

## Appendix C

### Record of Public Consultation

June 8, 2009  
Project OE7350

**Re: Renfrew Power Generation Inc.  
New Development Project, Bonnechere River  
Public Notification and Consultation Process**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In order to help Ontario to meet a growing power demand and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and provide additional power to the Town of Renfrew, Renfrew Power Generation Inc. (herein referred to as RPG) has recently initiated plans to maximize the waterpower potential of the Bonnechere River at Renfrew, Ontario with the redevelopment of their existing generating stations and the development of a new hydroelectric generating station (currently named the "Clear Point" project) located just downstream from the two existing plants. The project site is located below Dam #1 and Dam #2 on the Bonnechere River in the Town of Renfrew, Ontario. Access to the existing generating plants is off HWY 60 at the Bonnechere River (32 Bridge Avenue); a new access road is proposed for the Clear Point GS site off Mutual Avenue.

The first stage will involve the construction of a new hydroelectric generating station (Clear Point GS) located just downstream of the two existing dams #1 and #2 owned and operated by RPG and will have a generation capacity of approximately 3.6MW. The second stage will involve the rehabilitation of the older plants to increase the generation from 2.0 MW to approximately to 2.5 MW to make efficient use of existing water flows.

These proposed projects have been developed in such a way that the existing operating profile of the river will remain unchanged.

The project is subject to the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) and Regulation 116/01 as well as the new *Green Energy and Green Economy Act* (GEA). Under these Acts and supporting regulations, the project will undergo an environmental review that will require: examining the project's potential effects on the environment including land, air (noise), water, and socio-cultural; developing suitable measures to mitigate potential effects; and involve extensive consultations with potentially affected stakeholders.

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RPG would like to invite you to closed informal meeting for the riparian landowners within the immediate area of the site on both shorelines of the Bonnechere River as well as the immediate neighbours situated along Mutual Avenue to be held on;

**Thursday, June 18th, 2009**  
**from 7 to 9 pm**  
**at the Mataway Activity Centre 1 Mataway Dr. in Renfrew, Ontario**

The purpose of this informal session is to introduce the RPG Project Team and consulting team; to provide concept drawings and description of the proposed development project for the site, and; to identify your concerns and issues relating to the project. Representatives of RPG and their consultants, OEL-HydroSys Inc., will be in attendance to answer questions. Additional feedback is welcome from you at any time before, during or after this meeting and throughout the planning process. We look forward to discussing this project with you at the meeting.

In addition to this focus group meeting, RPG along with OEL Hydro Sys Inc. will host its first Public Open House. This event will take place on;

**Thursday, June 25, 2009**  
**from 7 to 9 pm**  
**at the Mataway Activity Centre 1 Mataway Dr. Renfrew, Ontario .**

The purpose of the event is to provide similar information to and to solicit feedback from the public. A public advertisement to inform the general public of the Public Open House will be published this week in local newspapers. A copy of this advertisement is attached for your convenience.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Additional feedback is welcome from you at any time before, during or after this meeting and throughout the planning process. We look forward to discussing this project with you at this meeting.

Sincerely,

Peter Boldt  
Renfrew Power Generation Inc.

**To obtain additional information, or to advise RPG of concerns please contact:**

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## Muriel Kim

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**Cc:** 'Peter Boldt'; 'Samson, Joanna (MNR)'; Karen Fortin  
**Subject:** Renfrew Power Generation Redevelopment of the Renfrew Facility Site, Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario  
**Attachments:** OE7350 CEAA Project Description for Clear Point GS FINAL May 2009.PDF; OE7350 NewspaperAd Public Open House Jun-09.PDF; RENFREW.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Dear BRWMP SAC Members

Please find enclosed a project description for the proposed redevelopment of Renfrew Power Generation's hydroelectric facility site on the Bonnechere River at Highway 60 in the Town of Renfrew. We hope this will give you sufficient information to acquaint yourself with this undertaking. Mr. Peter Boldt would be pleased to have an opportunity to discuss the project at your meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

In addition RPG is hosting a Public Open House on June 25, 2009. We welcome your participation in this event. Attached is a copy of the public announcement of this event and location map that was published in local newspapers last week.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully on behalf of Renfrew Power Generation,

Tami Sugarman

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**NOTE TO FILE**

**PROJECT:** OE7350

**DATE:** June 22, 2009

**TIME:** ~1 PM (13:00)

**CONTACT:** Mr. Don Pouliot, SAC member BRWMP

**RE: Renfrew Power Generation Development Project at Renfrew, Ontario – Project Description Comments**

I received a phone message from Mr. Pouliot in the morning of June 22, 2009 asking for me to call him.

We spoke at approximately 1:00 PM that same day.

Mr. Pouliot had the following comments:

**Point #1:** Section 1.1, Page 4 – Please clarify this statement, “*After redevelopment, the existing plants will operate during low-flow conditions and intermittently at higher capacities depending on the frequency of higher river flows.*”

The Clearpoint GS will be the main operating plant once built. The refurbished plants will operate when the flow is below the Clear Point GS minimum operating rate OR when the Clearpoint GS is at full capacity of operation and there is remaining excess flow in the Bonnechere River beyond those needed to meet minimum residual flow requirements.

Mr. Pouliot wanted to know if the existing plants will be shut down in the winter months will there be a minimum flow directed through the plants to secure against frost up and if not will the plants be refurbished to be heated and insulated to ensure the components cannot freeze in winter during shut down periods.

**Response:** I will bring this question to RPG and the engineering team’s attention and will provide Mr. Pouliot’s contact details if clarification is required.

**Point #2:** Page 10, Section 2.3. Will the operating regime of this new development adhere to the BRWMP?

**Response:** Yes.

**Point #3: Section 4.1. What are the new revisions to the BRWMP that will be issued at the start of the 2009 summer season referred to in this section? Can you provide more clarification on this statement?**

**Response: I will check with Peter Boldt at RPG to clarify this point.**

**Mr. Pouliot stated that he will contact us if he has any further questions. He will not be in attendance at the BRWMP - SAC meeting scheduled for the evening of June 24, and wanted to provide his questions at this time.**

**TJS**

*Ref: OE7350NOTEtoFILE Don Pouilot, BRWMP SAC member Jun22-09.doc*

## Muriel Kim

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**From:** Tami Sugarman  
**Sent:** September 23, 2009 8:58 AM  
**To:** 'Michel Asselin'  
**Subject:** RE: Renfrew Power Generation Inc. - Redevelopment of Existing Hydroelectric Generating Stations and New Clear Point Generating Station Waterpower Project, Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario - OWA Class EA Teleconference

Hi Michel

Thanks Michel. The Town's concerns for erosion is noted in the identified issues for the project and will be addressed in the final engineering design of the tailrace. We will send you meeting minutes as soon as they are accepted and finalized by the participants.

Best regards,

Tami

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**From:** Michel Asselin [mailto:MAsselin@town.renfrew.on.ca]  
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**To:** Tami Sugarman  
**Subject:** RE: Renfrew Power Generation Inc. - Redevelopment of Existing Hydroelectric Generating Stations and New Clear Point Generating Station Waterpower Project, Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario - OWA Class EA Teleconference

Hi Tami:

I will not be able to call in on Wednesday due to meeting conflicts.

Is it possible to be copied on any minutes for the meeting?

Peter Boldt is aware of the municipal concern with erosion protection adjacent to our new wastewater plant and Peter has assured us that the proposed project will naturally protect this area.

Thanks in advance for the opportunity to participate.

**Michel J. Asselin, P.Eng**  
**Director of Development & Works**  
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**From:** Tami Sugarman [mailto:tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca]  
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**Cc:** pkboldt@renfrewpg.ca; Campbell, Paige (MCL)  
**Subject:** Renfrew Power Generation Inc. - Redevelopment of Existing Hydroelectric Generating Stations and New Clear Point Generating Station Waterpower Project, Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario - OWA Class EA Teleconference



Hello Everyone

Thank you for responding that you will be in attendance. Once again, the dial-in information for our teleconference EA Meeting on **Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM** is below.

Toll-free: 1-866-797-9101  
Local: 613-787-5143  
Conference ID: 4093876

The meeting agenda and an identified issues (to date) working file is attached for your reference during the call.

Your Truly,  
Tami



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**Sent:** September 4, 2009 10:15 AM

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**Subject:** Renfrew Power Generation Inc. - Redevelopment of Existing Hydroelectric Generating Stations and New Clear Point Generating Station Waterpower Project, Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario - OWA Class EA Teleconference Call

**Importance:** High

Good Morning Everyone:

On behalf of the proponent, OEL-HydroSys Inc. will be hosting a project EA coordination meeting via teleconference call on **Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 10 AM**. Please ensure this invitation is forwarded to all interested colleagues, as required.

The purpose of the teleconference meeting is to provide a status report of the project, identify each agencies roles and responsibilities and potential permitting and approval requirements; discuss known project-specific environmental values/issues and reporting requirements that are to be addressed and documented within the ESR for each review body; and finally, to review updated timelines for the project.

The current situation in the province in relation to waterpower developments and the unsettled regulatory approvals process brought on by the *GEGEA* has made for an interesting planning process for this project. The journey has taken a non-linear route over this past summer yet I am confident that, our team has succeeded in covering off all issues that typically arise in a waterpower development project and that most of the regulatory (EA and other subsequent approvals) requirements will be addressed to the satisfaction of all participating agencies. A Project Description document was developed for the undertaking in May 2009 and was circulated at that time to the CEA Agency, DFO, TC, MOE Regional EA Coordinator, EAAB, MNR, Algonquins of Ontario Negotiation Representatives (via Jp2g Consultants Inc.), Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, OWA and also to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan SAC members (June 2009). Later on in the planning it was also distributed to any provincial/municipal agencies or interested parties that responded to the Notice of Commencement and/or advertisements issued in July 2009 and requested additional information. I have attached the Project Description to this invitation as background material for the teleconference for any party that has not yet reviewed it.

FYI, a federal EA coordination meeting was held on August 11, 2009 with federal agencies. Participating agencies' consultation (provincial and federal has been on-going throughout the spring and summer.

If you are able to attend please contact me at [tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca](mailto:tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca) to confirm such and receive the dial-in instructions. Alternatively if you are unable to attend, yet wish to discuss your agency's particular interest and requirements for the ESR, please notify me.

*Furthermore: If your agency/group has no interest in participating further in the planning of this project and will not be participating in the Class EA formal review process (i.e. review of the ESR), please contact me directly by email or in writing and you will be removed from the project contact/distribution list.*

Respectfully,  
Tami Sugarman

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## **Press Release**

### **RENFREW POWER GENERATION PROPOSES NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

#### *Environmental Assessment Commences*

**Renfrew, ON, June 25, 2009** – Renfrew Power Generation Inc. (RPG), a hydroelectric power producer, is proposing a two-stage process to re-develop its site in Renfrew, Ontario (the project) to maximize the waterpower potential of the Bonnechere River.

The first stage will involve the construction of a new hydroelectric generating station (Clear Point GS) located just downstream of the two existing dams #1 and #2 owned and operated by RPG and will have a generation capacity of approximately 3.6MW. The second stage will involve the rehabilitation of the older plants to increase the generation from 2.0 MW to approximately to 2.5 MW to make efficient use of existing water flows.

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**Bell****178 Plaunt Street  
Renfrew, ON****613-432-7533****BRIEFS****Operation  
Corridor  
Wednesday**

The Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police will participate in Operation Corridor beginning Wednesday, June 17 at 8 a.m. and continuing for 24 hours. OPP officers will concentrate their efforts on Highway 17 and will be targeting unsafe drivers and vehicles, with an emphasis on commercial motor vehicles. Operation Corridor will take place across Ontario on Highways 401, 417, 11 and 17.

**Renfrew  
student  
wins COIN**

Keith MacDougall, of Renfrew Collegiate Institute, is the winner of the Renfrew A District Association's

**Power station  
debate begins****Public invited to June 25 open house****JOHN CARTER**

john.carter@mstroland.com

**Power to the people.**

Renfrew Power Generation (RPG) is proposing to build a third generating station on the Bonnechere River in Renfrew and overhaul its other two to increase electrical output.

The corporation is holding an open house in Renfrew Thursday, June 25 to update the public on the project. The meeting will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre.

Former RPG president Peter Boldt, who is overseeing the project for the corporation, said it will result in a "substantial increase" in electricity for the town. The project fits in well with the provincial government's Green Energy Act, which includes a program that encourages new local renewable power generation projects, he said.

Boldt said the Renfrew project does not mean the corporation has switched its focus from plans for a power generation facility at the First Chute of the Bonnechere River.

Planning for that proposal, which should also benefit from the province's emphasis on green energy initiatives, is running parallel to the Renfrew undertaking, he said. RPG has several energy projects in the works, he noted.

The First Chute proposal hasn't progressed as quickly as earlier thought, mainly because the company is waiting for imple-

mentation of the new provincial energy incentive program.

In the meantime, engineering changes have been made to the original plans, which now call for a weir dam instead of a concrete one because of concerns it would adversely affect the scenic beauty of the area, Boldt noted.

In Renfrew, RPG is proposing a two-stage process to redevelop its site to maximize the water power potential of the Bonnechere River, explained Boldt. "It's not a new concept ... it's been talked about since the '80s."

The first stage will involve the construction of the new Clear Point hydroelectric generating station just downstream from RPG's two existing dams and upstream from the new sewer plant. The new station, which will be fed water by the existing canal, will have a generation capacity of about 3.6 megawatts.

The second stage will involve the rehabilitation of the two older plants to increase generation from two to about 2.5 megawatts each to make more efficient use of existing water flows. That will enable RPG to have a total output of 8.5 megawatts during high water runoff in the spring.

Boldt said the project will enable RPG to help Ontario meet a growing power demand, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and provide additional power to the Town of Renfrew.

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# Power

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Boldt stressed the plans have been developed in such a way to ensure the "existing operating profile" of the river will remain unchanged. Downstream river flows will stay the same, he said.

As well, the riverside area jointly owned by the town and RPG will be restored back to park land once construction is complete, he said. "It won't change the optics (in the area)."

Boldt pointed out that as the project is subject to the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, it will undergo an environmental review. The review will require examination of the project's potential effects on the environment including land, air, water, and noise; development of suitable measures to mitigate potential effects; and extensive consultations with potentially affected stakeholders.

"RPG is committed to consulting and working with the public and stakeholder groups throughout the development of

the project," said Bolt. "Through the consultation process we will seek public and stakeholder input, and we will continue to report on outcomes and progress."

The project's first public open house June 25 will introduce the project in greater detail and provide information about the environmental assessment and related processes. Representatives of RPG and OEL-HydroSys Inc. will on hand to talk to the public. "We'll start off by giving a spiel, then it will be wide open for questions," said Bolt.

RPG is also holding a meeting with residents along the river in that area to answer any questions they have about the project.

Boldt said the project is timely because it complements the province's proposed Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program. The program, a component of the Green Energy Act, is designed to encourage the development of renewable energy.

"It's a way to get projects like ours connected," said Bolt.

The FIT program's objectives include increasing the renew-

able energy supply to ensure adequate generation and reduce emissions, simplifying the development of generation projects so energy can be brought into service more quickly and efficiently, creating new green industries through new investment and job creation, and providing incentives for investment in renewable energy technologies.

The program provides opportunities for community-based projects by companies, organizations and even home-owners. It is open to various renewable energy supply technologies, including wind, hydro, solar and bio-energy technologies.

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# ATTENDANCE SHEET

RENFREW POWER GENERATION INC. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
 Riparian Landowners and Mutual Ave. Residents Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2009

NAME	MAILING OR EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Melissa & Shawn Frisla		
Mark & Lisa Lavallee		
BILL WELSH		
Paty Edwards		
Doug Foyil		
Mabel Proulx		

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SHEET**  
**RENFREW POWER GENERATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
**BONNECHERE RIVER AT TOWN OF RENFREW**

Riparian Landowners and Nearby Residents Meeting - Thursday, June 18, 2009

**PLEASE HAND IN COMPLETED SHEETS BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

**OR**

**MAIL TO: OEL-HydroSys Inc., Box 430, Carp, Ontario, K0A 1L0, ATTN: TAMI SUGARMAN**

**YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED:**

How is this area important to you? Is it for past or present reasons?

WE HAVE LAND ON SOUTH (EAST?) OF  
BONNECHERE R. DOWNSTREAM WITH NEW  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

Do you fish in the project area either upstream or downstream of the proposed location?

Which species do you catch?

NO

Do you use the area for any other purpose?

OUR PROPERTY FOR HIKING

What is your opinion of the hydroelectric project? Are you opposed to or in favour of it and why?

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Do you have any concerns about the development of the project site (noise, aesthetics, etc)?

NO

What is your opinion about the proposed upgrade to the existing RPG stations?

**ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED:**

We are looking for all comments, positive, neutral or negative

**PLEASE TURN SHEET OVER AND WRITE YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE BACK**



If you wish, you may provide us with your name and contact details OR you may remain anonymous

NAME (Optional): DOUG. HOWARD

ADDRESS (Optional):

EMAIL (Optional):

TOPIC or IDENTIFIER

COMMENTS

HAVE COTTAGE AT HEADS LAKE &  
OWN PROPERTY ON SOUTH (OR EAST) OF  
BONNECHERE R. DOWNSTREAM FROM  
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

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This project will enable RPG to help Ontario meet a growing power demand, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and provide additional power to the Town of Renfrew.

OEL-HydroSys Inc. are working with RPG Inc. to conduct the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) waterpower approval process and complete the Ontario Waterpower Association's Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects. A planning process for the proposed project as required by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) in respect of the Electricity Regulation (Ont. Reg. 116/01) made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The newly enacted *Green Energy and Green Economy Act* (GEA) will also apply to the project. The proposed project also triggers the Canadian Environmental Assessment process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) through legislative requirements.

RPG along OEL-HydroSys Inc. will host its first Public Open House to introduce the project in greater detail and to provide information about the Environmental Assessment and related processes. Representatives of RPG and their consultants, OEL-HydroSys Inc., will be in attendance to answer questions.

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The purpose of the event is to identify potentially affected stakeholders, describe the proposed project; identify public concerns and issues relating to the project and the local environment and to solicit feedback from the public. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the project area and the potential use of the site for generating green energy, or would like additional information about this project, we request that you join us at this event.

Alternatively you may contact Mr. Peter Boldt at Renfrew Power Generation Inc., 32 Bridge Avenue West, Renfrew, Ontario, K7V 3R2, TEL: (613) 433-3715; [pkboldt@renfrewpg.ca](mailto:pkboldt@renfrewpg.ca)

**JAGUAR THROW IN**

Andrew McConnell (24) of the St. Joseph's Jaguars gets the ball back in play during the Ontario (OFSAA) high school senior boys soccer championship in London last week. The Jaguars played six games and returned home fourth of 16 teams in the tournament. For more, see Page 12. Photo courtesy of the ST. JOSEPH'S JAGUARS

## Dobson earns a bronze medal and fourth-place finish at OFSAA for Opeongo

**PETER CLARK**  
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 Emma Dobson of Opeongo High School was right up there with the best the province has to offer in two events at the Ontario high school (OFSAA) track and field championships at the University of Toronto over three days last week.

Dobson finished as the bronze medalist in the senior girls long jump at 5.41 metres, and was fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 11.48 metres.

Dobson also competed in a third event at OFSAA. She was 16th in the preliminary field with a time of 15.53 seconds in the senior girls 100-metre hurdles.

In all, six Opeongo Wildcat athletes qualified from the previous week's East

Regional meet to make the trip to London.

Willie Dick completed the boys open 2,000-metre steeplechase in 6:05.54 to finish a solid sixth.

Sarah Bell also recorded a top-10 finish with a ninth-place performance in the junior girls discus with a throw of 27.72 metres.

Patrice Wren finished 12th and 16th in the mid-level boys 100- and 200-metre sprints respectively but did not qualify for the final. He missed advancing in the 100 metres by just .06 of a second.

All athletes who suited up for their schools at OFSAA were already ranked among the top 24 in their event.

Two other Wildcats

placed in the top 20.

Shannon Spurrell capped off the 2009 high school track and field season with a throw of 30.82 metres for 16th in the senior girls javelin; and Quinton Rook placed 20th in the senior boys discus in 38.73 metres.

Tristan Woodfine was unable to travel to OFSAA because he was competing in a triathlon in Winnipeg. He was third among Ontario athletes and ninth overall.

Woodfine had won both the junior boys 1,500 and 3,000-metre events, in times of 4:04.91 and 8:27.89 at the East Regional track and field championships May 29 and 30 at Thousand Islands Secondary School in Brockville.

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

#### Renfrew Power Generation Inc. New Development Project, Bonnechere River Public Notification and Consultation Process

Renfrew Power Generation Inc. (herein referred to as RPG) has recently initiated plans to maximize the waterpower potential of the Bonnechere River at Renfrew, Ontario with the redevelopment of their existing generating stations and the development of a new hydroelectric generating station (currently named the "Clear Point" project) located just downstream from the two existing plants. The project site is located at Dam #1 and Dam #2 on the Bonnechere River in the Town of Renfrew, Ontario. Access to the existing generating plants is off HWY 60 at the Bonnechere River (32 Bridge Avenue); a new access road is proposed for the Clear Point GS site off Mutual Avenue.

This project will enable RPG to help Ontario meet a growing power demand, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and provide additional power to the Town of Renfrew.

OEL-HydroSys Inc. is working with RPG Inc. to conduct the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) waterpower approval process and complete the Ontario Waterpower Association's Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects. A planning process for the proposed project as required by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) in respect of the Electricity Regulation (Ont. Reg. 116/01) made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The newly enacted *Green Energy and Green Economy Act* (GEA) will also apply to the project. The proposed project also initiates the Canadian Environmental Assessment process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) through legislative requirements.

RPG along with OEL-HydroSys Inc. will host its first Public Open House to introduce the project in greater detail and to provide information about the Environmental Assessment and related processes. Representatives of RPG and their consultants, OEL-HydroSys Inc., will be in attendance to answer questions.

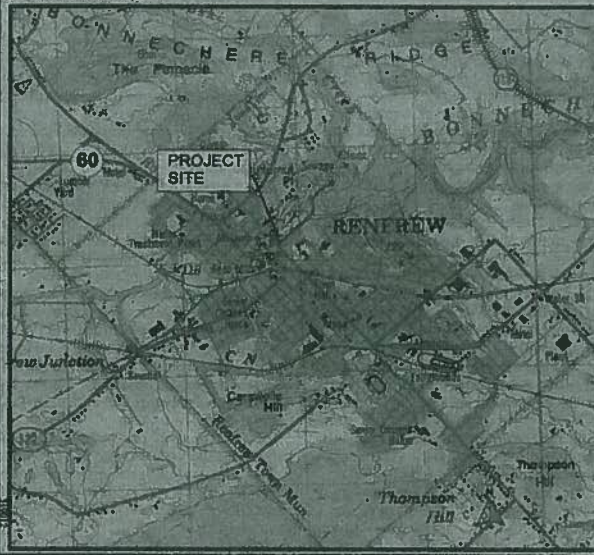
The Public Open House will take place on:

**Thursday, June 25, 2009**  
 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

at the Metaway Activity Centre, 1 Metaway Dr., Renfrew, Ontario

The purpose of the event is to identify potentially affected stakeholders, describe the proposed project, identify public concerns and issues relating to the project and the local environment and to solicit feedback from the public. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the project area and the potential use of the site for generating green energy, or would like additional information about this project, we request that you join us at this event.

Alternatively you may contact Mr. Peter Boldt at Renfrew Power Generation Inc., 32 Bridge Avenue West, Renfrew, Ontario, K7V 3R2. TEL: (813) 432-3715; [pboldt@renfrewpg.ca](mailto:pboldt@renfrewpg.ca)



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**RENFREW POWER GENERATION INC. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
**Public Information Meeting, Thursday, June 25, 2009**

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**Notice of Commencement under the Class EA  
for Waterpower Projects**

**Renfrew Power Generation Inc.  
Redevelopment of Existing Hydroelectric Generating Stations and  
New Clear Point Generating Station Waterpower Project  
Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario**

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Renfrew Power Generation Inc. is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for the proposed redevelopment of the hydroelectric generating stations and the development of the new Clear Point Generating Station at its facility in Renfrew, Ontario over the next few months. If this proposed 6.1MW (maximum capacity) generation project is approved and constructed it would produce 22,300 MWh of renewable energy annually. The project's study area is shown on the accompanying map. The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects" (2006). Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be categorized as:

- associated with existing infrastructure on a managed waterway

The Class EA process requires Renfrew Power Generation to undertake an evaluation of the project to evaluate its potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) and prepare a detailed Environmental Report. The project is also expected to require review and approvals under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Fisheries Act*, the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, the *Species at Risk Act*, the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, the *Ontario Water Resource Act*, the *Environmental Protection Act* and the *Endangered Species Act*. This notice and the public consultation process for the project under the Class EA is intended to coordinate and meet the notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under these statutes.

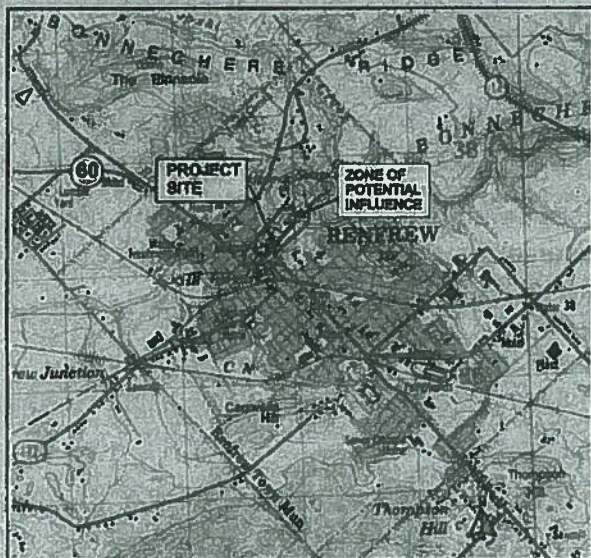
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For information on the project proposal, to raise issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please visit our website [www.renfrewpg.ca](http://www.renfrewpg.ca) or contact:

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Under the *Freedom of Information Act* and *Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter, and will be released, if requested, to any person.



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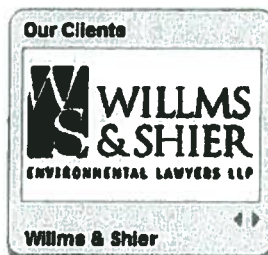
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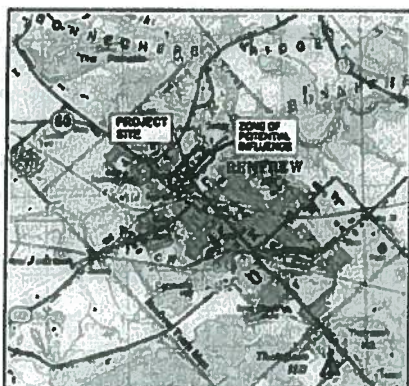
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Map - Renfrew Zone of Influence

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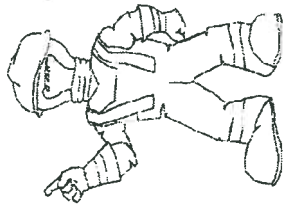
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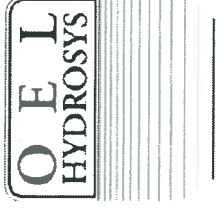
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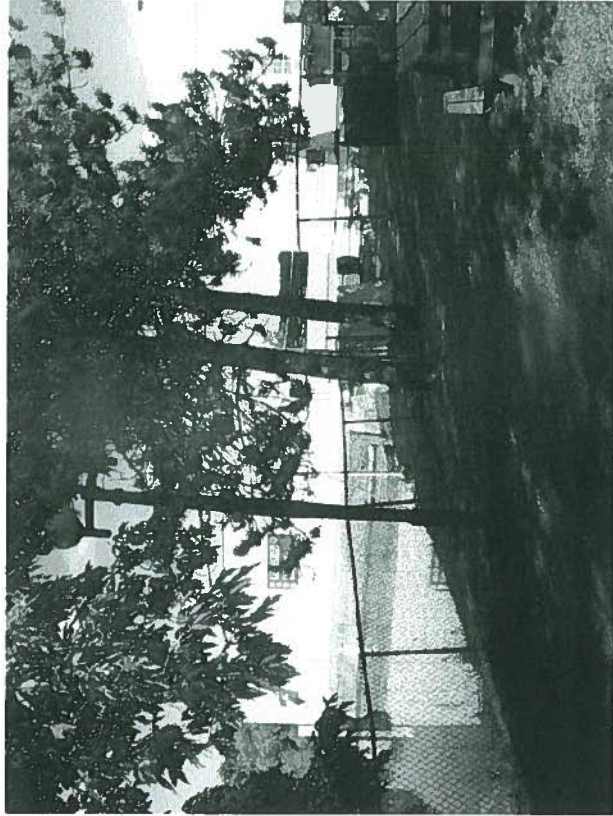
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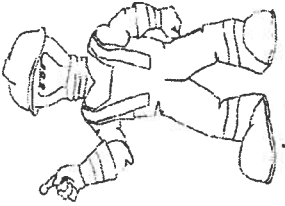
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Bonnechere River at Renfrew, Ontario



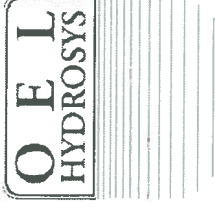
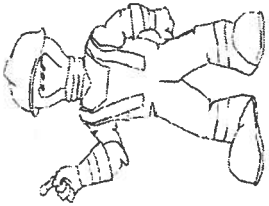
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## **AGENDA**

1. Introduce the Proponent -Renfrew Power Generation Incorporated
2. Introduce the Consulting Team
3. Background/History of Project Site
4. Introduce the Proposed Developmental Project
5. Explain the OWA Class Environmental Assessment Process
6. Open Forum Discussion

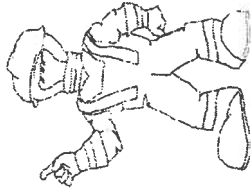
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## **Renfrew Power Generation Inc.**

Renfrew Power Generation Inc. is a for profit business. The Town of Renfrew is the registered owner of all the issued and outstand shares of the Corporation. RPG is managed by a Board of Directors. Renfrew Hydro Inc. (RHI) is an affiliate company in having a common shareholder.

RPG will be solely responsible for the development and operation of the proposed electricity generation project.

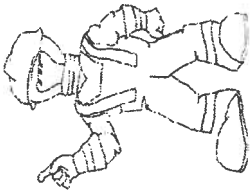


## The Consulting Team

**OEL HydroSys Inc.** is an engineering firm specializing in the provision of technical services to the waterpower industry for the design and re-development of small scale hydroelectric generating facilities. As part eastern Ontario's largest environmental consulting firm (WESA Inc.) OEL will also manage the environmental assessment and regulatory approval process.

**Bowfin Environmental Consulting** has extensive experience in environmental assessments, freshwater and marine habitat assessment, route selection, watershed studies and terrestrial and fisheries inventories. Bowfin and OEL have collaborated on many hydroelectric generating initiatives.

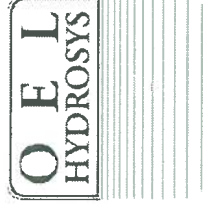
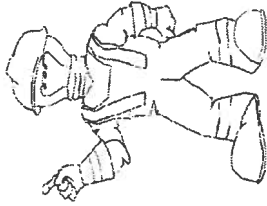
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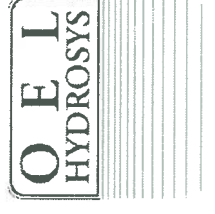
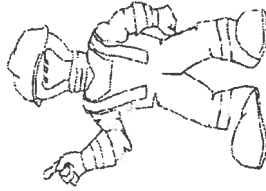


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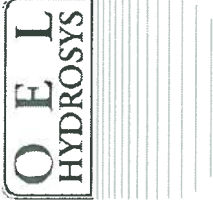
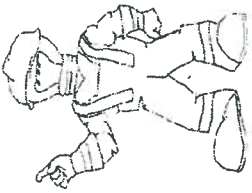
## Background/History

1. Original site layout built in 1903, included two power generation units, located at what is known today as GS 2 (Lower Plant)
2. The Upper Dam at Highway 60 was built in 1908 after the Bonnechere River ran dry
3. GS1 (Upper Plant) and adjoining canal were constructed in 1911
4. Original dam was replaced in 1948 and the original wood penstocks were rebuilt of steel in 1986

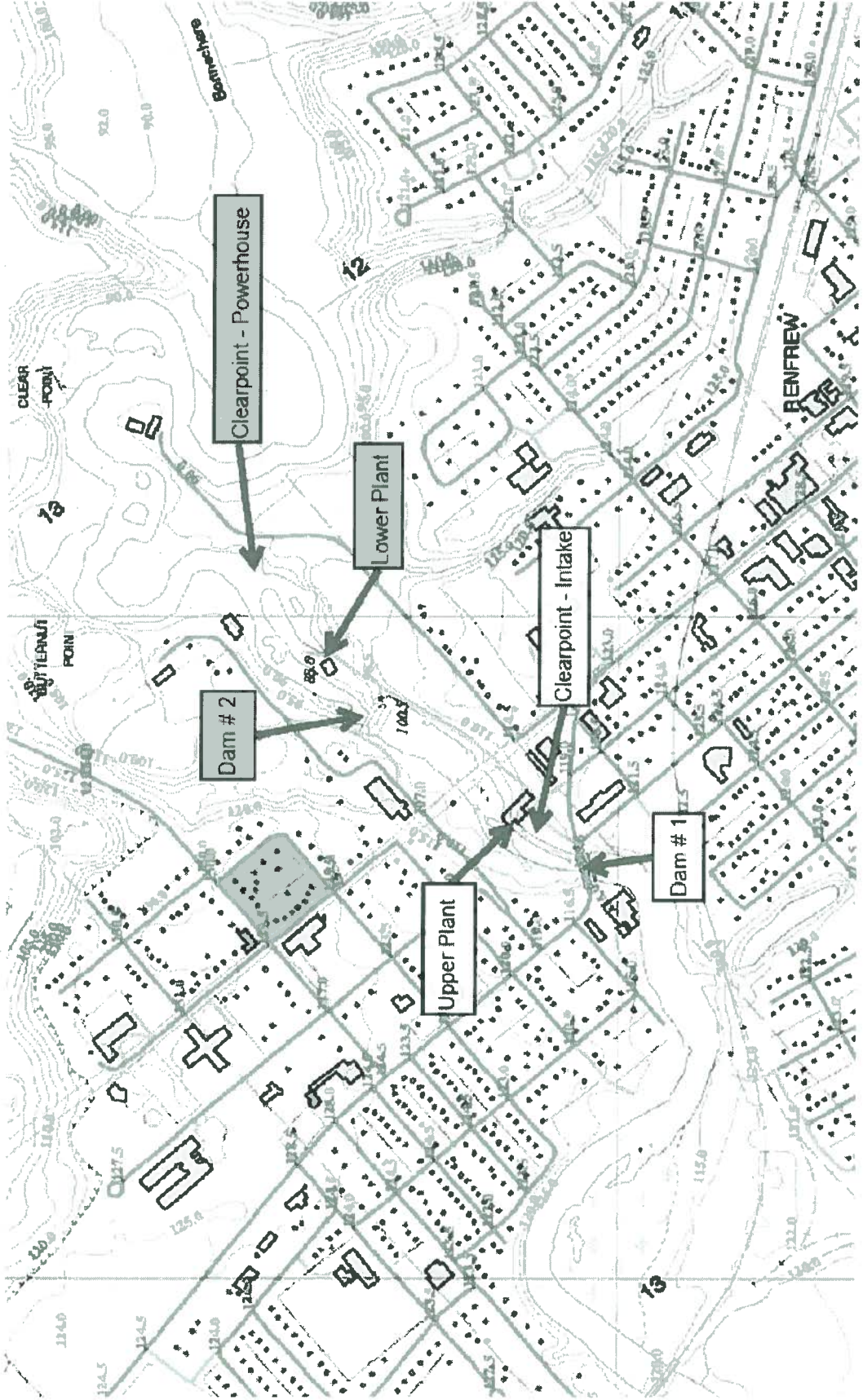


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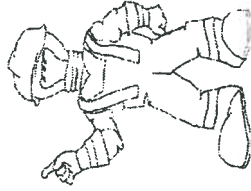
- To maximize the waterpower potential of the Bonnechere River at Renfrew
- Develop a new hydroelectric generating station – Clear Point – 3.6 MW capacity
- Redevelop the existing generating stations (increasing capacity from 2.0 MW to 2.5 MW)
- Result - Three separate power plants with a total generating capacity of up to 6.1MW



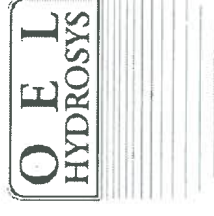
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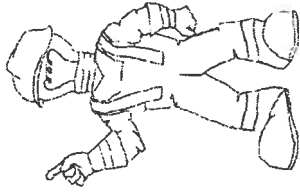
# The Project Development



A two stage process:

**Stage 1:** Construction of new hydroelectric generating station – Clear Point (3.6MW). Upper and Lower Plants will remain in operation during the construction of the Clear Point generating station.

**Stage 2:** Once the Clear Point GS is operational, the existing older plants will be redeveloped to increase generation from 2.0 MW to 2.5 MW. This will be achieved by replacing the existing turbines and rewinding the generators.



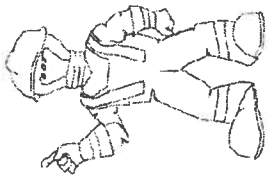
## The Project Operation

**Operation:** Once completed, the Clear Point GS will become the main generating plant in the downtown core.

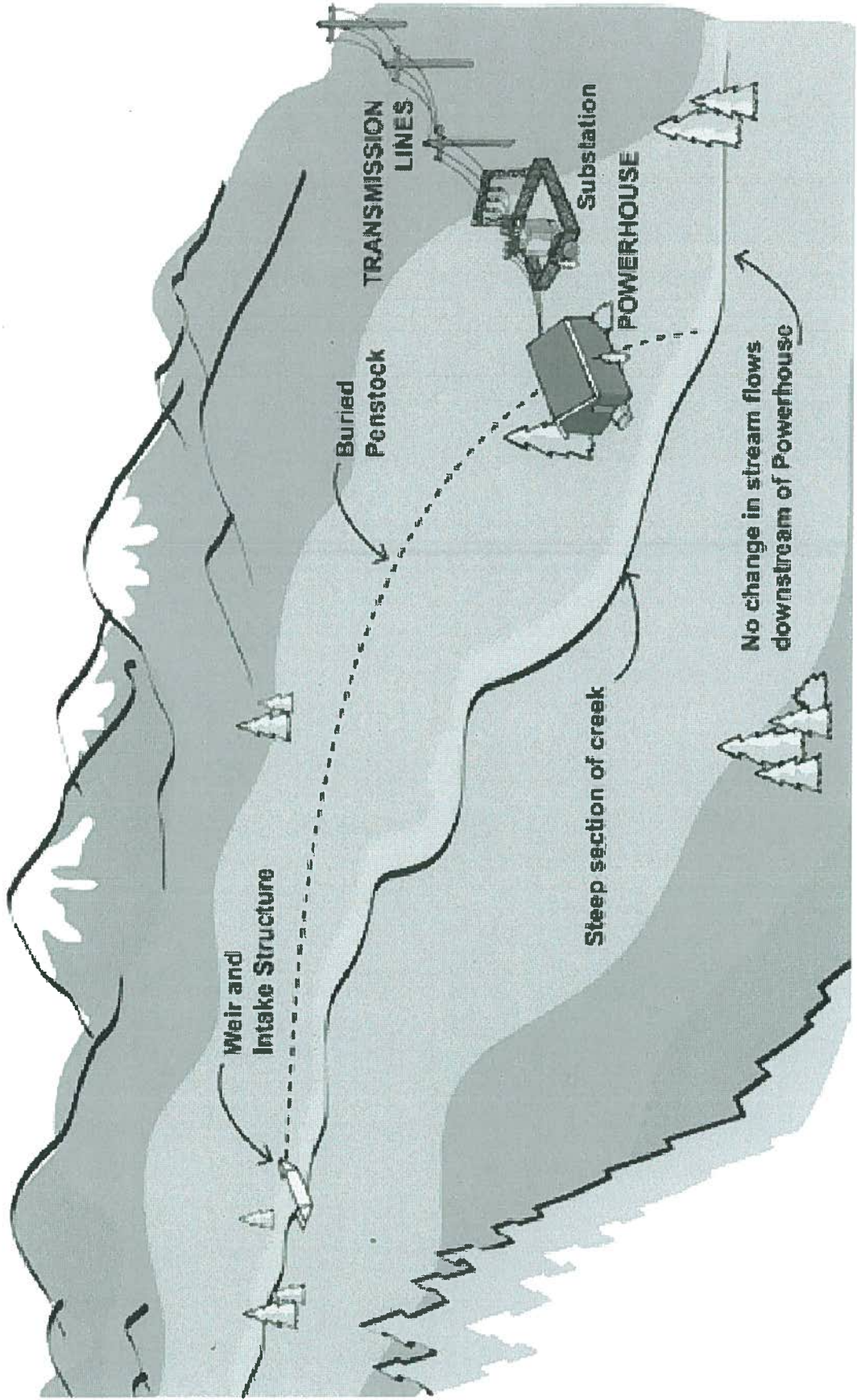
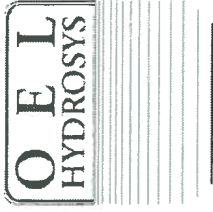
The upgraded plants will operate during low-flow conditions and intermittently at at higher capacities depending on the frequency of higher river flows.

All facilities will operate as run-of-river systems, meaning that no water is stored in the system.

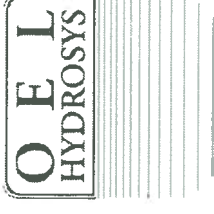
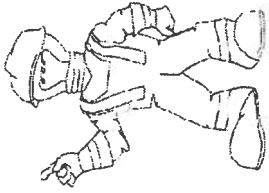
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# Run of River Design Basics

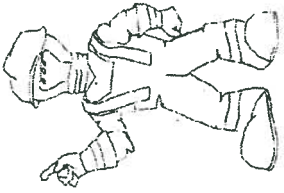


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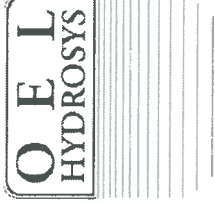


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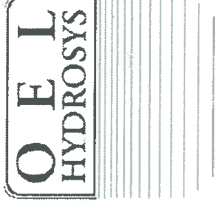
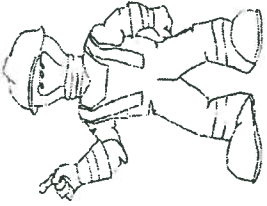
- Run of river projects have a much smaller environmental footprint compared to traditional reservoir storage hydro projects
- Have zero greenhouse gas emissions and fights climate change by reducing our reliance on polluting, electricity imports
- The existing operating profile of the Bonnechere River remains unchanged
- Provide additional power to the Town of Renfrew
- Economic and employment benefits



## The Disadvantages ...

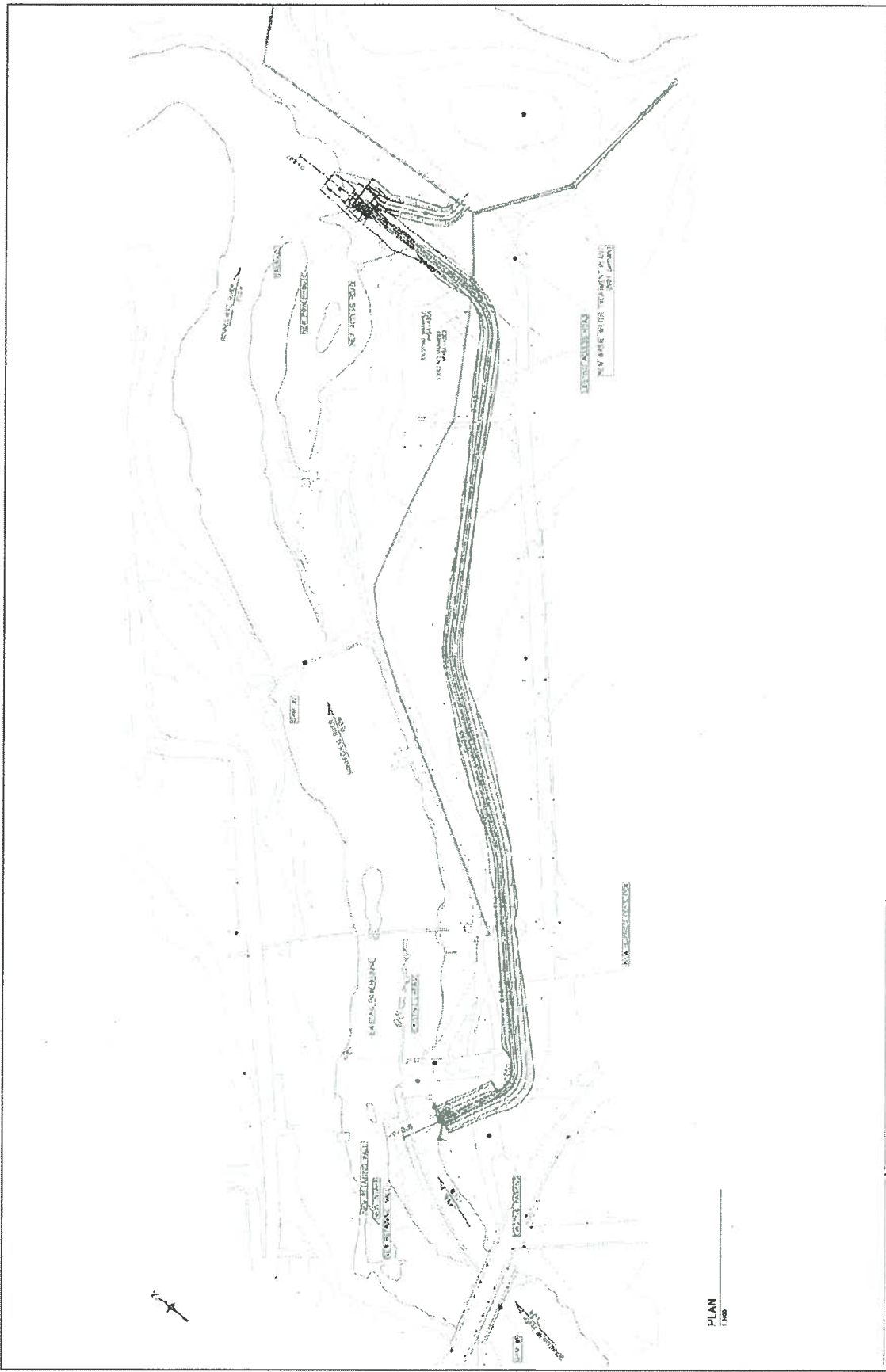


- Potential impact to natural environment between Dam #1 and the tailrace of the Clear Point GS (i.e. fish, plants, animals, resource and recreational use, etc.)
- Potential for cultural impact in the project site (i.e. archaeology, built heritage, etc.)
- Potential for impact to the community (i.e. public health and safety during construction and/or operation, changes to community character/aesthetics, etc.)?



## Clear Point GS Components

- New right wall of the intake canal near its downstream end where existing wood crib wall requires full upgrade.
- Intake (5.0m wide by 6.7m deep) equipped with mechanical gate and trash rack.
- Buried penstock (2.5m diameter and approx. 600m long).
- Access road to the powerhouse (approx. 50m long)
- 86m<sup>2</sup> reinforced concrete powerhouse building
- Excavated tailrace canal (approx. 10m wide by 20m long)



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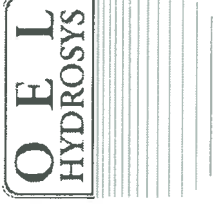
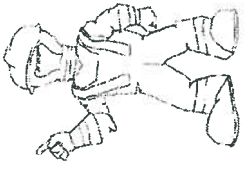
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**CLEARPINE SMALL HYDRO PROJECT**

**GENERAL LAYOUT PLAN**

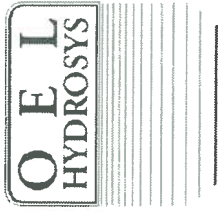
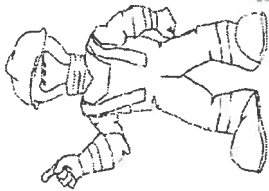
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## **Redevelopment of Existing Plants**

- Dam #1 and canal wall concrete rehabilitation
- New lower stoplogs in rehabilitated sluiceway
- New backup operator for log hoisting or automated gate
- Repair of damaged left side (shore) powerhouse wall
- Repair and modification of Dam #2 damaged concrete apron
- Lower plant tailrace hydraulic improvement / modification
- Lower plant insulation and heating





# REHABILITATION OF EXISTING POWERHOUSES



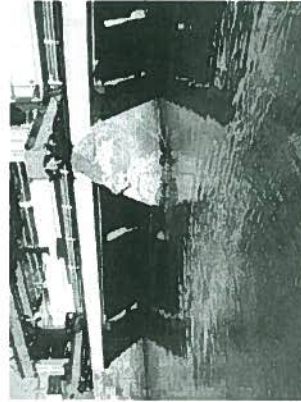
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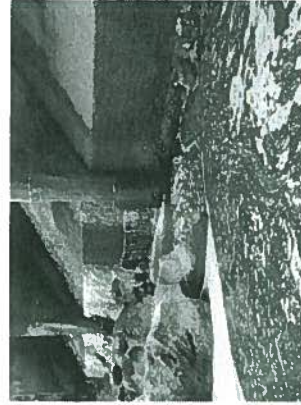
Canal looking up river from the Powerhouse at upper dam



Canal intake at the upper dam



Pier upper dam



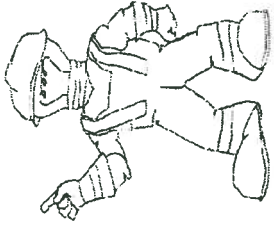
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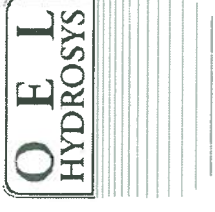
Canal looking up river to power house



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## Ontario's EA Process for Waterpower

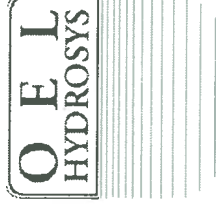
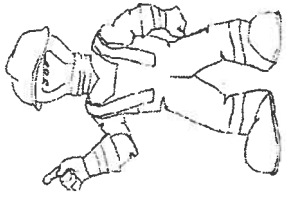


Was the *Environmental Screening Process* under O. Reg. 116/01

- Generic EA process for electricity projects
- Includes multiple forms of generation, including wind, water, natural gas, biomass, municipal solid waste, etc.

Now the Ontario Waterpower Association Class EA

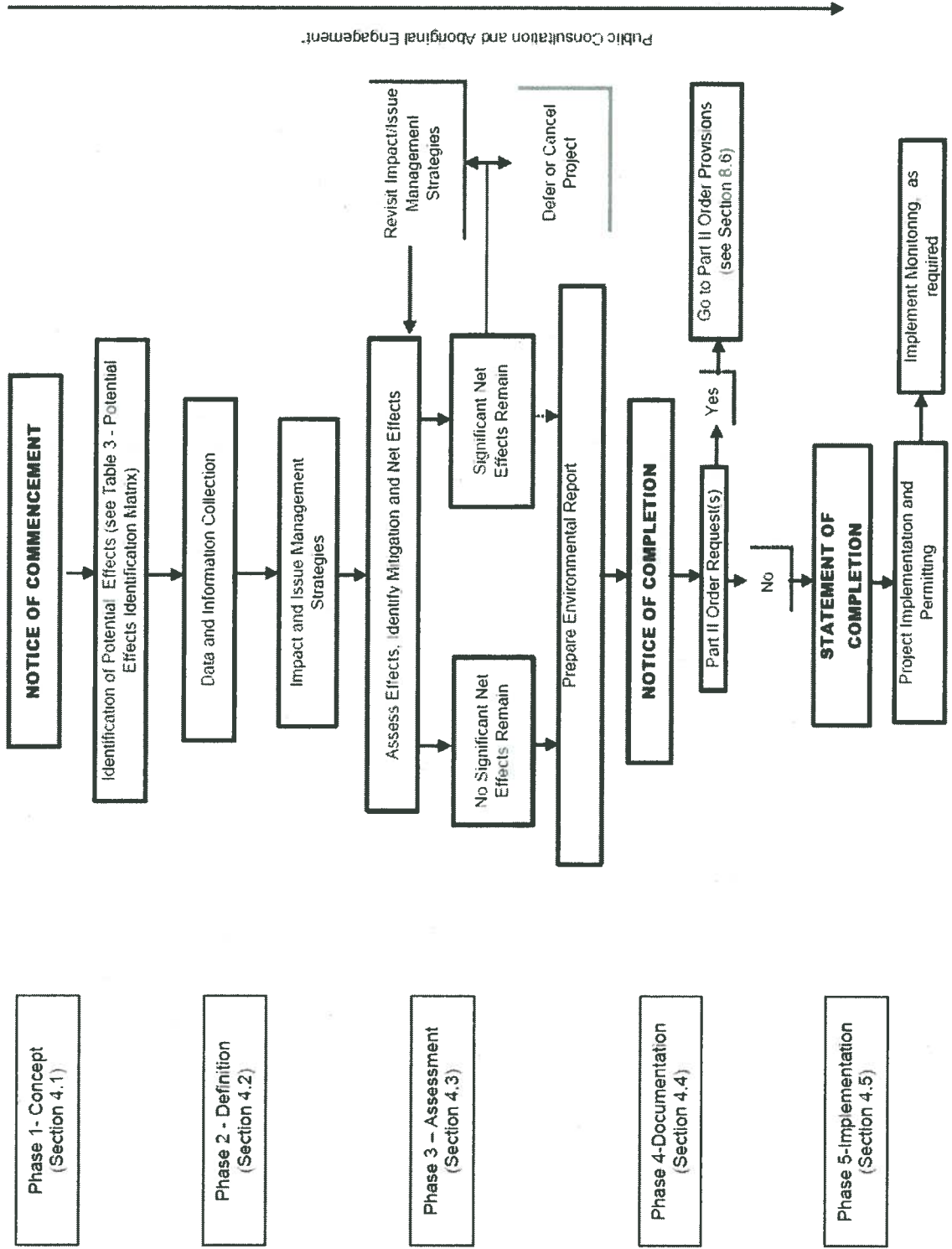
- Project types subject to Class EA are dictated by O. Reg. 116/01; however process used to assess is provided by Class EA
- New EA process designed to meet specific needs of a "class" of projects ⇨ waterpower projects
- New Class EA was introduced in October 2008



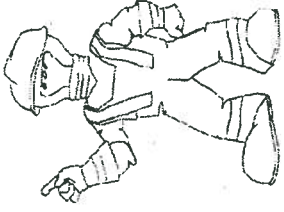
## What is a Class EA?

- Common projects with known environmental effects and mitigation measures
- Sector-specific
- Proponent-driven
- Transparent
- Scripted but flexible
- Provisions for public and aboriginal group review and agency review and decision-making

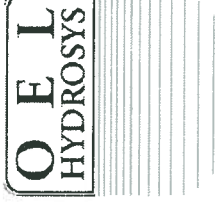
# Overview of the OWA Class EA Planning Process



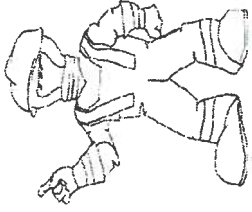
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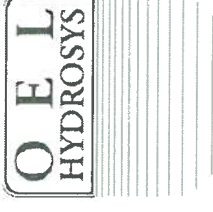
## The Approvals Process



- Proponent establishes the basis for project evaluation and public and aboriginal engagement
- Proponent initiates engagement process and project assessment
- Proponent determines how a project may affect the environment with assistance from interested parties
- Proponent must document the planning process and how it was implemented, and its findings and conclusions
- The final phase of the Class EA process summarizes commitments and follow-up measures
- Formal Review Period



## **Class EA Project Categorization**



Match project types with the general scope and scale of the environmental context within which they occur

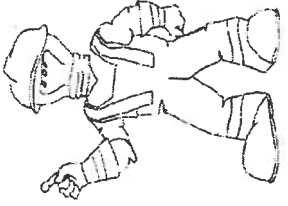
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- New Projects in Unmanaged Waterways

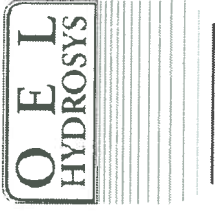
Key differences between categories is increasing geographic scope of potential effects, mandatory notification requirements, and general level of detail of assessment

This project falls into the first category

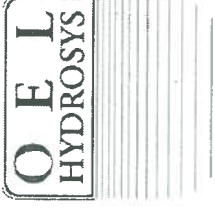
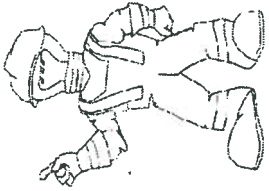
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## **Involving the Public**



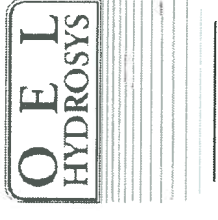
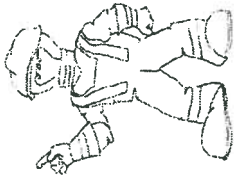
- **Emphasis on early and effective involvement**
- **Suitable notification and formal consultation/engagement practices**
- **Documentation a key requirement**
- **Supporting best practices are considered and incorporated into the plan**



## **Involving Agencies and Aboriginal Groups**

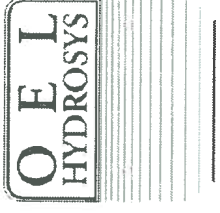
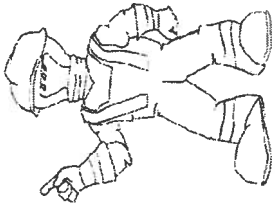
- Coordination meeting is key to “one project - one process” model
- Federal/Provincial EA requirements
- General and project-specific legislative requirements
- Determination of roles and responsibilities
- Project timelines and milestones
- Communications and consultation planning
- Aboriginal communities engagement and ATK incorporated





## **How you can participate in the process....**

- By sharing your information and views on the proposed project
- By participating in community meetings and voicing your opinions and suggestions



# Questions and Discussion

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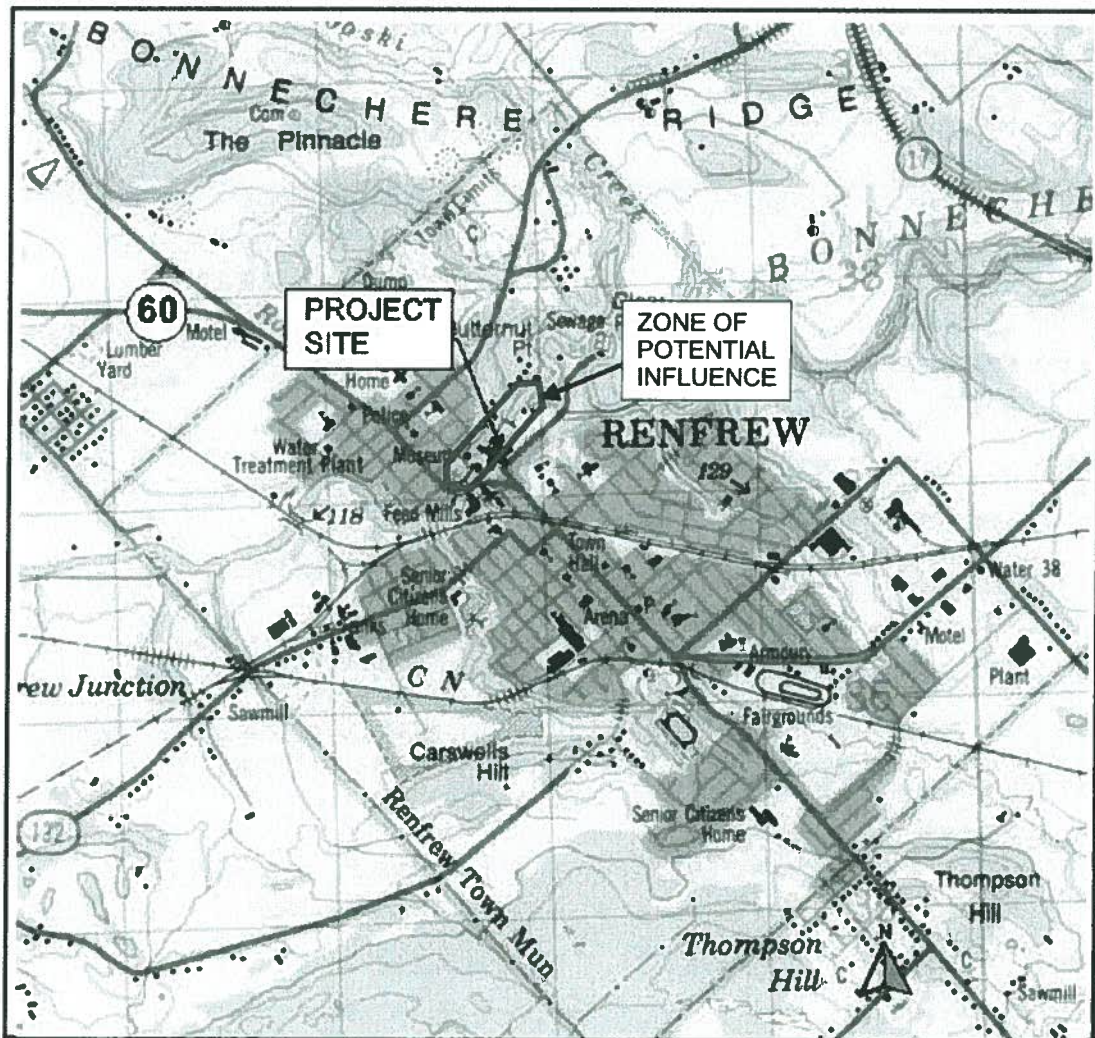
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**LITTLIST TEAMSTER  
AT DACA HORSE PULL**

Ed Lemieux receives help from grandson Dan Cadieux in guiding his horses Louie and Tommy during the annual DACA Horse Pull Sunday, June 5. The Buckingham entry finished fifth in the light division of the heavy horse class at the competition at the DACA Centre. For more coverage on the DACA and Area Community Association's horse pull, see the June 16 edition of the Renfrew Mercury. *Mercury photo by John Carter*

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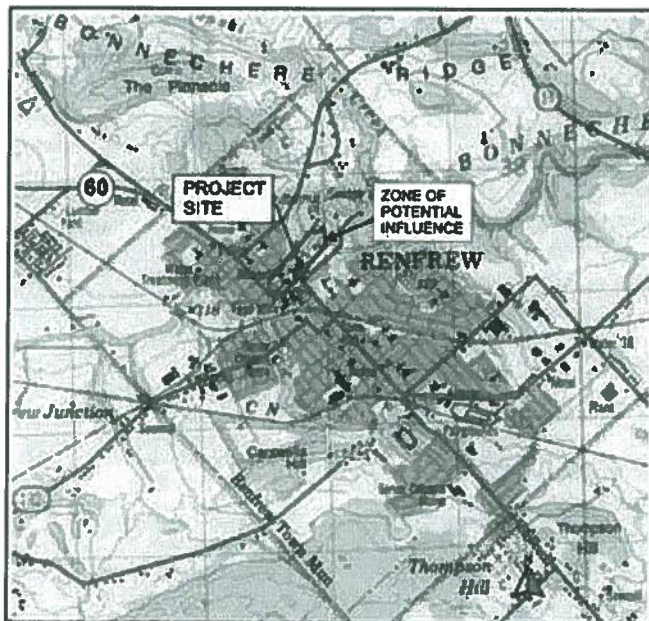


**OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE  
ADMH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

After 18 months, construction of the new and expanded Emergency Department at ADMH is over and we are officially opening our doors. We invite all Hospital and Foundation Board Members past and present, staff, volunteers and members of the community to join MPPs Madeleine Meilleur and John Yakabuski at the Official Opening Ceremony for the ADMH Emergency Department.

Tuesday, June 14, 2011  
from  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
at the rear of  
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The completion of the Emergency Department Renovation projects signifies ADMH's ability to accommodate 25,000 patients per year. The area is bigger, brighter and offers better patient flow while incorporating new and contemporary life saving equipment. The design of the department will enable the hospital to continuously improve wait times, and meet increasing levels of quality as outlined in the corporation's quality plan.



## St. John cadets honoured

Over the past 10 months St. John Ambulance has had a lot going on.

The cadets have been learning, practising and working on perfecting many first aid skills.

"We have also been learning a lot of other valuable skills. We have learned team work, patience (not the injured kind), friendships, working towards goals and perseverance," cadet leader Jen Daniels said to the cadets. "All your hard work has paid off."

At St. John Ambulance's headquarters on O'Brien Road June 8, awards and mementoes were presented in recognition of the cadets' hard work in 2010-11.

Daniels added. Prominent awards handed out were the Superintendent Award, Outstanding Leadership, Best Attendance and Most Improved.

Hailey Valliquette was honoured with the prestigious Superintendent Award.

"This award recognizes an all-around fantastic cadet," Daniels noted.



"This cadet will display excellent leadership qualities and dedication. The recipient tonight displays all of the qualities we look for, between great attendance, and participating in a variety of cadet events such as camps, fundraisers, courses, workshops and public duties.

"This cadet is a great role model, friendly to everyone and always willing to help, no questions asked," Daniels added, before presenting the award to Valliquette.

The Outstanding Leadership Award went to Kenedee Smith.

"This recipient is also a great role model. Between taking on responsibilities

and showing great initiative, this cadet also tries to make the surrounding environment positive and helps us all focus on our goals," Daniels said.

Smith was a double winner as she also received the award for best attendance.

It didn't matter what the situation, weather or otherwise, Smith was always there, Daniels said.

Duncan McIntyre was the recipient of the Most Improved Cadet honour. McIntyre was somewhat shy and quiet when the year began.

By the end, he was more outgoing and made his presence felt.

From left are St. John Ambulance cadet leader Jen Daniels, cadet award recipients Kenedee Smith, Duncan McIntyre and Hailey Valliquette, and cadet leader Brad Hammel. Mercury photo by Peter Clark

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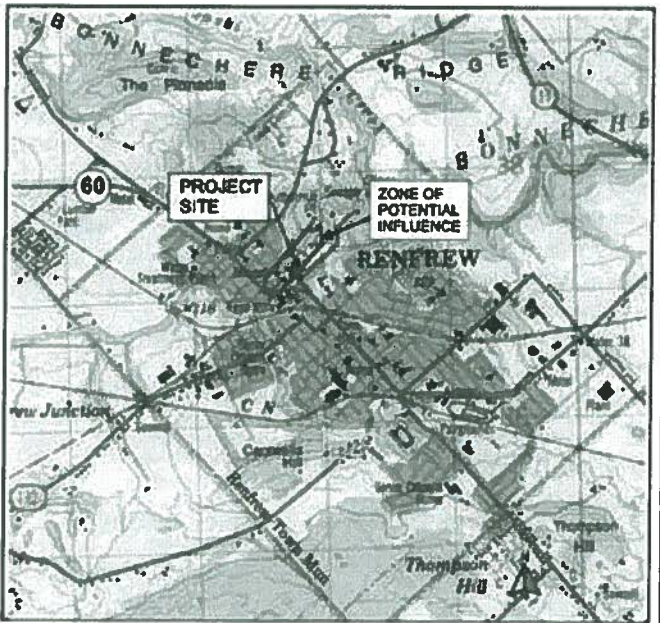
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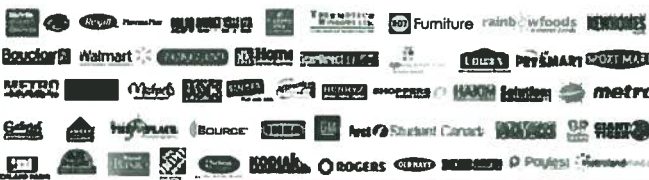


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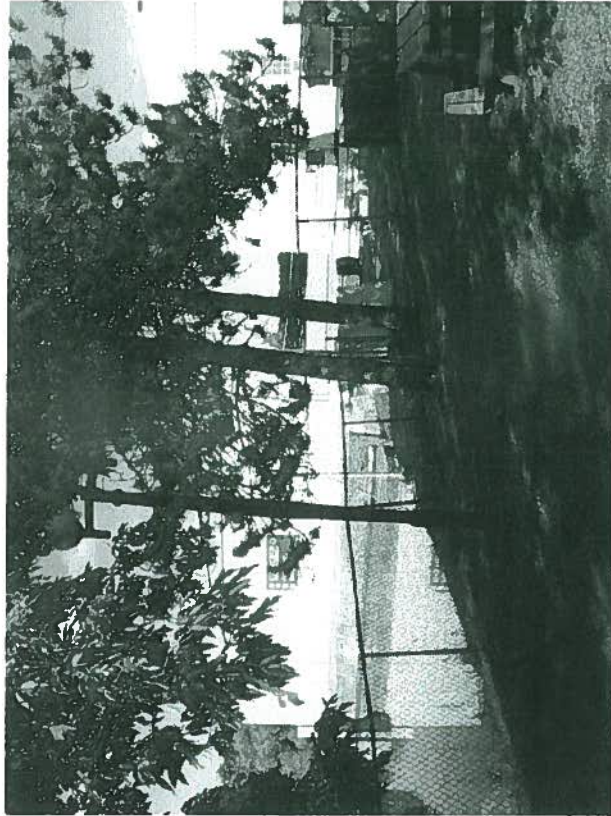
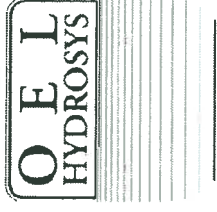
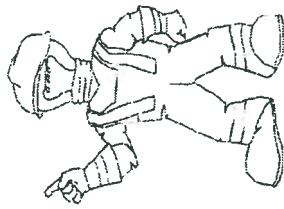
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# RENFREW POWER GENERATION

## THE THOMAS LOW GENERATING STATION

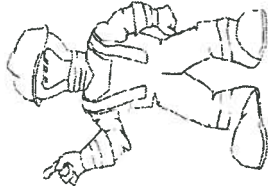
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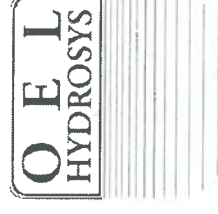


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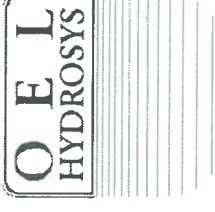
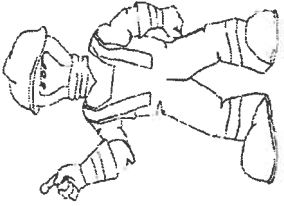




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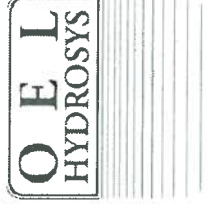
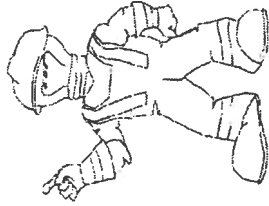


- To introduce the proposed Project
- To outline the Environmental Assessment Process
- To continue the public consultation.



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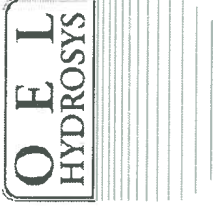
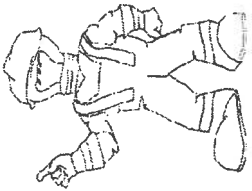
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2. Introduce the Consulting Team
3. Background/History of Project Site
4. Introduce the Proposed Development Project
5. Explain the OWA Class Environmental Assessment Process
6. Open Forum Discussion



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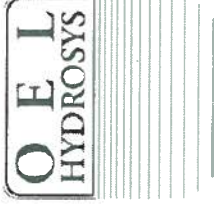
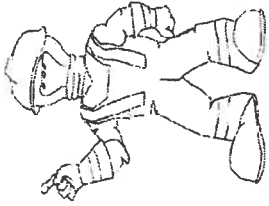
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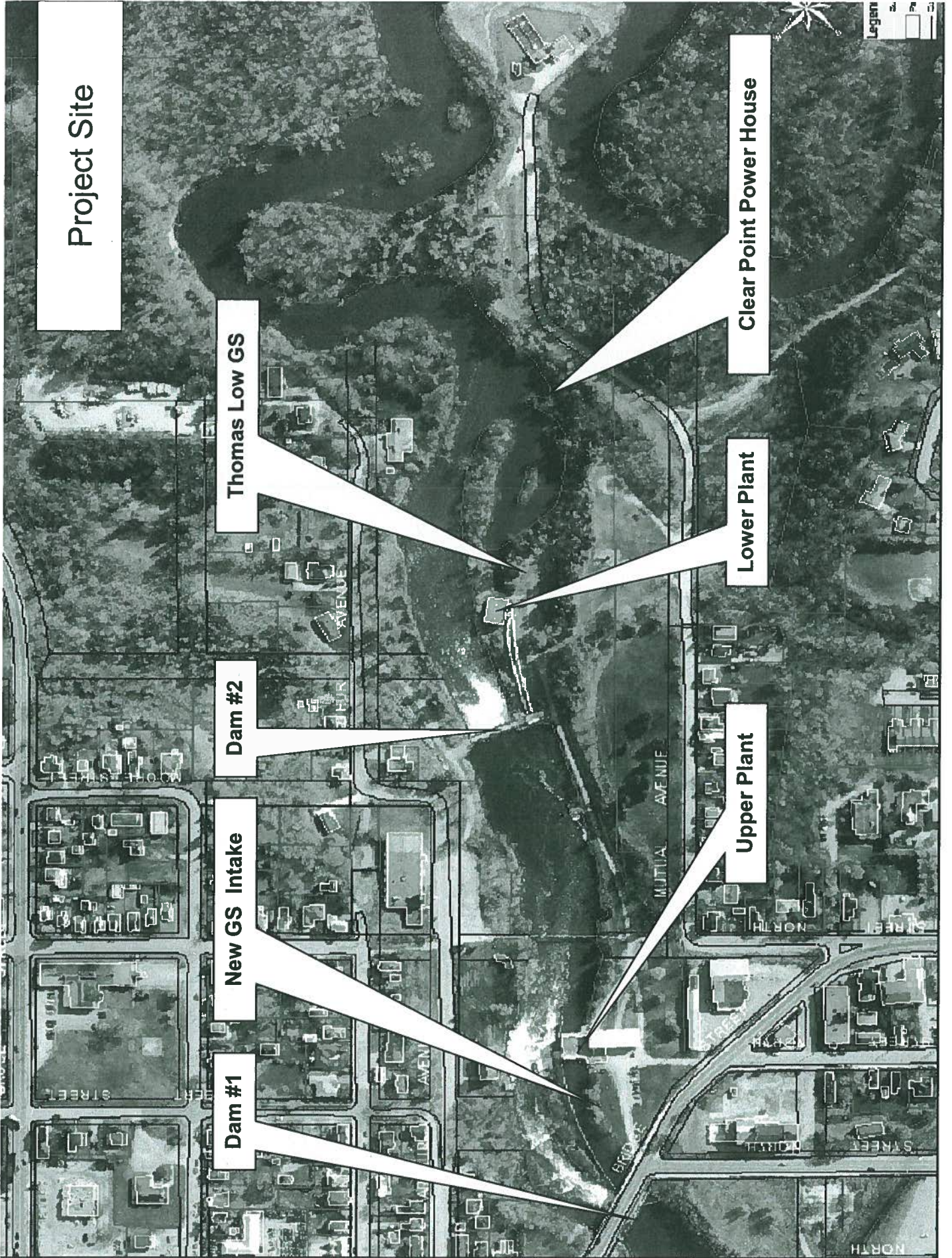
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## Background/History

1. Original site layout built in 1903 by Thomas Low included two power generation units, located at what is known today as GS 2 (Lower Plant)
2. Original dam was replaced in 1948 and the original wood penstocks were rebuilt of steel in 1986
3. The Upper Dam at Highway 60 was built in 1908 after the Bonnechere River ran dry
4. GS1 (Upper Plant) and adjoining canal were constructed in 1911



Project Site

Thomas Low GS

Clear Point Power House

Lower Plant

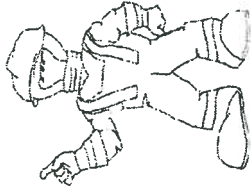
Dam #2

Upper Plant

New GS Intake

Dam #1





# The Project Development

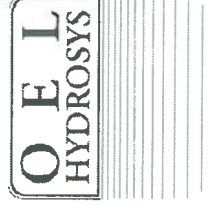
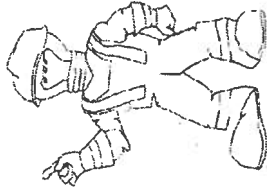


A two stage process:

**Stage 1:** Construction of new hydroelectric generating station, penstocks and tail race – Thomas Low GS (3.6MW).

During this time both existing plants will continue to operate

**Stage 2:** Connect the intake of the TLGS to the exiting canal and rehabilitate the dam and support structures. During this phase of construction only the lower plant will be in operation.

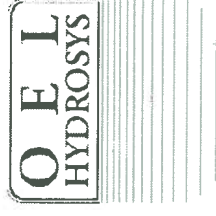
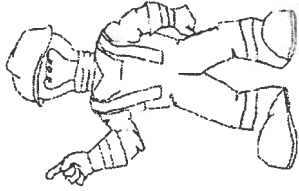


## **Anticipated Project Benefits**

- Smaller environmental footprint
- Zero greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduces reliance on polluting electricity imports
- Existing operating profile of the Bonnechere River remains unchanged
- Additional power to the Town of Renfrew
- Economic and employment benefits

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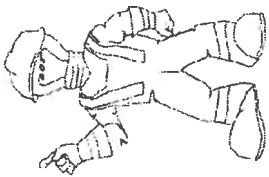
## **The Project Operation**

Once completed, the Thomas Low GS will become the main generating plant in the downtown core.

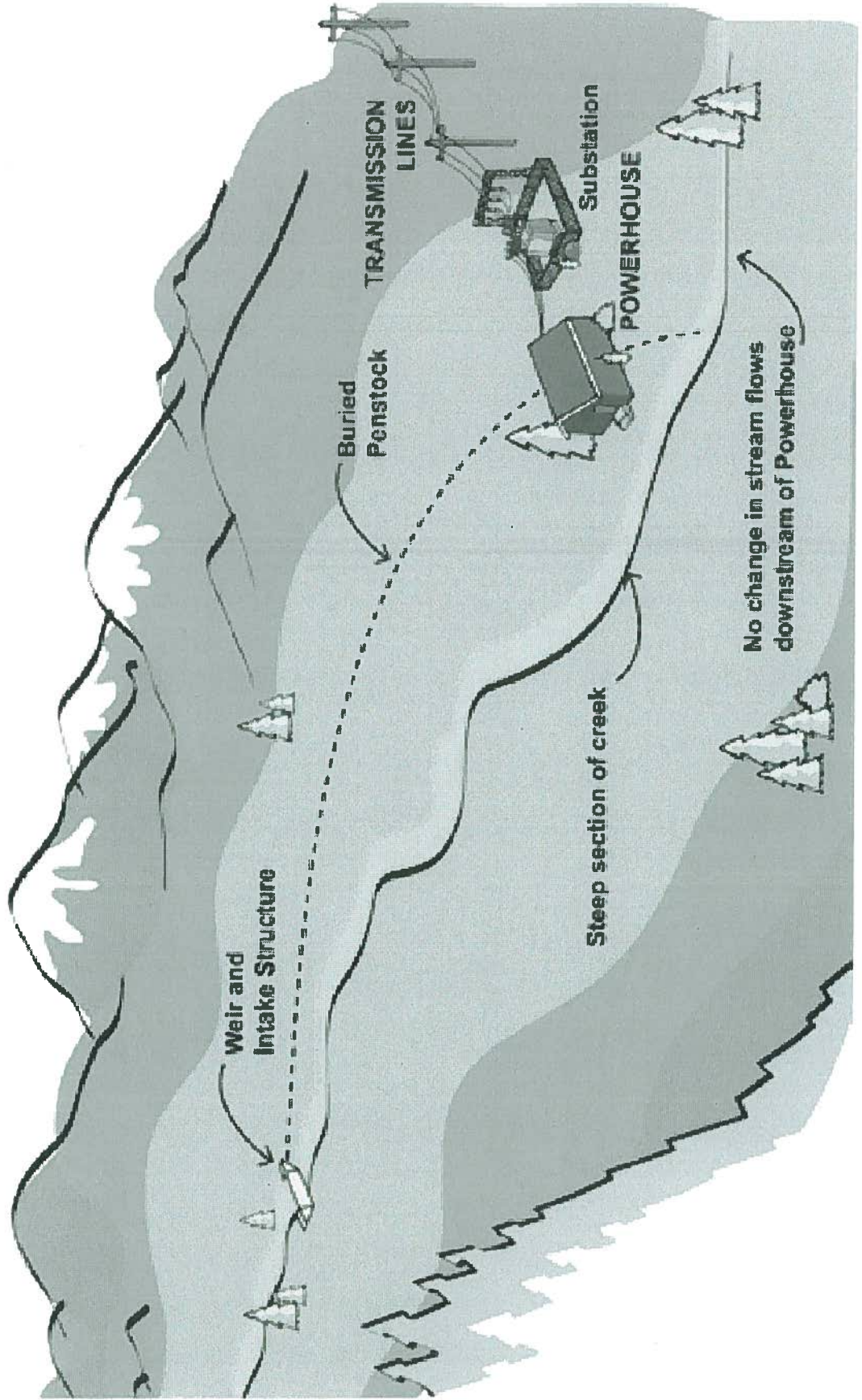
The existing plants will operate intermittently using water in excess of TLGS capacities depending on the frequency of higher river flows.

All facilities will operate as run-of-river systems.

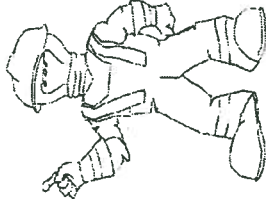
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# Run of River Design Basics



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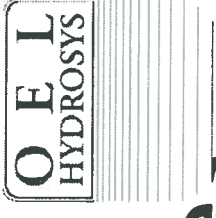


## Thomas Low GS Components



- New right wall of the intake canal near its downstream end where existing wood crib wall requires full upgrade.
- Intake (6.1m wide by 6.0m deep) equipped with mechanical gate and trash rack.
- Two buried penstock (2.5m diameter and approx. 400m long).
- Improvement to the access road to the powerhouse
- 70m<sup>2</sup> reinforced concrete powerhouse building
- Excavated tailrace canal (approx. 10m wide by 40m long)



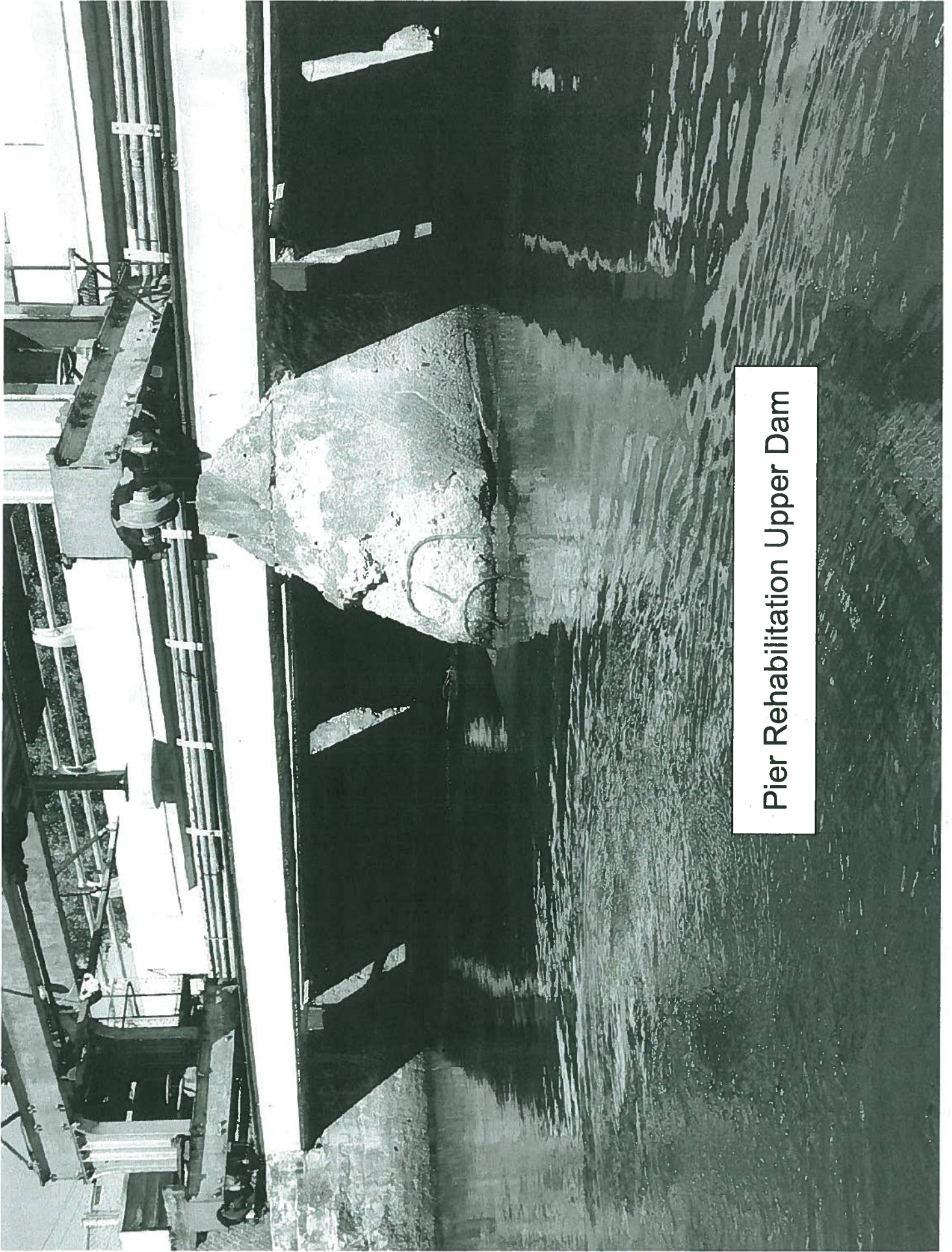


## **Rehabilitation of Existing Structures**

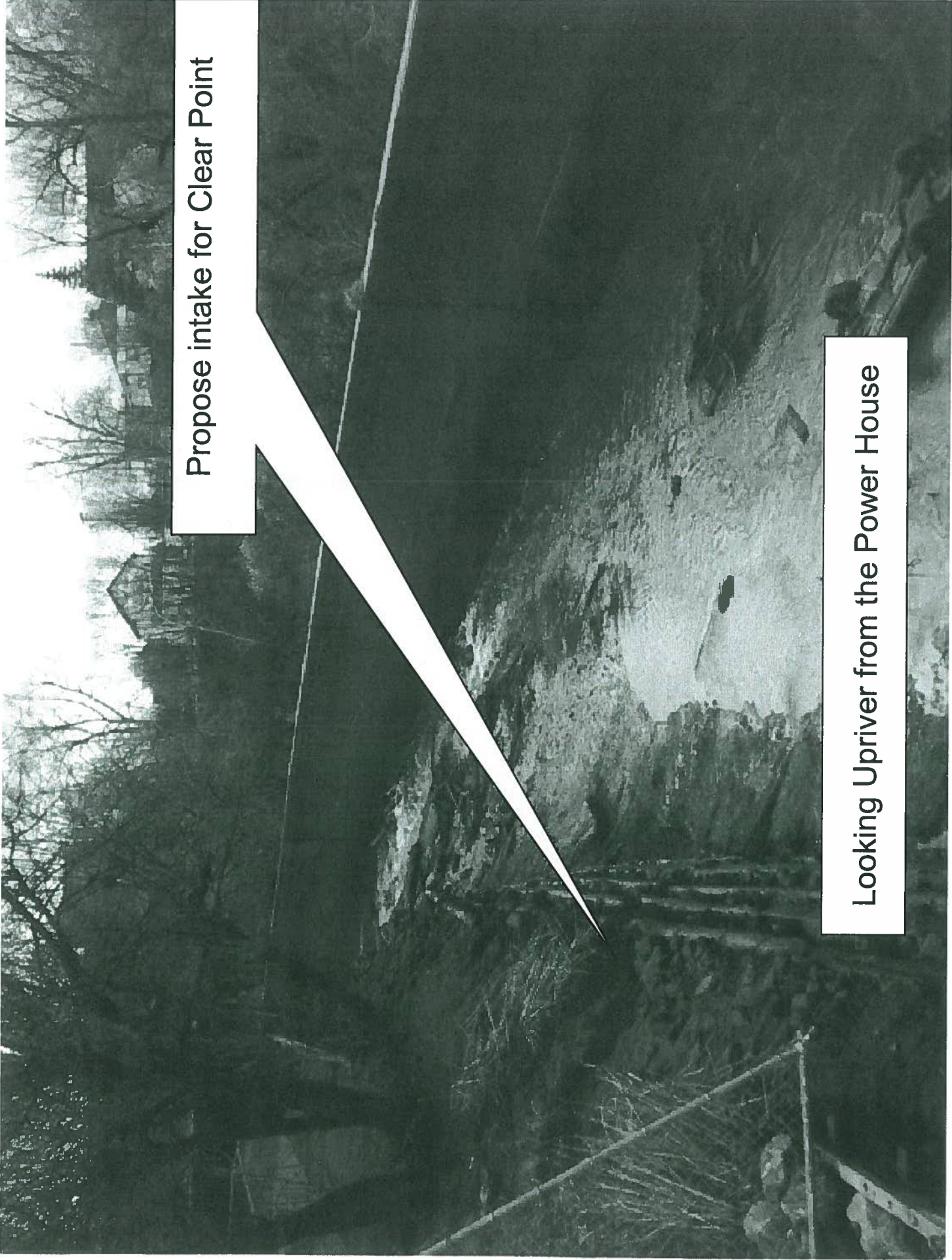
- Dam #1 and canal wall concrete rehabilitation
- New lower stop logs in rehabilitated sluiceway
- New backup operator for log hoisting or automated gate
- Repair of damaged left side (shore) powerhouse wall
- Repair and modification of Dam #2 damaged concrete apron
- Lower plant bridge and tail race.



Canal Wall Concrete Rehabilitation



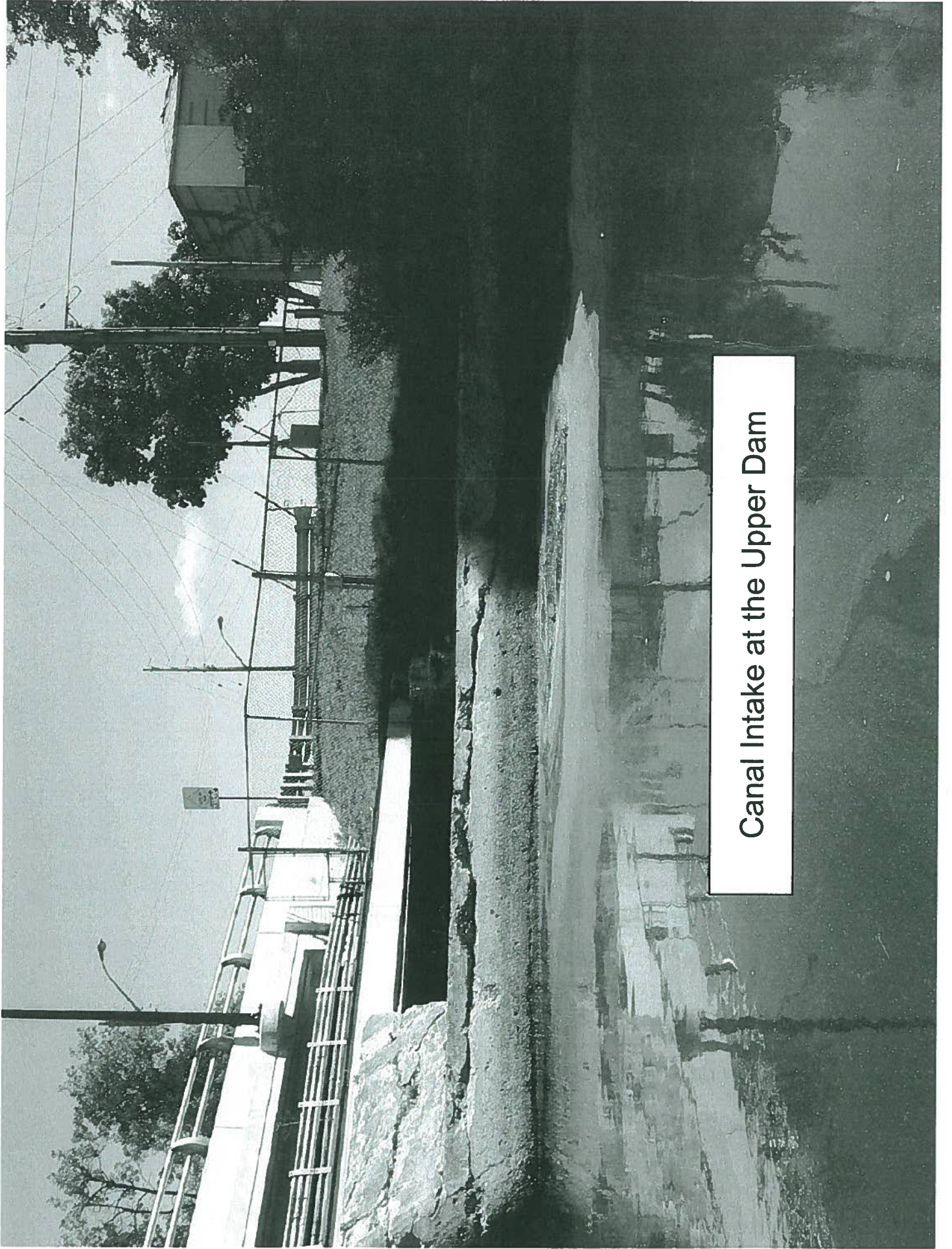
Pier Rehabilitation Upper Dam



Propose intake for Clear Point

Looking Upriver from the Power House

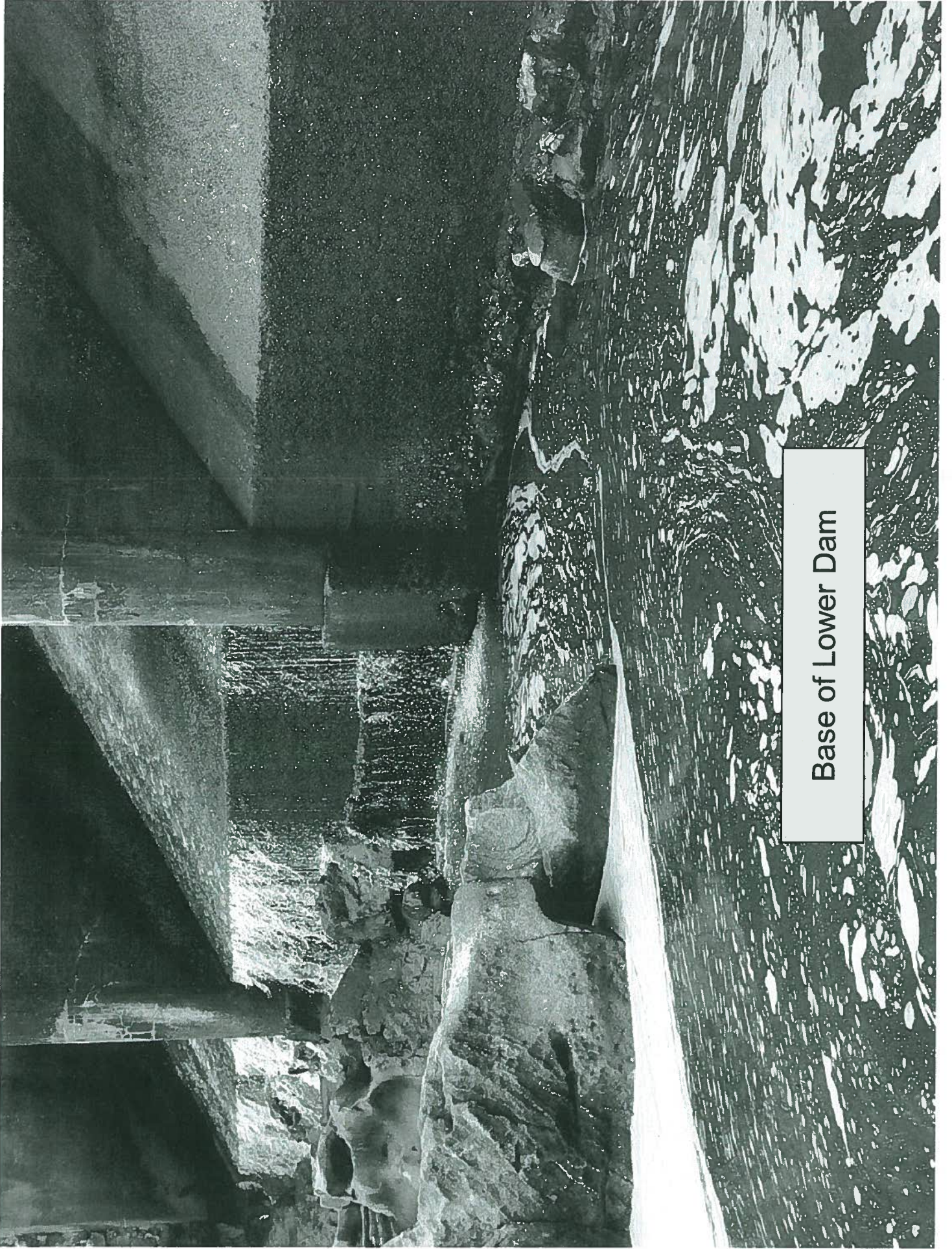




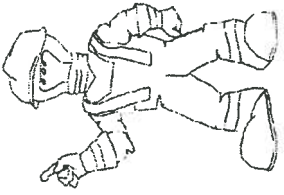
Canal Intake at the Upper Dam



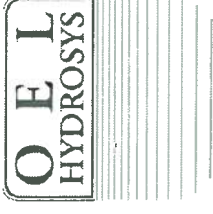
Repair to Plant  
Wall



Base of Lower Dam

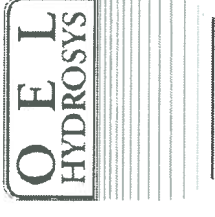
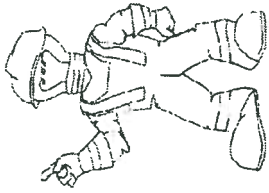


## **Key Areas of Assessment ...**



Potential impact to

- Natural environment
- Cultural
- Community



## **Environmental Assessment (EA)**

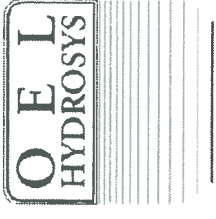
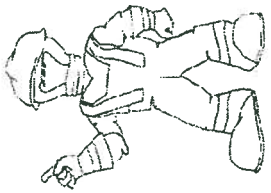
Federal Environmental Assessment under the (*Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*)

- Screenings (majority of projects)
- Comprehensive Study

Provincial Environmental Assessment (*Environmental Assessment Act*)

- Independent EA (complex; involving alternative options to a project)
- Process Regulation (scripted streamlined planning process)
- Class EA (sector specific, common projects)

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# Waterpower Projects EA in Ontario

Applicable Planning Legislation:

*Environmental Assessment Act*

Electricity Regulation (Ont. Reg. 116/01)

Environmental Screening process for  
electricity projects.

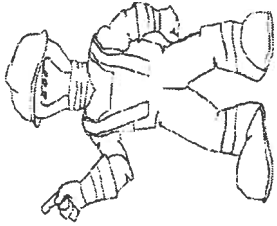
Project are categorized based on type of project and  
generation capabilities (i.e. MW of power produced).

Two categories for Waterpower:

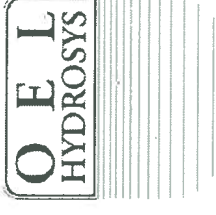
Category B - <200 MW

Category C - 200 MW or greater

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# Waterpower Projects EA in Ontario

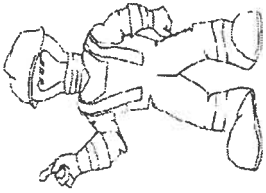


## Ontario Waterpower Association's Class EA for Waterpower Projects (October 2008)

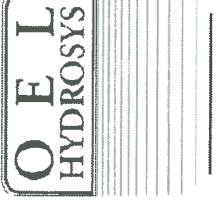
What is a Class EA?

- Common projects with known environmental effects and mitigation measures
- Sector-specific
- Proponent-driven
- Transparent
- Scripted but flexible
- Provisions for public and aboriginal group review and agency review and decision-making

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# OWA Class EA Categorization of Projects



The OWA Class EA matches project types with the general scope and scale of the environmental context within which they occur.

## Categories:

- Projects Associated with Existing Infrastructure
- New Projects on Managed Waterways
- New Projects in Unmanaged Waterways

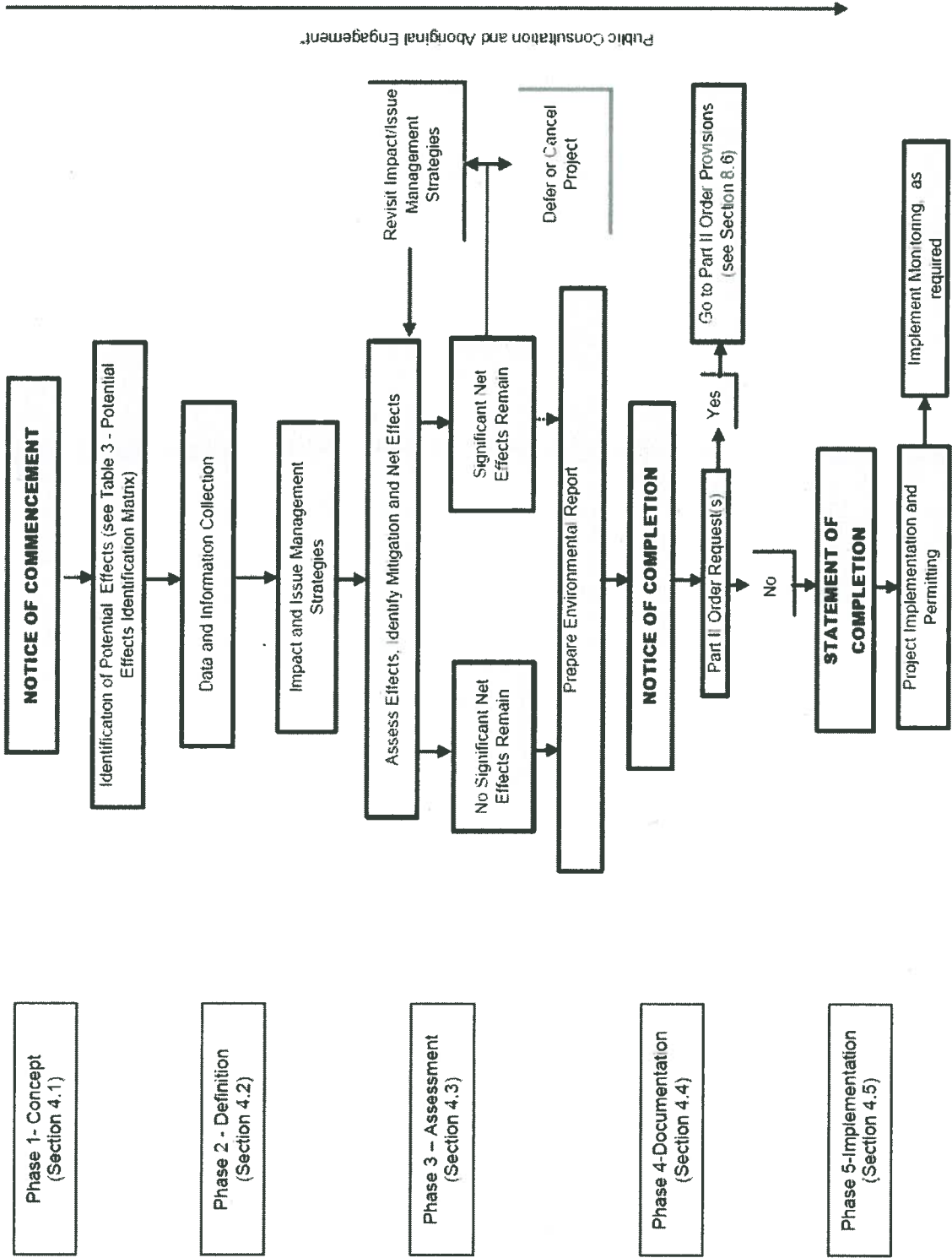
Key differences between categories is increasing geographic scope of potential effects, mandatory notification requirements, and general level of detail of assessment

**The Renfrew Development Project falls into the first category**

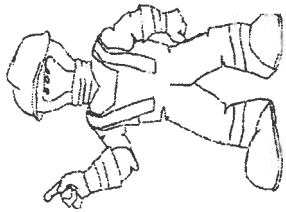
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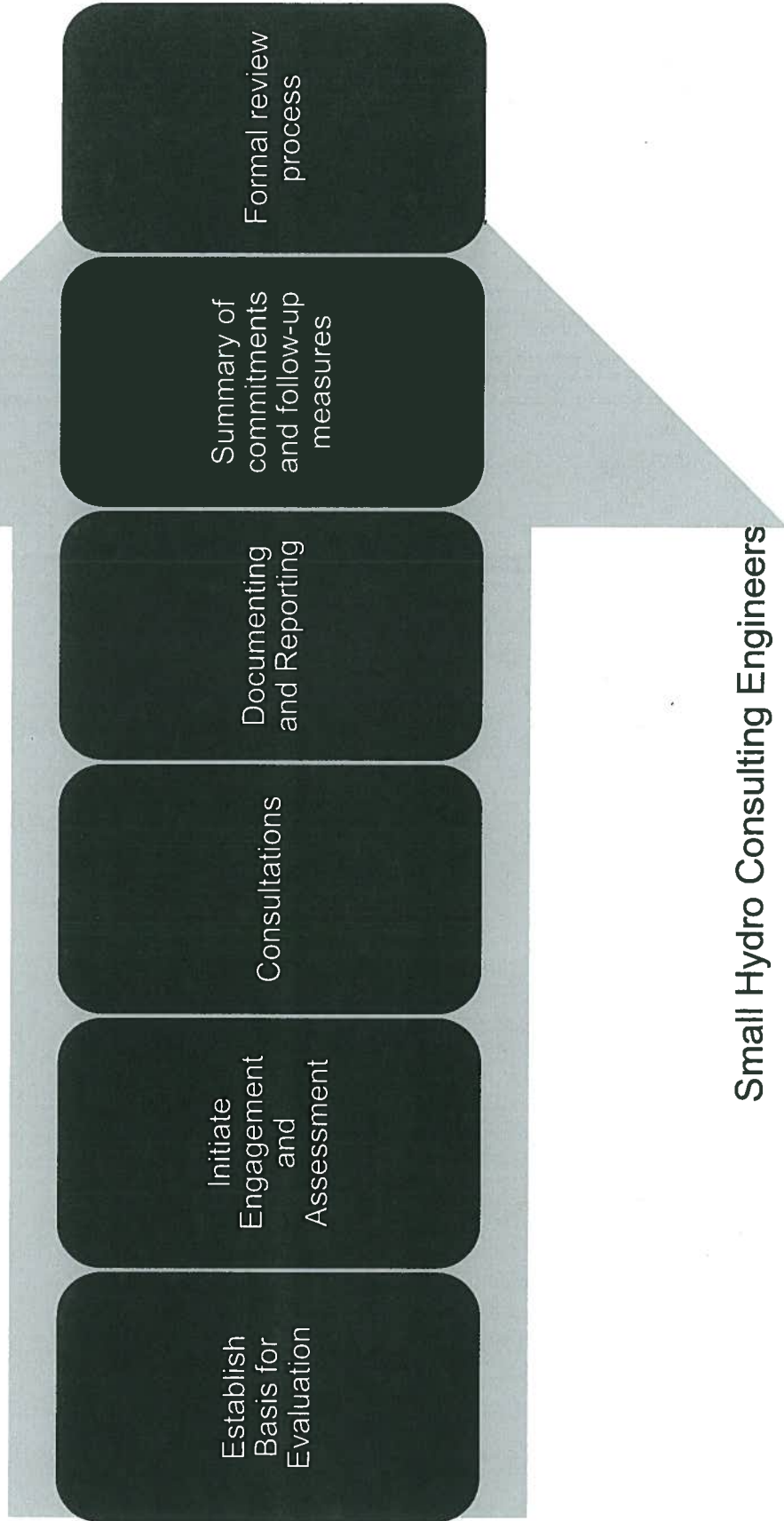
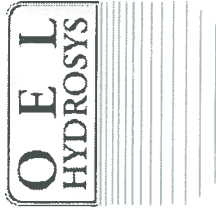
# Overview of the OWA Class EA Planning Process



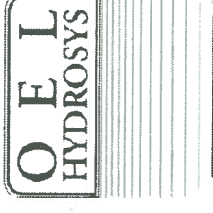
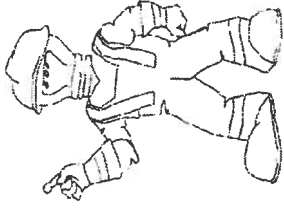
\*Public Consultation and Aboriginal Engagement may precede and/or continue through other regulatory processes.



# The Approvals Process

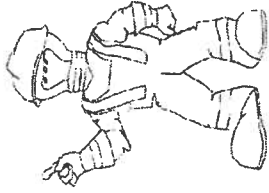


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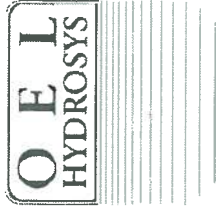


## **Involving the Public**

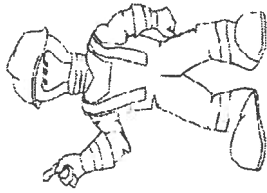
- **Emphasis on early and effective involvement**
- **Mandatory Notifications**
  - **Notice of Commencement**
  - **Notice of Completion**
  - **Statement of Completion**
- **Suitable notification and formal consultation practices (direct mailings, meetings, advertisements, website notice boards)**
- **Documentation a key requirement**



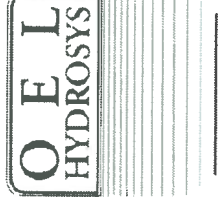
## **Involving Agencies and Aboriginal Groups**



- Coordinate Federal/Provincial EA requirements
- Determine applicable legislative requirements
- Determination of roles and responsibilities
- Project timelines and milestones
- Communications and consultation planning
  
- Algonquin of Ontario at separate meetings
- other identified aboriginal communities engagement
- Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) incorporated



# Other Environmental Legislation and Policy



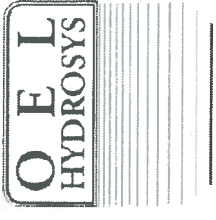
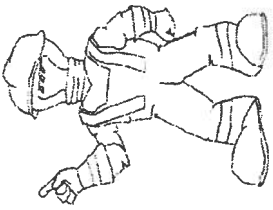
- Fisheries Act (DFO)
- Navigable Waters Protection Act (TC)
- Species At Risk Act (EC)
  
- Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) (MNR)
- Public Lands Act (MNR)
- Endangered Species Act (MNR)
- Ontario Heritage Act (MC)
- Ontario Water Resources Act (MOE)
- Environmental Protection Act (MOE)
- Clean Water Act (MOE)
- Public Highway and Transportation Improvement Act (MTO)
- More!!

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## **How you can participate in the process....**

- By sharing your information and views on the proposed project
- By participating in community meetings and voicing your opinions and suggestions



# Questions and Discussion

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