

Background:

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is undergoing a Water Management Planning Process for the associated storage and generating facilities of the Montreal and Matabitchuan River systems. Facilities owners, Ontario Power Generation Inc.(OPGI), Canadian Hydro Developers Inc.(CHDI), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), MNR, and the Town of Latchford (which is negotiating to acquire the Bay Lake Dam to develop a generating station) are cooperatively preparing the Water Management Plan for these waterways to ensure that concerns or issues related to the current water management operating plans are addressed.

Facilities: Montreal River

Duncan Lake Dam – MNR
Mistinikon Lake Dam – OPGI
Indian Chute Generating Station - OPGI
Lady Evelyn Lake Dam – OPGI
Bay Lake Dam – PWGSC
Hound Chute Generating Station – OPGI
Ragged Chute Generating Station – CDDI
Lower Notch Generating Station - OPGI

Matabitchuan River

Net Creek Dam – MNR North Milne Lake Dam – MNR Rabbit Lake Dam – OPGI Four Bass Lake Dam – OPGI Matabitchuan Generating Station - OPGI

Public Consultation: Five formal phases of public consultation will be held as follows:

- Phase 1 Public Notice of the Water Management Plan and creation of the Public Advisory Committee – January 2003 (completed)
- Phase 2 Scoping workshops for the Water Management Plan March 2003 (completed)
- Phase 3 First Information Center the Options December 2003
- Phase 4 Second Information Center Water Management Plan Draft Review January 2003
- Phase 5 Final Water Management Plan Inspection March 2004

Information Sessions Schedule:

The purpose of the Information sessions is to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the Scoping Reports and Options concerning the operational strategies for the Montreal and Matabitchuan River systems.

- Dec 16, 2003 Elk Lake, Eco Centre, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 17, 2003 **New Liskeard, Quality Inn** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 18, 2003 **Latchford, Legion Hall** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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