

McGraw Falls Hydro Electric Project
Open House
February 26, 2008

Public Consultation is an important and critical aspect of the Environmental Assessment process. Many of the questions below are based upon information provided today, this information will also be available on the project website. Please take the time to complete and submit this comment sheet. If you wish you can also mail in written comments or questions to the address provided prior to **April 5th 2008**. For further information or an electronic copy of this survey please refer to www.mcgrawfallspower.ca.

A – Socioeconomic

1. Do you own property or have rights over property in the Matawin River area? Yes No
- a. If yes do you reside: Permanently Seasonally Other _____
2. If you belong to any local associations please list them: _____

3. What types of activities do you undertake in the study area?
(Check all that may apply)
- Hunting Fishing Camping Commercial Residential ATVing
- Trapping Snowmobiling Bird Watching Cycling Mining None
- Research (Type) _____ Other _____

B – McGraw Falls Hydro Electric Project

1. The material presented provided a clear understanding regarding the construction, operation and size of the waterpower development.
- Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
2. The need for the project is based upon expanding Ontario's renewable energy resources. Do you Agree or disagree with this policy statement?
- Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
3. McGraw Falls Water Power is proposing the addition of a rubber dam or other device to the existing weir to achieve a number of objectives. The height and operation of this design will be based upon the following three objectives:
- maximizing the hydroelectric generating potential during peak and non peak electrical usage hours to meet Ontario's electrical demands;
 - improved control of water levels during periods of high and low flow conditions, and
 - minimizing the degree of water level fluctuations associated with the above.
- Do you agree or disagree with the proponent's objectives?
- Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

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C – Technical Studies and Reports

1. The Matawin River is a productive water body providing suitable habitat for fish such as walleye, pike and perch. The current hydro electric development plan addresses the need to maintain this resource.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. Construction of the McGraw Weir in 1930 resulted in the creation of a wetland upstream which is beneficial to waterfowl. The current development plan addresses the need to maintain this wetland.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Aquatic plants and wetland vegetation, including wild rice, is an important aspect of the Matawin River ecosystem. The current development plan recognizes this aspect and proposes to develop a **water management plan** aimed at protecting these features. In your opinion is this approach acceptable?

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. The Matawin River provides several recreational opportunities including fishing, hunting, canoeing, mining and trail access. Operation of the McGraw waterpower project will not interfere with access for these uses.

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

D – Please provide any additional comments or questions in the space provided

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