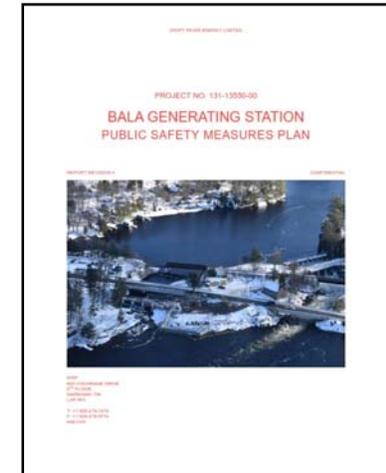


Bala generating station: Creates risks to the Township

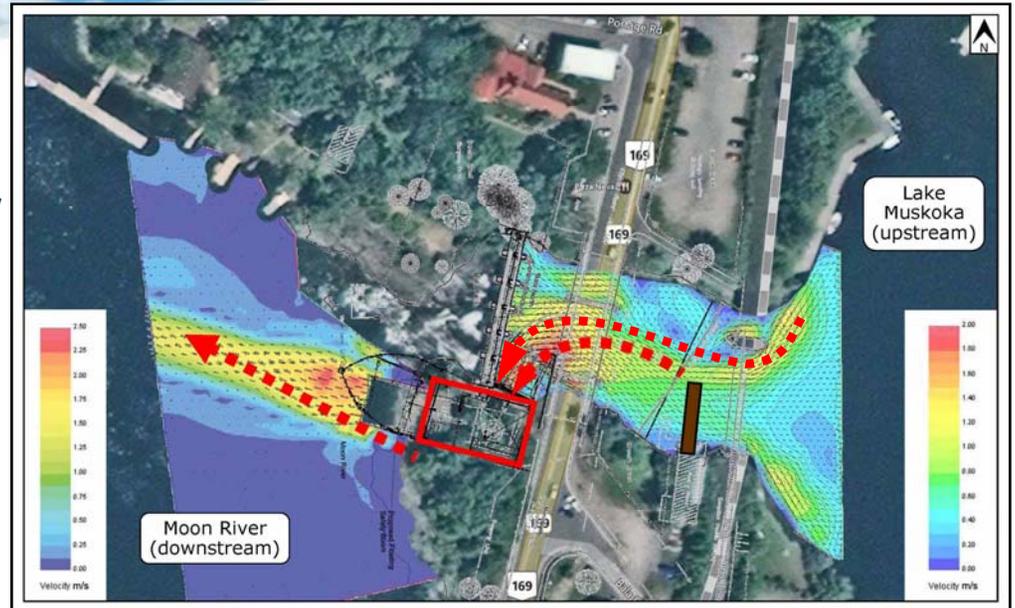
Risks to the Township remain

- Swift River Energy has recently released their Public Safety Measures Plan and on October 11, 2019 sent a carefully-worded and evasive letter to the Township
 - Fast water would be through north, instead of south, channel
 - ▶ Flow of 96 m³/s on more than 20 days each summer
 - Main risks remain
 - ▶ Transport Canada's own calculation shows safety boom should be farther upstream
 - ▶ Québec Coroner stated “safety booms” contribute to danger by tipping canoes
 - ▶ Inadequate protection for those using Township's docks
 - ▶ Dangerous water would extend outside of downstream “safety boom”



Unaddressed dangers

- 45 seconds after tipping over the upstream safety boom, people would be held under water at the intake's trash rack
 - That would be their end



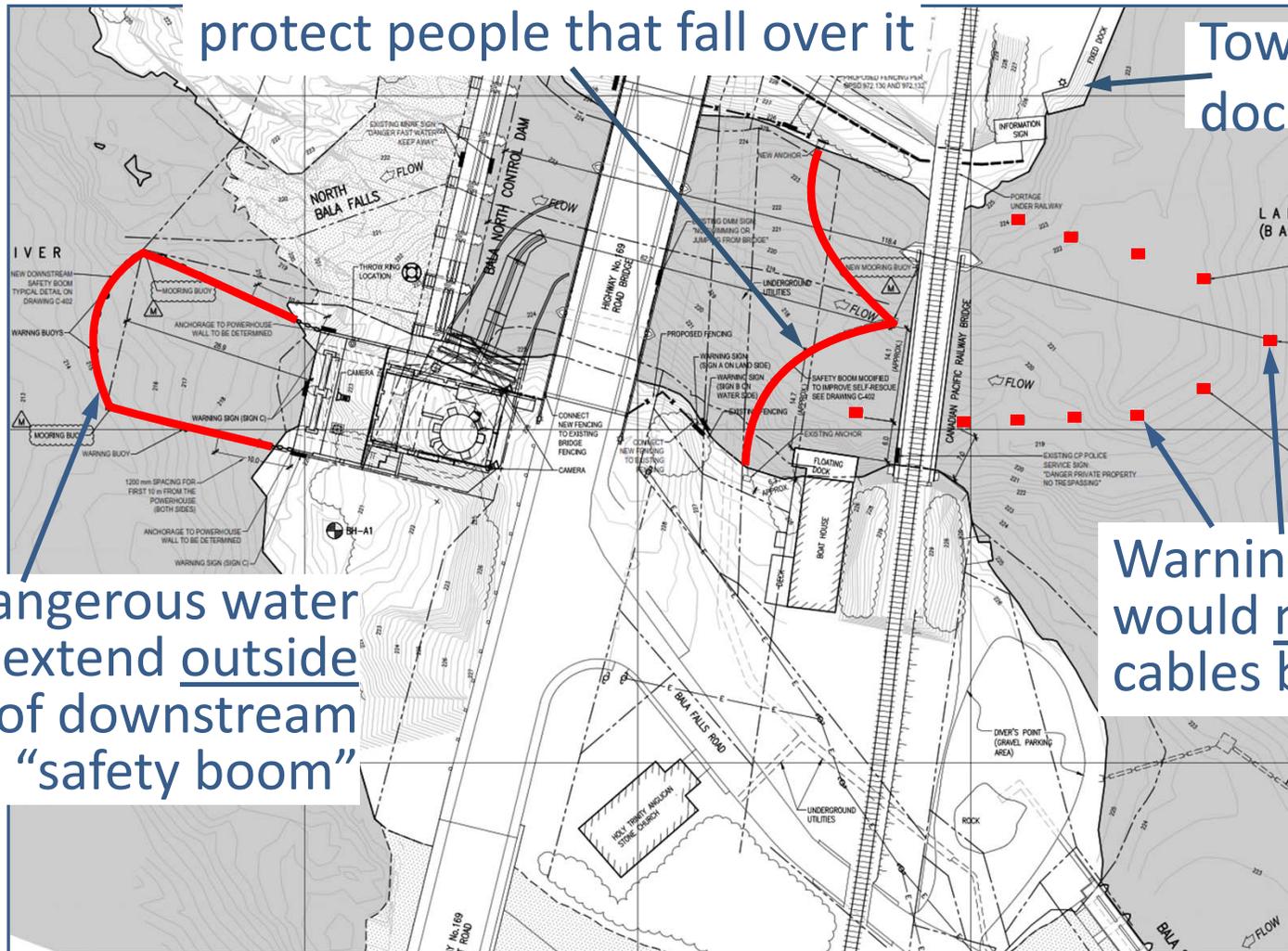
- Turbulent water would extend outside of downstream safety boom
- Unprecedented to be this close to docks and residences
- Plan has not been approved by a neutral third-party with safety expertise

No protection for the Township

- MECP and MNRF have demonstrated they do not have public safety expertise
 - MNRF's ridiculous statements (higher elevation, call 911)
 - Environmental Review Tribunal's reversal of MECP's approval for wind turbines too close to airports due to risks to human life
- MECP has not responded to the Township's January 18, 2019 Resolution requesting no operation in summer
- Transport Canada's approval is only that safety booms are *"not likely to substantially interfere with navigation"*
 - No mandate or expertise for in-water recreation safety
- Government is not taking responsibility
 - Self regulation has failed, as it has for builders, restaurants, and criminals

Inadequate public safety measures

Upstream “safety boom”
would tip canoes, and not
protect people that fall over it



Township's
docks

Warning signs
would not have
cables between

Dangerous water
would extend outside
of downstream
“safety boom”

Our request

- This Council, as did the previous Council declared the Township of Muskoka Lakes is an unwilling host
- Project has been driven solely by the Province
 - Land, approvals, payment for power produced ...
 - Province should take responsibility for the dangers created
- Suggested Council Resolution:

... the Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that the Province of Ontario fully indemnify the Township of Muskoka Lakes, including providing written confirmation the Province will pay 100% of the legal costs the Township of Muskoka Lakes incurs, due to incidents resulting from the operation of this Generating Station ...