

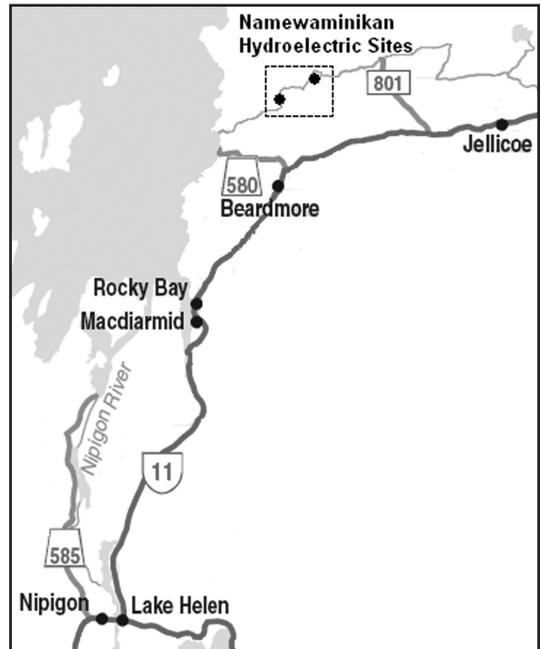
Environmental Assessment: Notice of Commencement and First Open House

NAMEWAMINIKAN RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Namewaminikan Hydro Inc. is proposing to build, own and operate two run-of-river hydroelectric generation stations on the Namewaminikan River, approximately 15 km north of Beardmore, Ontario (see map). Namewaminikan Hydro is part of the AXOR Group, which specializes in the generation of EcoLogo™ certified green energy, and already owns and operates similar hydroelectric stations. AXOR Group is also the owner and operator of one of the largest wind farms in Canada, Le Nordais. In total, AXOR owns and operates 120 MW of EcoLogo™ certified, green, renewable energy.

The hydroelectric sites will have a combined production capability of 10 MW and will be generating power on a run-of-river fashion, without using a reservoir. The proposed undertaking consists of the following: an intake forebay, a diversion weir, a small dam, a powerhouse and a tailrace canal will be constructed at each location. Adjacent forestry roads in the area will be refurbished and made accessible all year. A new 25kV transmission line will be constructed along existing roads, connecting both hydroelectric stations to the Beardmore distribution station.

Under regulation 116/01 of the Environmental Assessment Act, this project is considered a Category B project and requires an *Environmental Screening Report* as outlined in the "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects". This project also needs to meet the requirements of the Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources *Waterpower Program Guidelines* and *Water Management Guidelines* and approvals under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. To assist with the environmental screening process, Namewaminikan Hydro has retained the services of KGS Group, a Thunder Bay based company with extensive experience in the field of environmental studies and hydroelectricity.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2006

At this time, Namewaminikan Hydro invites you to attend a first Public Open House regarding the Namewaminikan River hydroelectric project. This initial meeting will allow Namewaminikan Hydro to present its hydroelectric project, to explain the environmental screening process and to receive inputs from participants on the proposed development. Comments and concerns from stakeholders are important components of the environmental screening process and will be included in the preparation of the environmental screening report.

When : Thursday, June 15, 2006 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Where: Beardmore Community Centre Complex, 100 Main Street, Beardmore, ON

For more information on the proposed project and to provide the study team with your comments or to be included in our mailing list, please call us at (514) 846-4000 and mention the name of the project to our receptionist. Written comments can also be sent to:

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