

Ontario Waterpower Association

About Us

Since 2001 the Ontario Waterpower Association has been representing the common and collective interests of the waterpower industry. To date our membership has grown to over 140 organizations. Our membership includes generators, engineering firms, environmental consultants, legal, project financing and insurance firms, Aboriginal communities and other organizations, all sharing the common interest of advancing waterpower in Ontario. Our members look to us to provide an effective forum for coordinating, promoting and identifying the common interests of the waterpower industry in Ontario.

Our Mission

We will:

- preserve and grow value for our membership;
- facilitate the responsible growth and enhance the competitiveness of the industry;
- coordinate and promote the common interests of the membership;
- promote the achievement of sustainable development;
- build strategic relationships with:
 - Government;
 - Aboriginal organizations;
 - Industry, resource management associations, and the environmental community;
- be recognized as the primary source for quality information about waterpower.

OWA Membership Benefits

- Opportunities to provide advice and comment in key policy and development initiatives;
- Opportunities to participate on OWA committees and task teams;
- Access to the restricted "Members Only" section of the OWA website that includes policy input, correspondence, communication products and various reports produced by the OWA;
- Listing in the OWA membership directory (online and in print);
- Networking opportunities, meetings and referrals;
- Discounts to OWA workshops and the annual Power of Water Conference;
- Voting opportunity at the OWA Annual General Meeting;
- Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities and the Power of Water Conference;
- Subscription to the quarterly OWA newsletter *Renew*;
- Unlimited postings to the OWA's online employment opportunities;
- Industry networking, data research and information sharing through the OWA website and MNR-wide data exchange;
- A one-page complete corporate profile featured on the OWA website for all new members.

Membership Rates

Generators		Consultants, Legal Firms, Insurance, Project Management and Other Organizations	Seniors and Students
Capacity (MW)	Annual Fee	Average annual business investment with the Ontario waterpower industry	Annual Fee \$100.00 (non voting category)
Less than 1 MW	\$400.00	> \$1,000,000.00 \$4,000.00	
Over 1 MW	\$250.00 per MW	< \$1,000,000.00 \$750.00	
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Our Current Advocacy Priorities

The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) exists to representing the common and collective interests of the waterpower industry, and as such is actively involved in the following advocacy priorities:

Recent policy initiatives

- *Green Energy Act* development and implementation
- Feed-In Tariffs Program
- *Endangered Species Act*
- Transmission Planning
- Waterpower Site Release and Protected Areas
- Boreal Forest and Far North Planning
- Dam Safety Regulation and *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* Technical Guidelines Implementation
- Permit and Approvals and Requirements

The OWA provides a central forum where our members can express their concerns and provide meaningful input into the direction that the Association should take regarding key issues facing the industry. As the "voice" for the industry, the OWA encourages the direct involvement of our members by inviting their participation on various internal Task Teams. These Task Teams are yet another way our members can actively participate by providing direct input and advice.

Our Achievements

The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) has contributed to the advancement and improvement of a number of key policies, procedures, economic and environmental issues. Below are just a few of our many recent accomplishments:

- Class EA for Waterpower Projects
- Best Management Guide for Lake Sturgeon and and the American eel and Waterpower Projects
- Endangered Species Framework Agreements
- Hydroelectric Contract Initiative
- Power of Water Vignette Series
- *Building Capacity Together – An Introduction to Waterpower* (self-directed learning DVD set)
- *Aboriginal Community Guide for Waterpower Development in Ontario*
- *Community Guide to Waterpower Development*

External Stakeholder Collaboration

The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) is directly involved in many Committees and groups that are actively involved in several issues that will have a direct impact on the waterpower industry. Below is a short list of the many Committees and groups that the Association currently participates in:

- Species at Risk Advisory Committee (SARPAC)
- Far North Advisory Committee
- *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA)* Advisory Committee
- Great Lakes Annex Committee
- Waterpower Working Group (WPWG)
- The Ontario Water Table (OWT)
- Renewable Energy Task Team (RETT)

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