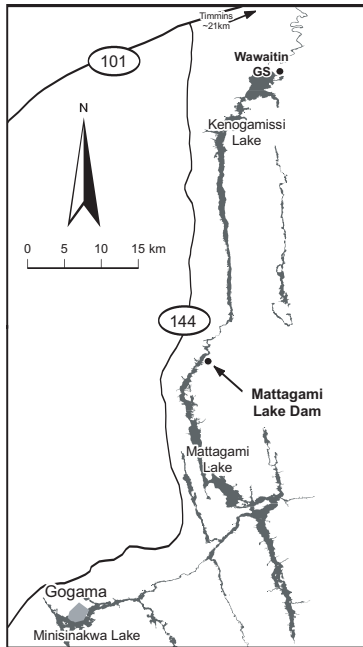


Environmental Assessment: SECOND OPEN HOUSE MATTAGAMI LAKE DAM HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING STATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) is proposing to develop a five to seven megawatt (MW) hydroelectric generating station (GS) and a transmission line in the immediate vicinity of OPG's existing Mattagami Lake Control Dam (the Proposed Undertaking). The Mattagami Lake Control Dam is located at the outlet of the Mattagami Lake (Kenogamissi Falls) on the Mattagami River, about 54 kilometres (km) south of the City of Timmins and about 20 km north of the Mattagami First Nation Reserve.



OPG and Mattagami First Nation have entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to begin discussions concerning the possibility of the parties entering into a commercial relationship with respect to the Proposed Undertaking.

The Proposed Undertaking includes the building of a new generating station, incorporating the existing control dam via an intake and penstock. There will be some refurbishments and modifications to the existing control dam. The new generating station will continue to comply with the existing operating regime identified in the approved Water Management Plan for the Mattagami River System. It will operate as a run of the river facility and there will be no change to the approved water level and flows. The Proposed Undertaking 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 transmission line (115kV, 60Hz) located about 4 kilometres to the east. The existing Hydro One transmission line runs from the Timmins Transformer Station to the Shining Tree Distribution Station.

The Proposed Undertaking is subject to a provincial environmental assessment. The environmental assessment will be an Environmental Review, carried out according to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment *Guide to Environmental Assessment for Electricity Projects* (March 2001), Category B Environmental Screening Process (less than 200 megawatts). This environmental assessment will include among other areas an assessment of the aquatic, terrestrial and socio-economic environment. The proposed transmission line will also be included as part of the environmental assessment. In addition, a number of

environmental permits and approvals may be required including approvals from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has advised OPG that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act does not apply as there are no triggers identified.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2007
OR THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2007**

Through the environmental assessment process OPG is committed to consulting with the respective First Nations, government agencies, the public and other interested stakeholders about the Proposed Undertaking. Input and comments will be considered and included in the preparation of the Environmental Review Report.

Further to open houses held in June 2007, to encourage public participation, OPG will be holding another set of public open houses. There will be an open house in Gogama at the Gogama Recreation Centre on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. A second open house will be held in Timmins on Thursday, November 22, 2007 at the Days Inn and Conference Centre, 14 Mountjoy St. South, Timmins, from 3:00 pm – 8:00 p.m. At both open houses, a formal presentation will be given at 6:45 pm.

OPG has retained SENES Consultants Limited of Richmond Hill, Ontario to undertake the environmental assessment. For more information on the Mattagami Lake Dam Project or to be put on our mailing list please contact: **Mahir Aydin**, Project Manager, 700 University Avenue, H18D18, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1X6 (416) 592-7271, e-mail: Mahir.aydin@opg.com; or **Phil Shantz**, Senior Planner, SENES Consultants Limited, 121 Granton Drive, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 3N4, telephone: (905) 764-9380, e-mail: pshantz@senes.ca. More information about the project can be obtained from the project website: www.mattagamilakedam-ea.com.

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