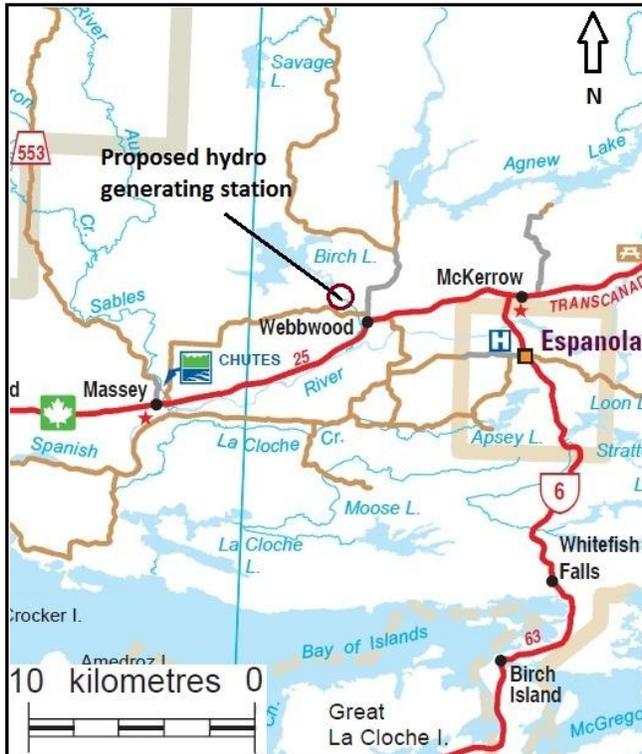


## Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects Birch Creek Small Hydro Project

6324827 Canada Inc is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for the proposed Birch Creek Small Hydro project. The project is located at Dam Rd, Webbwood, Ontario. If approved and constructed, this waterpower project would be close to 1 MW in capacity and produce 5,420 MWh of renewable energy annually. The project's study area is presented in the map below. The project will include a water intake, penstock, powerhouse and tailrace. Associated facilities will include access roads and a temporary equipment laydown area.



The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects". Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be associated with existing infrastructure on a managed waterway. The Class EA process requires 6324827 Canada Inc to evaluate the positive and negative environmental effects of the proposed project and prepare an Environmental Report. The project is also expected to require review and approvals under the (Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, etc.). 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.

The Class EA process is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2012, following which construction is anticipated to commence and be ongoing for 6 months, provided approval.

The evaluation and environmental report will assess the potential effects of the proposed waterpower project on the environment during its construction and operation. 6324827 Canada Inc. has identified certain environmental components that are expected to be the focus of the proposed project. Public and First Nation consultation will be an integral component throughout this process. WEC Ltd is undertaking the EA on behalf of 6324827 Canada Inc. You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed, and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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