2.5.d Notice of Public Community Meeting	Requirement Satisfied
<p>(i) For each public community meeting identified in response to Subsection 3.2.5(c), at least fifteen (15) days prior to the public community meeting, a public notice using the Prescribed Template – Notice of Public Community Meeting, must have been:</p> <p>(1) Published on at least two (2) separate days in a newspaper with general circulation within twenty-five (25) kilometres of the Large Renewable Project and proposed Connection Line, or if no such newspaper exists the notice must have been published in at least six (6) conspicuous locations within twenty-five (25) kilometres of the Large Renewable Project and proposed Connection Line;</p>	<p>The newspaper notice ran in the following papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timmins Daily Press, May 29, 2015 and June 4, 2015 • Timmins Times, May 28, 2015 and June 4, 2015 • Le Voyageur (French language), May 27, 2015 and June 3, 2015 <p>There are no known newspapers printed in neighbouring Aboriginal Communities.</p> <p>The notice is also posted on the Project website.</p> <p>The notice will be given to those applicable. Specifically, it will be provided to Aboriginal stakeholders listed in section 4.1 of this Community Engagement Plan and the following authorities:</p>
<p>(2) Posted on the Large Renewable Project Website;</p>	
<p>(3) If reasonable to do so, published in a newspaper printed by each Aboriginal Community that may be affected by or otherwise interested in the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line, if such newspaper exists and the publisher of such newspaper permits the publication;</p>	<p>Gogama Local Roads Board Secretary/Treasurer P.O. Box 6 Gogama, ON P0M 1W0</p> <p>Gogama Local Services Board Secretary/Treasurer P.O. Box 190 Gogama, ON P0M 1W0</p>
<p>(4) Given to:</p> <p>i. every assessed owner of Property located within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site, and every assessed owner of Property within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the proposed Connection Line, if the Large Renewable Project utilizes a Renewable Fuel other than On-Shore Wind;</p>	<p>Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Assistant Planner, Community Planning and Development 159 Cedar Street, Suite 401 Sudbury, ON P3E 6A5</p>
<p>ii. every assessed owner of Property located within five hundred and fifty (550) metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site, and every assessed owner of Property within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the proposed Connection Line, if the Large Renewable Project utilizes On-Shore Wind as its Renewable Fuel;</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Services Integration Branch St. Clair Avenue West, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1L5</p> <p>Mattagami River Conservation Authority General Manager 100 Lakeshore Road Timmins, ON P4N 8R5</p>
<p>iii. every assessed owner of Property Abutting the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site, and every assessed owner of Property on which the proposed</p>	

3.2.5.d Notice of Public Community Meeting	Requirement Satisfied
<p>Connection Line is to be situated, other than an owner described in Subsections 3.2.5(d)(i)(4)i or ii;</p>	
<p>iv. every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease located on Property on which the Site is located;</p>	
<p>v. every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease located within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site, and every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the proposed Connection Line, if the Large Renewable Project utilizes a Renewable Fuel other than On-Shore Wind;</p>	
<p>vi. every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease located within five hundred and fifty (550) metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site, and every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the proposed Connection Line, if the Large Renewable Project utilizes On-Shore Wind as its Renewable Fuel;</p>	
<p>vii. every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease that Abuts the Property on which the Site is located, other than a Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder described in Subsections 3.2.5(d)(i)(4)iv, v or vi;</p>	
<p>viii. every Aboriginal Community that, in the judgement of the Registered Proponent, acting reasonably, may be affected by or otherwise interested in the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line;</p>	
<p>ix. the clerk of each Municipality in which the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;</p>	
<p>x. the secretary-treasurer of each local roads board of a local roads area in which the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;</p>	
<p>xi. the secretary of each Local Services Board of a board area in which the Large</p>	

3.2.5.d Notice of Public Community Meeting	Requirement Satisfied
Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;	
xii. the secretary-treasurer of any Planning Board that has jurisdiction in an area in which the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;	
xiii. the chair of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, if the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is in the area of the Niagara Escarpment Plan;	
xiv. the Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;	
xv. the secretary of every company operating an oil or natural gas pipeline, if a pipeline right of way for the pipeline is located within two hundred (200) metres of the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line;	
xvi. the Engineering and Development Branch, Environment Canada at weatherradars@ec.gc.ca if the Large Renewable Project uses On-Shore Wind as its Renewable Fuel; and	
xvii. the secretary-treasurer of each conservation authority established by or under the Conservation Authorities Act, RSO 1990, c C.27 or a predecessor thereof in whose jurisdiction the Project is proposed.	

6.0 Post-LRP Contract: Continued Consultation

Just as stakeholder consultation undertaken during the Project design phase is important for gathering input and incorporating it into the Project planning process, OPG is committed to maintaining communication with interested stakeholders throughout the Project life cycle. OPG maintains a Public Affairs program throughout the Province and in Northeastern Ontario, in Timmins, in order to provide on-going liaison with the public on all OPG facilities.

Members of the public can contact OPG at any time with questions or comments about this Project via mail, phone or e-mail. Contact information is provided in technical reports, on the Project website, and in newspaper notices.

Should the Project receive and accept a contract offer through the LRP I RFP process, planning will commence for the construction of the Project. The Project team will comply with EA commitments and any necessary consultation requirements related to construction and operation permits.

7.0 Conclusion

OPG's community consultation and engagement program is based on transparency and open communication with all members of the public, Aboriginal Communities, government, and other agencies. OPG appreciates and encourages public input and welcomes questions and feedback throughout the LRP process and beyond, and as such, maintains a doors open policy to the public about any issues of concern regarding the Mattagami Lake Dam Project.