

Introduction

The Mattagami Extensions Coordinating Committee (MECC) was established on May 14th, 2010 by the Ontario Minister of the Environment as a condition of approval of the Lower Mattagami River Project (LMRP) provincial Environmental Assessment (EA).

The MECC is an environmental oversight body which will oversee OPG's compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the EA Approval. The primary role of the MECC is to ensure the successful implementation of the Terms and Conditions of EA Approval and to act as a forum for the exchange and making available of information among Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Taykwa Tagamou Nation (TTN), Moose Cree First Nation (MCFN) and MoCreebec communities (the "First Nation Communities") with respect to the LMRP. The MECC's recommendations will be considered with high esteem by the Minister of Environment. Currently the MECC is composed of an independent Chair, an OPG representative, a representative from the MCFN community and a representative from the TTN community.

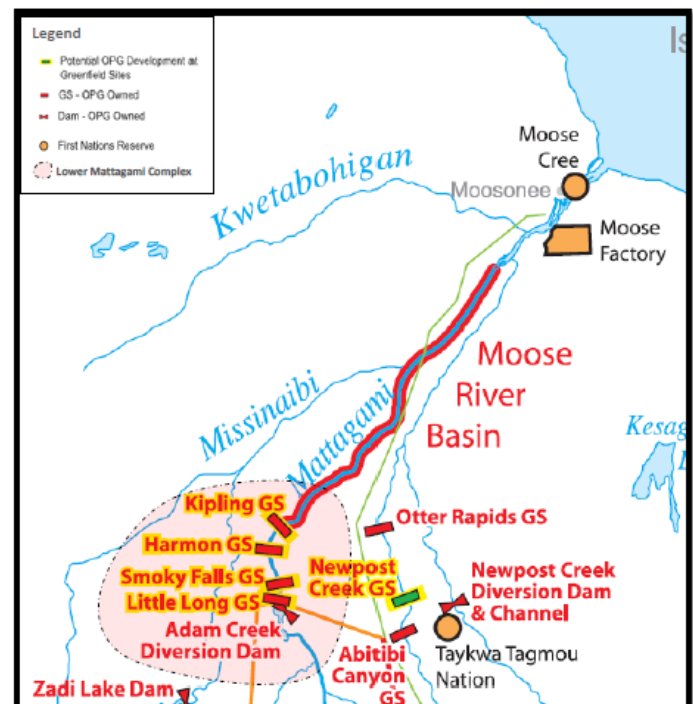
Lower Mattagami River Project

Ontario Power Generation and the Moose Cree First Nation have partnered together to expand the capacity of four existing generating station from 486MW to 924MW.

Located 70km north of Kapuskasing, ON, the project has four parts: building a new Smoky Falls Generating Station and adding new generating units at Harmon, Kipling, and Little Long generating stations.

In total, the project will add enough electricity to power an additional 440,000 homes, with no changes to existing water levels or flows.

Figure 1 Lower Mattagami Complex within the Moose River Basin



Mandate

The MECC is a technical advisory committee of the Lower Mattagami River Project. We exist to ensure the successful implementation of the Terms and Conditions of Environmental Assessment (EA) Approval and to provide Aboriginal input to the environmental oversight role. We conduct this core function by:

- Reviewing and advising whether the Terms and Conditions of EA Approval are complied with in a timely and satisfactory manner;
- Overseeing the monitoring of the project's effects and providing advice and recommendations on the monitoring program and its results;
- Reviewing OPG's compliance reporting;
- Evaluating the success of the measures taken to mitigate the effects of the project;
- Reviewing studies and research;
- Addressing any unanticipated problems, related to the Terms and Conditions of EA approval, that may arise at any stage of planning and construction of the LMRP;
- Acting as a forum for the exchange of information with the First Nation Communities; and
- Reviewing information on traditional knowledge.



MECC Membership

Rob Galloway, Chair
Jocelyn Cheechoo, alternate MCFN member
John Archibald, alternate TTN member
Ed Naval, alternate OPG Member

John Turner, MCFN member
Gabriel Archibald, TTN member
Jamey Deforge, OPG member since August 2011
Paul Burroughs, OPG member from May 2010 to July 2011

Observers / Support

Bill Greenaway, Government of Ontario representative and alternate Chair
Jim Etherington, Town of Kapuskasing
Mario Durepos, OPG MECC support

Chair's Message



Rob Galloway

I was selected by Moose Cree First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou Nation and Ontario Power Generation to serve as chair of the MECC in August 2010.

I have the responsibility of ensuring the members of MECC achieve their mandate. I establish meeting schedules in consultation with MECC members and facilitate the reaching of consensus among the members. I also ensure that all information, reports and data are provided to members in a timely fashion.

Many thanks to both MECC and Environmental Working Group (EWG) members for the remarkable work they've done in such a short period of time. I'm pleased with the contributions our members have made to the Lower Mattagami River Project. It is with great anticipation that I look forward to future contributions from our group in the many months to come.

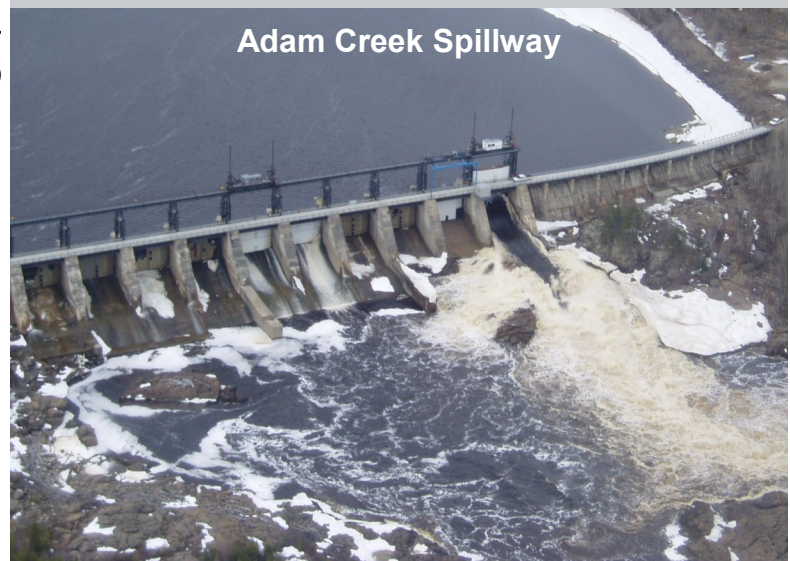
Rob Galloway, Chair

Rob Galloway is a partner in Galloway and Galloway Executive Consulting Services, with expertise in Health Care, Natural Resources, Community and First Nation Liaison. Rob graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Science and spent 15 years as a Forester, 5 years as Manager and 10 years as Regional Director with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Key Accomplishments 2010-2011

Since establishment on May 14th 2010, MECC has accomplished many of its expected tasks to date. Here are some of the highlights from May 2010 to December 2011:

- Created committee and appointed members.
- Hired Chair.
- Developed Terms of Reference.
- Held 13 committee meetings and 3 community meetings.
- Visited the Lower Mattagami River Project twice.
- Reviewed reports and received expert guests discussing identified issues.
- Reviewed Terms and Conditions of Environmental Assessment. Moved forward on resolving some issues.
- Initiated discussions on mitigating erosion and fisheries issues in Adam Creek spillway.



Environmental Working Group (EWG)

The EWG functions as a subcommittee of the MECC, providing advice and expertise, through a combination of both scientific and traditional knowledge of the environment.

The EWG reviews reports, permits and operations for Lower Mattagami River Project on-site work.

The group is intended to engage, collaborate and work constructively, in a timely way to ensure that any concerns raised by the Moose Cree First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou Nation or Ontario Power Generation are understood and addressed in a reasonable manner.

