

APPENDIX D  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Revised September 16, 2011

**Serpent River - Four Slide Falls & McCarthy Chute  
Public Consultation Log**

Serpent River - Four Slide Falls & McCarthy Chute Public Consultation Log										
Name	Organization	Date	Site/River	Issue		Details	Resolution			
				Consideration	Contact Method		Responded	Date	Contact Method	Resolution
Dave Brunet	Cottage owner on McCarthy Lake	4-Mar-09	Serpent - McCarthy Chute	General Natural Environment	Fax	Have cottage at southern tip of McCarthy beside proposed GS site. Effect on lake levels.	Leah Deveaux, Xeneca	4-Mar-09	Email	Added to stakeholder list. Request for lake level info will be examined during EA process.
To: Rick Hamilton	Mayor	25-Jun-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email and Post	Xeneca intro letter				
Dave Brunet	Cottage owner on McCarthy Lake	17-Nov-10	Serpent - McCarthy Chute	Land & Resource Use	Email	A previously noted stakeholder, following up	VE	19-Nov-10	Email	Still on stakeholder list. McCarthy Lake will not be affected as it is designated Lake Trout Lake. Sent PIC date and Ad
Mark Holmes	TO Mayor Hamilton	18-Nov-10	Serpent - McCarthy Chute	EA Process/Administration	Email	Invite to Dec. 1 PIC. Offer to project briefing meeting in advance.	Rick Hamilton	22-Nov-10	Email	Proposes evening of Nov 30 for project briefing.
To: Rick Hamilton	Mayor	18-Nov-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Requesting member (Dan Gagnon) to arrange briefing for council. Daniel Gagnon & Elliot Lake Council CC'd	MH	22-Nov-10	Email	Follow up to date to brief council so that travel arrangements and schedules can be finalized
To: Rick Hamilton	Mayor	22-Nov-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Follow up for project briefing to Mayor & Council. Consider your briefing a priority. Invite to PIC				
Chris Patrie	Elliot Lake Council	22-Nov-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	November 30th is Council orientation	MH	22-Nov-10	Email	Mayor and council invited to PIC, wanted to provide opportunity for advance briefing. Xeneca can attend on after of November 30th or morning of December 1st
Chris Patrie	Elliot Lake Council	22-Nov-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Either dates work.				
Rick Hamilton	Mayor	22-Nov-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Available on Evening of November 30th	MH	22-Nov-10	Email	Mayor and council invited to PIC, wanted to provide opportunity for advance briefing. Xeneca can attend on after of November 30th or morning of December 1st
Al Collett	Elliot Lake Council	22-Nov-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	November 30th is okay, must finish by 3pm				
Al Collett	Elliot Lake Council	25-Nov-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Confirmed 10am meeting at City Hall on Dec 2				
David Duke		26-Nov-10	Serpent River	Land & Resource Use	Email	What road will we use to access the site. FYI - The road to Pecos Lake is the TOP of snowmobile trail between Elliot Lake and Spanish	VE	29-Nov-10	Email	Thanks for info - hope to see you at PIC
Meeting with Elliott Lake Town Council		2-Dec-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	In Person	Project briefing for council.				
Brent St. Denis	Tami Sugarmann	3-Dec-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Spanish town council received Xeneca's documentation at its December 1st regular meeting. Inviting Xeneca rep to Town Council Meeting in January - proposed Jan 15 or 19 2011.	MH	21-Dec-10	Email	Interest & participation in our McCarthy Chute and Four Slide Falls project development is welcomed. Those dates overlap with our PICs - could you provide other dates or teleconference?
Vanesa Enskaitis	TO Margaret Dean, Teacher	8-Dec-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Vanesa sent PDF of panels at PIC as requested				
Mark Holmes	TO Keevan Beckerton	10-Dec-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Ice fishing on McCarthy. Expect impact of projects minimal but may still need to incorporate into dam safety plan. Requesting information where ice fishing occurs? In vicinity of outlet at McCarthy? Significant fishing on Pecos or on Serpent River itself?				
Brent St. Denis	Council, Town of Spanish	21-Dec-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	what is your consultation time-frame?...maybe we can look for dates a little later on. When does the statutory consultation period expire?	MH	21-Dec-10	Email	Formal engagement is wide open until at least the second quarter of 2011.
Brent St. Denis	Council, Town of Spanish	21-Dec-10	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Will pass this onto council.				
Todd Stencill	Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	22-Dec-10	Serpent River	Social & Economic	Email	Interested in meeting with you to discuss project and to see if there is anything Chamber can do to support project. Asked a few questions about construction/jobs.	MH	23-Dec-10	Email	*2011-01-20 has been added to Stakeholder List. In response: Xeneca procures as many goods & services locally as possible. Expect that EL's business community stands to benefit significantly from the economic activity. Lists benefits of projects. Responds to questions.
Stakeholders added from the PIC - as of Feb 3/11		4-Feb-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Thank you for attending PIC. You've been added to stakeholder contact list.				
To all stakeholders (Public & Mun. Gov't) as of 02-15-11		15-Feb-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Website update blast	SH			
Todd Stencill	Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	16-Feb-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Thank you for update. Is anyone from Xeneca attending Elliot Lake Chambers seminar "Engaging the First Nations an Industry and Economic Development Challenge"?	SH	16-Feb-11	Email	Response is CC'ed to Dean Assinewe, who may be interested in attending.
Todd Stencill	Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	16-Feb-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Sends a Word document invitation to the event.	SH	23-Feb-11	Email	Dean will be unable to attend but thanks again for the invitation.
Todd Stencill	Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	23-Feb-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	General feedback - very informative day with a great opportunity to network. Chief Day was very impressed with the industrial corporate participation.	SH	23-Feb-11	Email	Thanks for the summary, glad to hear it went well.
Todd Stencill	Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	28-Feb-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Asking if Xeneca would be interested in joining Elliott Lake & District Chamber of Commerce.	SH	2-Mar-11	Telephone	Chatted about membership. Todd to send info package.
Keith Balfour	Elliot Lake Rod and Gun Club	29-Jun-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Letter requesting any final input from this group.				
Ron Johnson	Elliot Lake ATV Club	29-Jun-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Letter requesting any final input from this group.				
Ron Alexander	Elliot Lake Fly Fishing & Tying Club	30-Jun-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Phone	Letter requesting any final input from this group.				
Lionel Frigault	Penokean Hills Field Naturalists	11-Jul-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Letter requesting any final input from this group.				
Erik Russel		30-Jun-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Phone	Added to stakeholder list.	SH	30-Jun-11	Email	Directed to website.
Mike Lamor	Elliot Lake Snowbirds Snowmobile Club	11-Jul-11	Serpent River	EA Process/Administration	Email	Letter requesting any final input from this group.				

# **PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLAN**



## **Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects**

### **Serpent River: McCarthy Chute and Four Slide Falls**

**June 16, 2011**

# **1 INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 Background**

Xeneca Power Development Inc. (Xeneca) is proposing to develop two hydro-electric plants on the Serpent River southeast of Elliott Lake: a 2 MW plant at McCarthy Chute and a 7.3 MW plant at Four Slide Falls. These projects are subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association's "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects" (March 2011.) Public consultation will be an integral component of this process.

Pursuant to the OWA Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA), these projects are considered to be associated with a managed waterway (Camp Lake GS.) The Class EA process requires Xeneca to undertake an evaluation of the proposed waterpower projects to determine their potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) during their construction and operation and prepare an Environmental Report. The project may also require review and approval under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) and post-EA approvals are also needed from Regulatory Agencies.

## **1.2 Purpose of the Public Consultation Plan**

The Consultation Plan is intended to provide clearly defined goals, procedures and schedules to ensure an effective public participation program and to meet the requirements of the Class EA.

## **1.3 Objectives of Public Consultation**

The objective of the public consultation process is to identify and address public concerns and issues and to provide the public with an opportunity to receive information about, and make meaningful input into, the project review and development.

## **2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLAN**

### **2.1 Introduction**

The public consultation program outlined in this plan is intended to satisfy the requirements of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, the Navigable Water Protection Act and the Ontario Waterpower Association's Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower.

### **2.2 Goals**

The consultation program identified in this Consultation Plan will provide the outreach to identify potential stakeholders, engage stakeholders and provide the means and opportunity for public participation in the development process.

The goals of the public consultation program are to:

- identify and notify potentially interested and affected stakeholders;
- identify and assess the range of positive and any potentially negative environmental and socio-economic effects of the project; and
- address the concerns of adjacent property owners, interest groups and members of the public that may be directly affected by the project.

To achieve these goals, the public consultation program will:

- identify potentially affected stakeholders;
- describe how the project may affect the natural and socio-economic environment;
- provide appropriate notification to identified stakeholders as prescribed by CEAA and the Waterpower Class EA;
- inform the public where, when and how they can engage in the process;
- identify public benefits, concerns and issues related to the project;
- address public concerns and issues raised regarding the development and operation; and
- document public input and how public concerns are addressed, issues are avoided or mitigation measures are put into place during project planning and development.

The public consultation program will use a variety of methods to communicate with interested and affected stakeholders including, but not limited to,

- newspaper and other media advertising,
- Xeneca website,
- public meetings,
- creation of local advisory committees,
- e-mailings,
- postal services,
- fax,
- telephone, teleconferencing and web and video conferencing,
- signage, and
- first person contacts.

## 2.3 Timelines

*Table 1. Timelines for Public Participation*

<b>Public Participation Processes and Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Expected Deadline</b>
Site Application	May 2007
Applicant of Record	McCarthy: Nov. 4, 2010 Four Slide: TBA
Initial meeting with MNR, MOE and DFO	July 9, 2009
Initiate habitat studies	April 2010
Identify Interest Groups and Potential Stakeholders	April 2010
Initiate stakeholder consultation program	April 2010
Individual meetings with stakeholders	April 2010 and ongoing
Notice of Commencement (revised & re-issued November 2010)	July 2010
Briefing for CEAA	August 2010
First Nations Invitation to Participate in archaeological survey	October 2010
Public Information Centre (Open House)	December 1, 2010
Agency Coordination meetings	January 24, 2011
Draft Class EA Report	July/August 2011
Final Class EA Report	September 2011

## 2.4 Issues, values and potential stakeholders

In order to identify potentially interested and affected stakeholders Xeneca utilized its consultants at OEL-Hydrosys and KBM to conduct a preliminary review of the values, issues and stakeholders associated with the two Xeneca waterpower projects on the Serpent River. This exercise resulted in an initial list of issues, potential interest groups and stakeholders (Table 2.)

Table 2. Preliminary List of Values, Issues and Potential Stakeholders

Value	Stakeholder
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Municipal Government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Elliot Lake</li> </ul> <b>Tourist Operators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Shore Guiding Service</li> <li>• Elliot Lake Outfitters</li> <li>• R and S Snowmobile Tours</li> </ul> <b>Bear Management Operators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BL-37-028, BL-37-038 and EP-37-044</li> </ul>
<b>Riparian Land Ownership</b>	<b>Municipal Government</b> <b>Riparian Landowners</b> <b>Cottagers</b>
<b>Municipal Planning</b>	<b>Municipal Government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Elliot Lake</li> <li>• Town of Blind River</li> <li>• City of Sault Ste. Marie</li> <li>• Proctor Township</li> <li>• Town of Massey</li> <li>• Town of Spanish</li> </ul> <b>Municipal Associations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elliott Lake Retirement Living</li> <li>• Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>
<b>Recreational Users</b>	<b>Anglers &amp; Hunters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OFAH</li> <li>• Elliot Lake Rod and Gun Club</li> <li>• Elliot Lake Fly Fishing &amp; Tying Club</li> </ul> <b>Snowmobile and ATV Clubs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elliot Lake ATV Club</li> <li>• Elliot Lake Snowbirds Snowmobile Club</li> </ul> <b>Naturalists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penoquean Hills Field Naturalists</li> </ul> <b>Kayakers and Paddlers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algoma Paddlers</li> <li>• Environmental Committee - Paddle Canada</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental (NGO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serpent River Environmental Monitoring Committee</li> <li>• Northwatch</li> <li>• Penoquean Hills Field Naturalists</li> <li>• Denison Environmental</li> </ul>

(continued)

<b>Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul> <p><b>Forest Industry SFL Holder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northshore Forest Inc.(Thessalon)</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Timber Forest Products Trappers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traplines EP007 and BL084</li> <li>• Elliot Lake Fur Harvesters Association</li> <li>• Blind River Trappers Council</li> <li>• North Shore Trapper's Council</li> <li>• Ontario Fur Managers</li> </ul> <p><b>Mining Claim Holders</b></p> <p><b>Baitfish Harvesters</b></p>
<b>Community Groups</b>	Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)
<b>First Nations &amp; Other Aboriginal Communities</b>	Serpent River First Nation Mississauga First Nation Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation Métis Nations of Ontario North Channel Métis Council

## 2.5 Public Consultation

Media ads, notices and websites will be used to provide information about the McCarthy Chute and Four Slide Falls projects. The notices will also be used to direct interested readers to the Xeneca website for further information.

Newspaper ads will be placed in the Elliott Lake Standard newspaper as well as posted on the Xeneca website. Where possible, notices will be placed on municipal website, notice boards and at the venues where public information sessions will be held.

Information about Xeneca's projects, including McCarthy Chute and Four Slide Falls, will be posted on the Xeneca website [www.xeneca.com](http://www.xeneca.com). Background information, notices of Public Information Centres, information updates, instruction on how to participate in the development process and surveys designed to elicit public input will be posted on the website site.



## 2.6 Agency Consultation

The purpose of agency consultation is to inform and receive input from all government agencies with jurisdiction or program interest related to a particular waterpower project. For this project, relevant agencies include:

- CEEA
- Environment Canada (EC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Infrastructure Canada (IC)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
- Transport Canada (TC)
- Other departments as identified by CEEA

The Project Description will also be submitted to the following Provincial Ministries and agencies:

- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
- Ministry of Tourism and Culture
- Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Transportation
- Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry
- Ontario Waterpower Association
- Identified First Nations (FN) Groups, including invitation to participate in coordination meetings

The appropriate agency technical representatives will be contacted regarding their agency's requirements, concerns and technical input, and be kept apprised of the public consultation program and other opportunities for their agency to participate in the screening process.

## 2.7 Aboriginal Consultation

First Nations hold a unique position in Canada, and, as such, have a legally protected right to participate in the development and review of resource management strategies or plans in areas they assert to be traditional territories, including Crown lands outside areas where treaties apply.

Xeneca will give particular consideration to the concerns of First Nations and other Aboriginal Communities located in the vicinity of, or having a potential interest in, the project. First Nations and other Aboriginal communities will be identified, notified, consulted, and involved in an appropriate manner. In addition, Xeneca will solicit participation of local First Nations in the archaeological study for the site and have asked for FN participation in projects' coordination meetings for the Class EA.

## **2.8 Mandatory Notification**

Xeneca prepared and advertised a Notice of Commencement (see Appendix A) to formally announce the commencement of a review under the Class EA process and that the projects are subject to the Class EA. The notice included the proposed project location, the proponent and a contact name, address and phone number as specified in the OWA Class EA document. The Notice of Commencement was published in local newspapers and/or mailed to households in the immediate vicinity of the project and to affected government agencies (including the EA Coordinator at the appropriate Regional MOE Office) and other potentially interested parties. Further, the Notice of Commencement and other related project information is posted on the Xeneca website which is also being advertised and promoted to stakeholders. An updated Notice of Commencement was re-issued in November 2010 to address points raised by MOE in Thunder Bay.

Upon regulatory review and completion of the Class EA, Xeneca will prepare and distribute a Notice of Completion. This notice will inform public and agency stakeholders that the proponent has completed the draft Waterpower Class EA and that the review period is commencing. The Notice of Completion will indicate where copies of the Class EA report can be obtained or reviewed. The Notice of Completion will be placed in the Elliott Lake Standard.

Xeneca will deliver the Notice of Completion to the EA Coordinator at the Regional Office of the MOE, and to all who have expressed an interest in the project. (Xeneca will maintain a mailing list of all persons and agencies that provide comment and input to the process or otherwise express an interest in the project.) Xeneca will also deliver the notice to other potentially affected agencies, municipalities, landowners, residents, businesses, and local interest groups.

## **2.9 Public Information Centres**

The (voluntary) Serpent River Public information Centre (PIC) was held in Elliot Lake, Ontario on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

The PIC involved the display of relevant information, the provision of take-home materials (project overview, map, comment form, etc.) and available personnel (Xeneca staff and consultants) to address questions or concerns expressed by attendees.

Relevant background information was presented, including information on the proponent and the site in general. Panels were presented containing an introduction, GS conceptual drawings, proposed inundation maps, proposed roads and power lines maps, project benefits and results of environmental/engineering investigations. This information is now available at [www.xeneca.com](http://www.xeneca.com).

## **2.10 Documentation**

The following documentation pertaining to consultation will be included in the Class EA:

- a description of the public and agency consultation program and consultation activities/events;
- a list of agencies contacted or consulted; and
- a summary of public and agency concerns or issues, and how they have been resolved or addressed.

Technical reports and other supporting information will be referenced in the report upon request. Xeneca will make available all supporting information and copies of all correspondence related to the Class EA for public or agency review.

### 3 CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

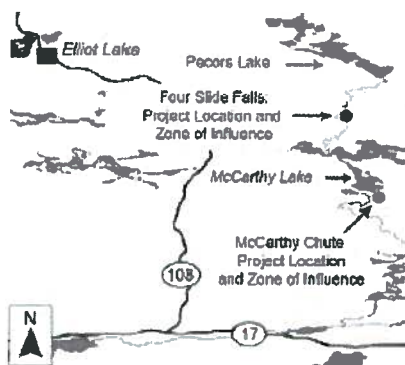
An overview of the consultation schedule is presented in a Gantt chart in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Consultation Schedule Gantt Chart

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish	Duration
1	Site Application	24/12/2008	31/12/2008	1.2w
2	FTT Application and Contract	01/10/2009	01/04/2010	26.2w
3	Initial meeting with MNR, MDC and DFO	01/03/2010	01/04/2010	4.8w
4	Notice of Commencement	01/07/2010	31/09/2010	8.8w
5	First Nations Invitation to Participate in archaeological survey	01/10/2010	01/10/2010	0w
6	Initiate habitat studies	01/04/2010	15/06/2011	63w
7	Identify Interest Groups and Potential Stakeholders	01/04/2010	31/12/2010	39.4w
8	Initiate stakeholder consultation program	01/04/2010	01/07/2011	65.4w
9	Individual meetings with stakeholders	01/04/2010	01/07/2011	65.4w
10	Briefing for CEAA	02/05/2011	02/05/2011	0w
11	First Open House	01/12/2010	01/12/2010	0w
12	Respond to stakeholder comments and update website	06/12/2010	28/02/2011	12.2w
13	Agency Coordination meetings	01/12/2010	19/09/2011	28.2w
14	Second Open House	01/06/2011	01/09/2011	0w
15	Respond to stakeholder comments and update website	02/06/2011	01/07/2011	4.4w
16	Draft Class EA Report	02/06/2011	01/07/2011	9w
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## Appendix A: Sample Public Notice

### Notice of Public Information Centre for the proposed Serpent River waterpower developments



Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend a Public Information Centre where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the projects and provide your input to our project team. We encourage everyone who has an interest in these projects to provide comment.

Please join us on:

**When:** Wednesday, December 1, 2010

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Hampton Inn, Elliot Lake

**Address:** 279 Highway 108 North, Elliot Lake

You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed, and/or to ask to be placed on the projects' mailing list. For information on the project proposals, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

**Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects  
Serpent River Waterpower Projects**



Xeneca Power Development Inc. is commencing an environmental evaluation and assessment on two proposed Generating Stations located on the Serpent River, east of the City of Elliott Lake. The proposed waterpower generating stations will generate clean, green, renewable energy at a total installed capacity of about 9.3 MW. Each station will have a water control structure (spillway dam) and attached powerhouse. New roads and upgrades of existing roads will be required to access the sites. A transmission line connecting at Elliott Lake TS will be installed in order to connect the stations to the provincial power grid.

The Project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association's "Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Waterpower Projects" (2008). Pursuant to the Class EA, these projects are considered to be associated with a managed waterway (Camp Lake GS). The Class EA process requires Xeneca Power Development Inc. to undertake an evaluation of the proposed waterpower projects to determine their potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) during their construction and operation and prepare an Environmental Report. The project may also require review and approval under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and post-EA approvals are also needed from Regulatory Agencies. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at [www.xeneca.com](http://www.xeneca.com)

This notice and the public consultation process for the projects under the Class EA, is intended to coordinate and meet the notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under the above statutes. Notification of public meetings to be held in regard to the project will be posted within the next 6-8 months. Public consultation will be an integral component of this process. 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.

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## Introduction

**Xeneca Power Development Inc. is proposing to develop two new waterpower generating stations on the Serpent River. The proposed project locations are:**

- McCarthy Chutes
- Four Slide Falls

**The purpose of today's Open House is to:**

- Introduce the Serpent River projects
- Present preliminary design concepts
- Provide an understanding of the environmental assessment and approvals process
- Provide an opportunity to discuss the projects with Xeneca representatives

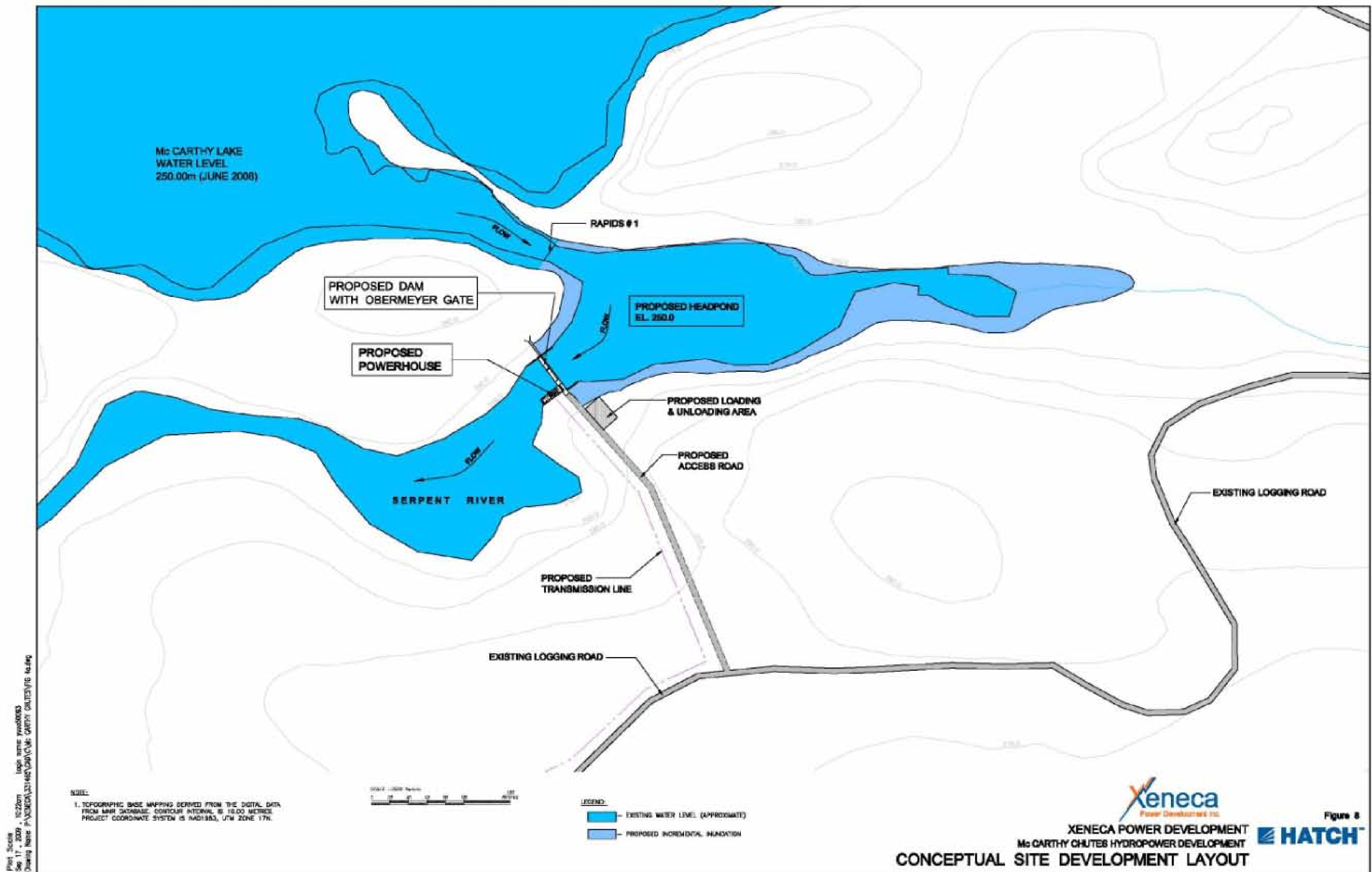


**Your comments and input are valued; please fill out a comment card and leave it with us or mail it to the address provided.**

**Copies of the panels from this Public Information Centre, as well as current project information, can be found on the Xeneca website at:**

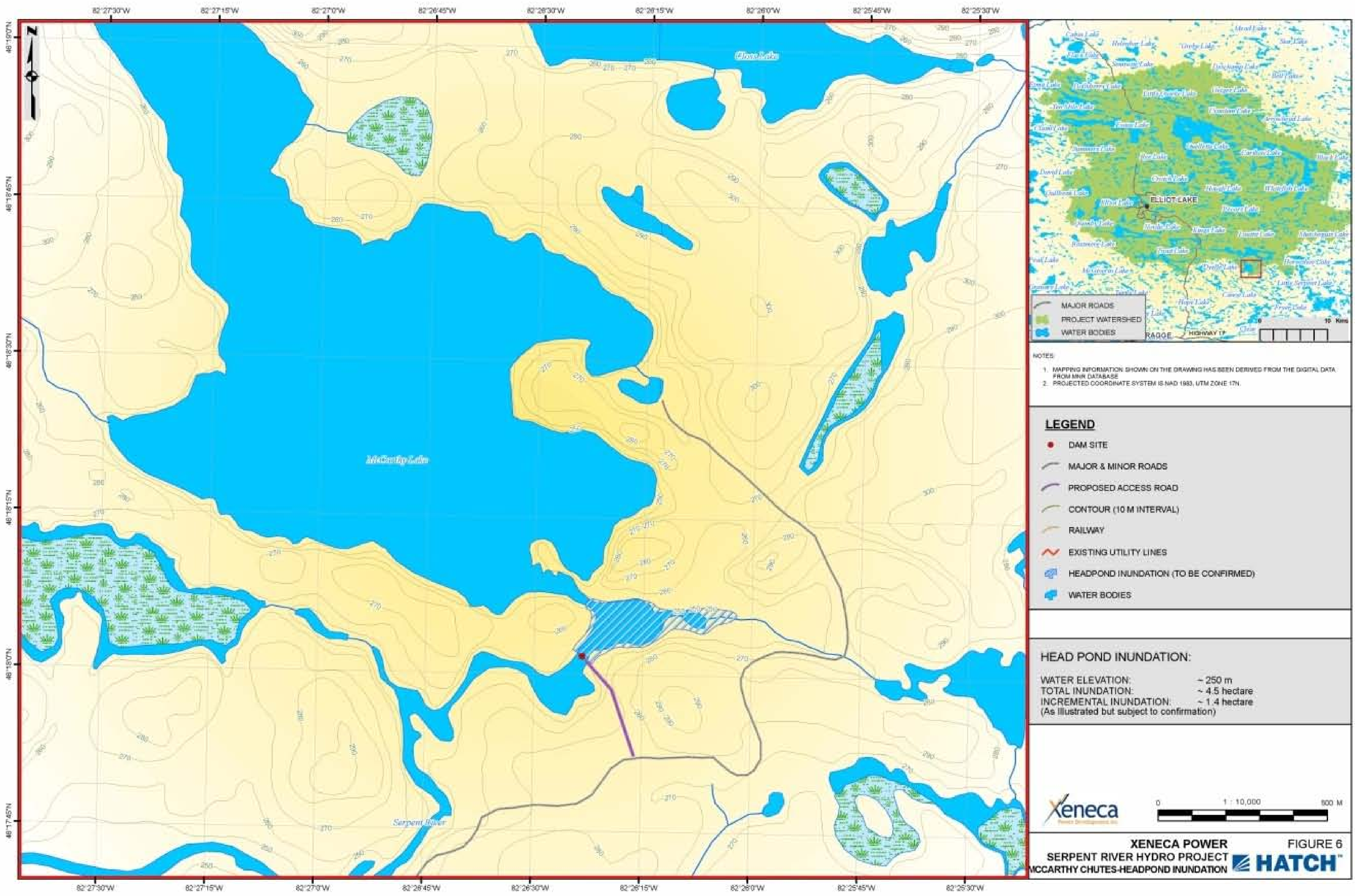


# McCarthy Chutes: GS Concept



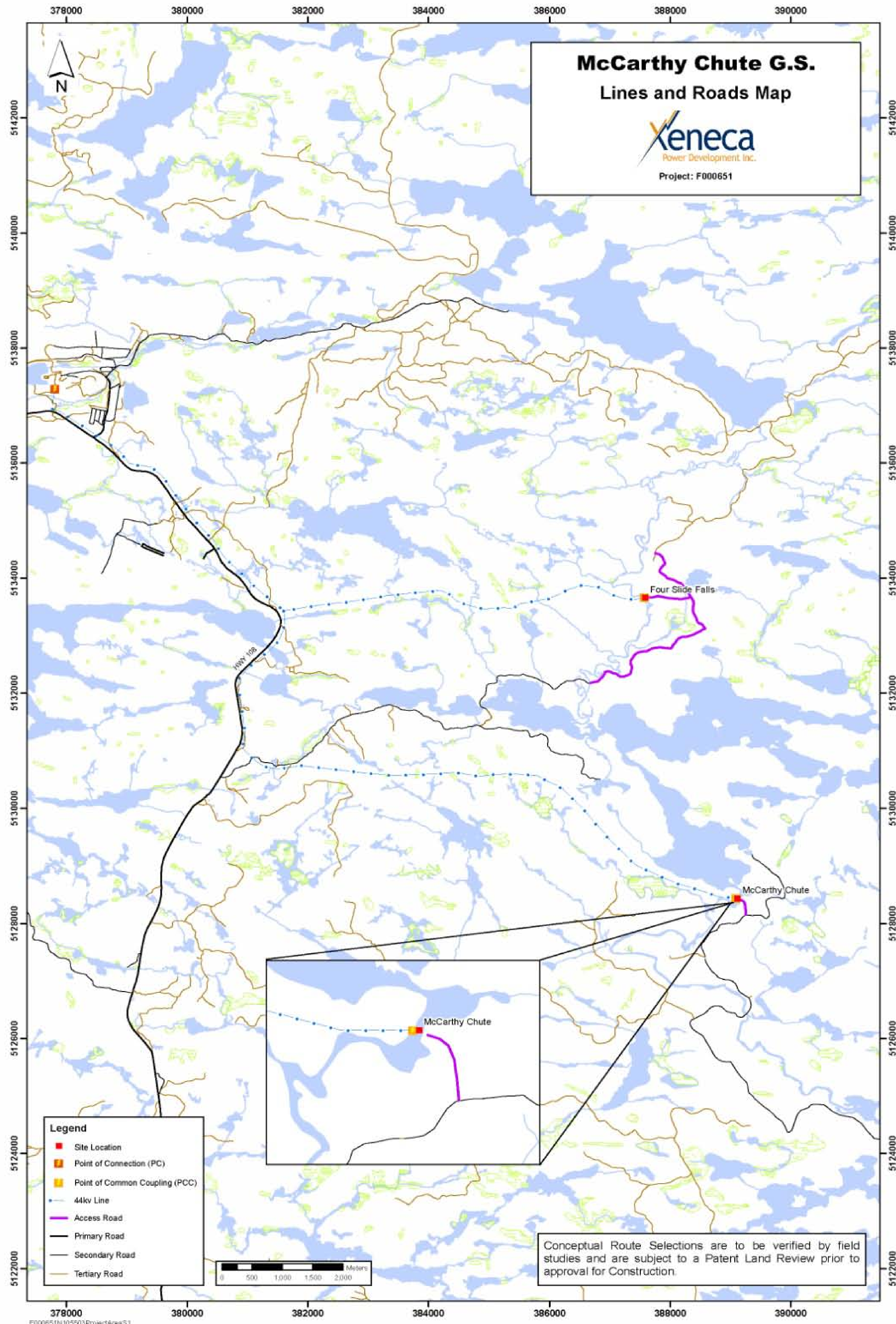


# McCarthy Chutes: Inundation



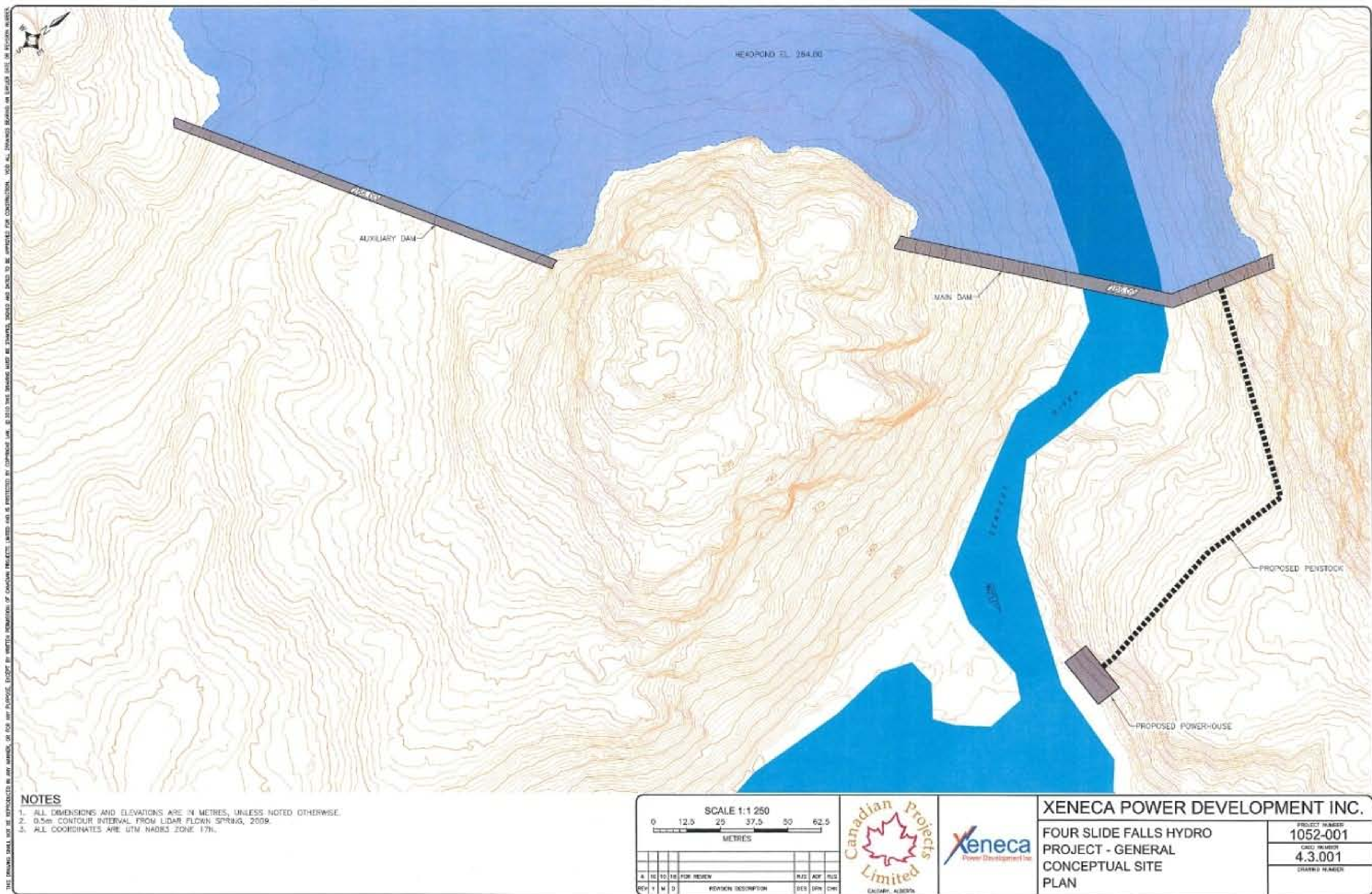


# McCarthy Chutes Proposed Access Roads and Transmission Lines:



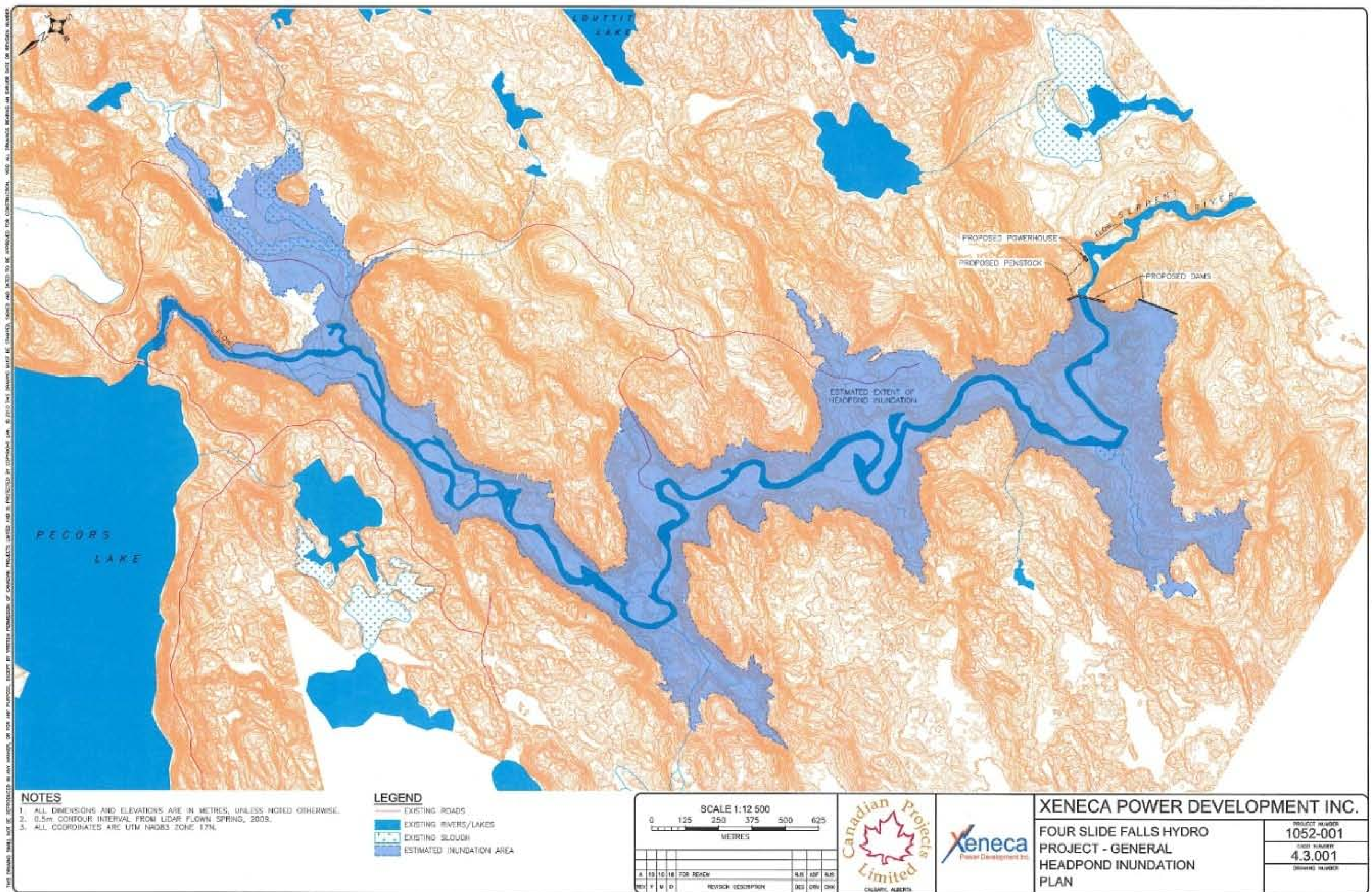


# Four Slide Falls: GS Concept



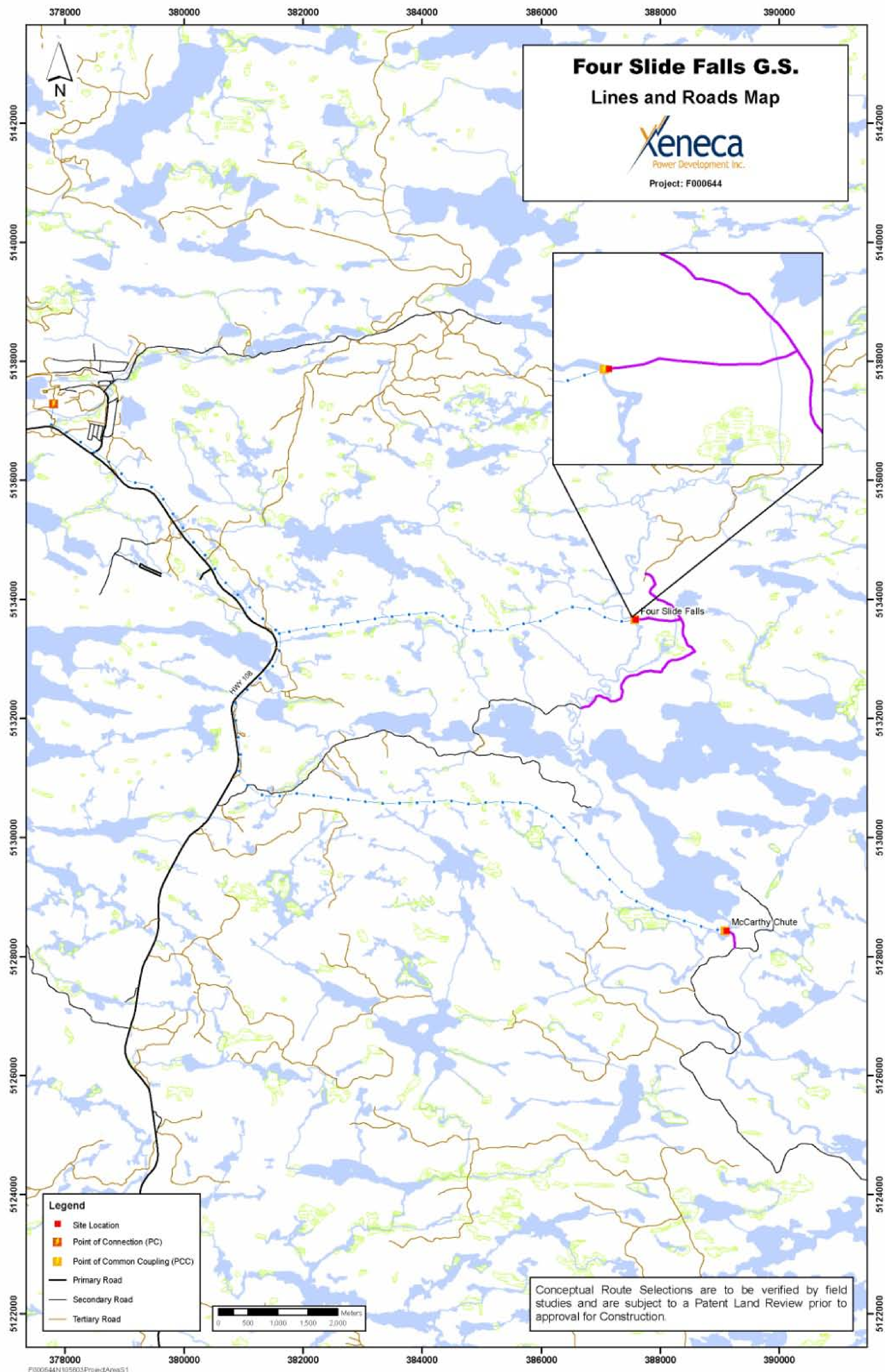


# Four Slide Falls: Inundation





# Four Slide Falls Proposed Access Roads and Transmission Lines:





## Project Benefits:

Xeneca Power Development Inc. is proposing to develop two sites on the Serpent River: McCarthy Chutes and Four Slide Falls. These two sites will have a combined total installed capacity of approximately 9.3 MW.

**Waterpower creates jobs, generates revenue to the taxpayers of Ontario and is the longest lived and most reliable source of clean, renewable electricity.**

- Approximate economic activity (direct) to build in Ontario is \$5 million per megawatt, about half of which is spent locally procuring everything from consulting and legal services to concrete, steel, trucking and other services such as hotels, restaurants and fuel.
- Direct job creation (construction only) 10,000 person hours per MW; Indirect jobs multiply by 1.5.
- Local/Regional economic boost of \$2.5 million per MW – about \$23 million.
- First Nations and non aboriginal community participation incentives. (For overview see Xeneca Website)
- Significant return to the people of Ontario with approximately \$5 million per MW (\$46 million over the 40 year lifespan of the project) paid through Gross Revenue Charges (GRC) and Provincial and Federal Income taxes.
- May assist mining companies or local industry by providing more reliable power with some potential cost savings.
- Waterpower lasts... Many power plants built in the early 1900s are still in operation and with regular maintenance, and upgrades can last for generations to come. In comparison, the life span for other sources of clean power are: Nuclear 40 years, Wind 20 years, Solar 20 years.



## Environmental and Engineering Investigations:

- LiDAR survey of river corridor
- Terrestrial vegetation and wildlife habitat
- Fish community and aquatic habitat (spawning and rearing areas, index netting, small fish collections, etc.)
- Mercury in fish flesh (to establish background levels)
- Lake Trout Policy will be met
- Water quality sampling, including low level mercury
- Benthos (bottom dwelling organisms)
- Sediment (assess for particle size and organic content)
- Water temperature monitoring
- Archaeological investigations (Stage 1 and 2)
- Local geology/topography
- Geomorphology



Egg mat in place during spring 2010 fish surveys

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# Racers compete for slices of \$35,000 prize pie

By SHANNON QUESNEL  
Of The Standard

Drivers will be able to start their engines this weekend thanks to the NAPA Autoparts 11th annual North Shore Challenge Drag Races.

Attracting hundreds of drivers and thousands of spectators the annual drag races and car show have proven to be popular with fans and with the City of Elliot Lake.

Taking place at the Elliot Lake municipal airport, dubbed Elliot Lake Airport Dragway for the weekend, the event will feature racers and vehicles of all stripes - from street-ready rides to drag race-only.

The one-eighth mile strip will have five categories of vehicles burning rubber on it and, for a few, deploying parachutes. Everyone will be competing for some of the \$35,000 in prize money.

There will also be head-to-head jet car races, a live concert, a motorcycle stunt team,



The NAPA Autoparts 11th annual North Shore Challenge Drag Races will have street cars and supped up racers going head-to-head on a one-eighth mile track at the Elliot Lake municipal airport this weekend.

File photo

food, a licensed area and other refreshments.

The action starts with a warm-up on Thursday with a free barbecue in the city's lower plaza parking area in front of Wil's Cove from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., courtesy of NAPA Autoparts.

Drag race marketer Kate Matuszewski says there will be race cars on display there and it is hoped the jet car will

be present as well.

On Friday, the action moves to the airport with the spectator gates opening at 4 p.m. This is open to those who bought a weekend pass.

People can expect to see drivers and their crews working on their machines and shining the chrome in preparation for Saturday.

There will be handicap and VIP parking at the

airport. General parking is located immediately north of the airport's main gate on Highway 108 and costs \$2.

At dusk, will be the very loud and bright Night of Fire event where a jet-powered car will race down the strip. The doors close at 10 p.m.

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# Council concerned about Hydro One system in city



Jamie Still, of Hydro One, addressed Elliot Lake council on the three major power outages the city experienced in the spring. Photo by Kevin McSheffrey

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"A lot of it is in backyards, so you can understand how hard it is to get into the backyards."

Councillor Scot Reinhardt did not appear to have much confidence in Hydro One's maintenance.

He told Still this is not the first time the city has had problems with the utility. A number of years ago, the city was having problems with insulators, which were blowing one by one. The utility was repairing them as they blew, but people in different areas were experiencing power outages.

At that time, the city told Hydro One to replace all the insulators, which he believed to be about 50 years old, Reinhardt stated.

"I'm kinda of the opinion that Hydro runs the equipment until it starts busting down. And I really don't think you do have a good comprehensive maintenance program. It's probably due to the fact that you're the only game in town. Why should you? The pressures that come on you to do things are not from your competitors. They are from situations like this where you are hauled up, and (told) 'Come on, how many outages do you expect us to put up with?'"

Reinhardt added, "Your system is in bad shape in Elliot Lake."

Reinhardt said the city is in an expansion and with the blackouts that are occurring, what could be in store in the future if the system is breaking down now?

Still said for equipment, they are on a seven-year cycle across the province. They are just completing the infrastructure audit in Elliot Lake. They would then begin changing the infrastructure that needs to be replaced.

Reinhardt suggested

for the city to have more confidence Hydro One should speed up the audit, have a plan to fix it and share it with the city.

"I agree. We will look at that, definitely," replied Still.

Still also suggested that they might be able to shorten the audit time on major components such as 44,000-volt breakers from seven to five years.

Councillor Al Collett, an electrical contractor, said they should look for a way to get the crews here faster. He felt one delay is even if a crew in Blind River is aware of the outage, they have to wait for the work order to be issued from the office in Markham.

Still replied that there is now one lineman who lives in Elliot Lake, and that person gets called first.

He added that Hydro One's policy of responding to a call is they are to be on the scene within 110 minutes. The average response time here is 54 minutes.

Hamilton told Still that council would like regular updates from Hydro One.

"We need to know, we need to understand that this system is going to be solid, that it's going to be reliable and it's going to meet the needs of the people."

Still said Hydro One is making improvement regarding informing the public.

People can see when the power might be turned back on during a power outage by checking the website [www.hydroonenetworks.com](http://www.hydroonenetworks.com).

"Unfortunately, the website is not very handy during a power outage," replied Hamilton.

Still then said the public can also use the toll-free telephone number 1-800-434-1235.

Elliot Lake Fire Chief Paul Officer said in a power interruption, the public should call Hydro One when they are looking for information on the outage instead of the fire hall, especially in the first half hour.

"Normally, we're quite busy dealing with the problem; with the power out people are trapped in elevators and so on," said Officer.

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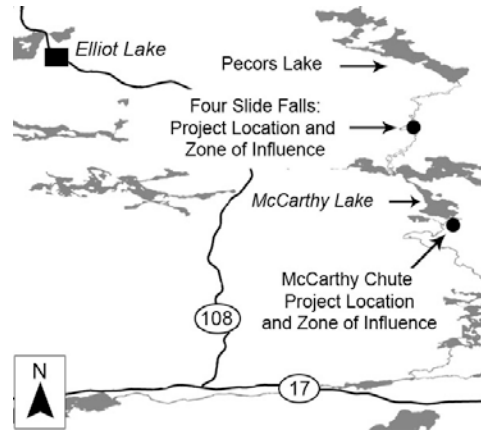
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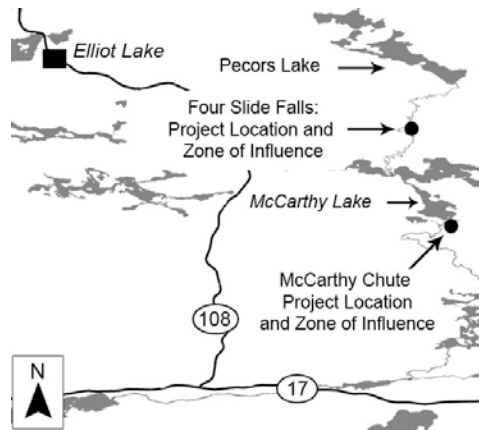
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La construction devrait débuter à la fin de l'automne 2011, et la date de mise en service du projet proposé est le début de 2015.

Les projets sont soumis aux dispositions de « l'évaluation environnementale par catégorie (catégorie EA) pour les projets d'énergie hydraulique » de l'Ontario Waterpower Association (2008). Conformément à la catégorie EA, ces projets sont considérés comme étant effectués sur une voie d'eau gérée.

Le processus de la catégorie EA exige que Xeneca Power Development Inc. procède à une évaluation des projets d'énergie hydraulique proposés afin d'évaluer les conséquences potentielles sur l'environnement (positives et négatives) durant leur construction et leur exploitation, et de fournir un rapport détaillé sur l'environnement. Il est prévu que les projets nécessiteront d'être analysés et approuvés conformément à la *Loi canadienne sur l'évaluation environnementale*, la *Loi sur les pêches*, la *Loi sur la protection des eaux navigables*, la *Loi sur l'aménagement des lacs et des rivières (plan de gestion de l'eau et approbation de l'emplacement)*, la *Loi sur les espèces en voie de disparition*, la *Loi sur les ressources en eau de l'Ontario*, la *Loi sur la protection de l'environnement*, et d'autres lois. Cet avis et le processus de consultation publique concernant les projets en vertu de la catégorie EA ont pour objet de coordonner et de respecter les exigences sur la notification se rattachant à l'étape de planification des projets conformément aux textes législatifs susmentionnés.

L'évaluation et le rapport sur l'environnement permettront de déterminer les conséquences potentielles de la construction et de l'exploitation. Xeneca Power Development Inc. a identifié certains éléments environnementaux sur lesquels les projets proposés devraient être axés. La consultation publique fera partie intégrale de ce processus.

#### **Centre public d'information**

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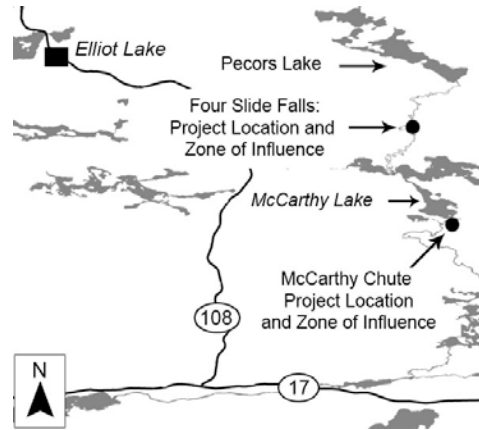
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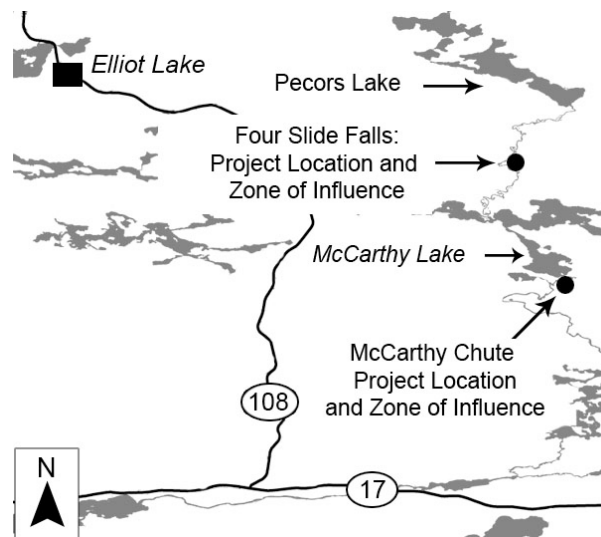
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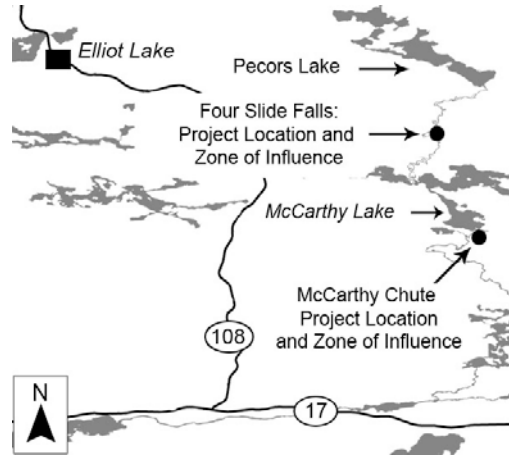
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# Beavers face top foes in battle for top spot in west

By KELLY JAMES  
For The Standard

As they celebrate their 10th anniversary this weekend, the Blind River Beavers will do battle with their two main foes in the battle for first place in the western division of the Northern Ontario Junior 'A' Hockey League.

The Beavers will take on the Sault Ste. Marie Thunderbirds and the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Eagles this weekend, hot on the heels of their second straight victory over the Eagles. Last Saturday, the Beavers thumped the Eagles 5-1 to move to within a point of second-place American squad in the western division standings.

With a record of 11 wins, five regulation-time losses and two overtime losses, the Beavers have a total of 24 points. The Eagles have 25 points, but have played one more game than Blind River.

The T-Birds lead the

division and the overall NOJHL standings with 36 points, while the Manitoulin Islanders trail the pack with just two points. Sudbury leads the eastern division with 23 points, followed by Temiscaming with 18, North Bay with 15 and Abitibi with 14.

The Beavers and Eagles seemed destined to wage another close battle when they met on Saturday in Blind River. However, the game turned on two beautiful passing plays by the Beavers, which appeared to demoralize the Michigan squad.

While killing a penalty in the first period, Cody Edwards snuck behind the Eagles' defence and accepted a perfect pass from Justin Erhart.

Edwards was initially stopped on the break-away by Eagles' net-minder John Kleinhans, but stuffed the rebound home to give Blind River the only goal of the opening stanza.

The second period was just 12 seconds old when the Beavers increased their lead to 2-0. This time, Drew MacMillan finished off a lovely tic-tac-toe passing play with Brett Campbell and Nathan MacLeod, with the Beavers' leading scorer

having an easy tap-in as a result of the perfect feeds from his line-mates.

The Eagles seemed to right the ship and carried the play to Blind River until late in the second period.

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From that point on the Bobcats were walking away from altercations and began to run down the clock without running up the score.

Leonard said he was "pleased with his team's play."

He added, "this is the best start we've had in four years."

MacLeod, Bryan and Simonovic each had two goals on the night.

In other Bobcat news, team captain Jake York was seen in the rink off crutches and moving around well. He was even playing some soccer with his teammates

and is hoping to start skating soon. David Sefcik was still out of the line up due to injury.

The Bobcats have won four straight games and now sit atop the league with 33 points and a record of 16-1-1.

South Muskoka is five points back followed by Powassan (20 points), Shelburne (17 points) and Bobcaygeon (16 points).

The 'Cats next see home action on Friday as the Toronto Canada Moose roam into the Centennial Arena. Action starts at 7:30 p.m.

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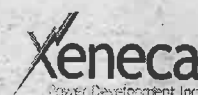
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The third week in October was quite exciting in the McLean household. First and foremost, we received our yearly flu shot, along with a needle for pneumonia, plus a B12 shot.

Then we were allowed to change our telephone service from a party line to a private line.

Our party line dated back some 50 years when the rural telephone came to Striker Township. There were only four customers on our line and, over the years, three changed to a private service, leaving us with the one party line in existence in our area. We have been charged as a four-party line, but have enjoyed private service for many years.

The folks with whom we shared the line were most congenial except on one or two occasions. I recall a business manager roaring at us

to get off the wire and let him do important telephoning. On another occasion the kids in a neighbour home would call into the local music store, Nash Electric, and ask to have favourite records played over the phone for their amusement and possible sale.

Apparently, our little party line was dwarfed by systems on Manitoulin Island and in the large local areas north of Iron Bridge, with as many as 20 subscribers taking part.

Many stories are told recalling the party lines. They were most valuable in connecting the rural population, much in the manner of a daily newspaper. Gossip was popular as well as important items such as a call for help or a need to assemble a work crew at a threshing bee. New babies always made the news.

The line was seldom used by couples in a

courting mood since, as soon as their intimate conversation began, there would be the sound of many clicking sounds of persons listening in.

When a citizen had an important message to pass along to his neighbours, he would make sure that most of the folks sharing the service were listening in.

I was reminded of the party-line system when, with thousands of service men in the troop ship Ile de France, there would come over the public address system messages beginning with such phrases as "Now hear this" or, in the case of church services, "This is the church calling."

I remember the 1930s when our new house was built, but lacked the luxuries present in my

grandmother's home – telephone and running water, since electricity was years in the future in Striker Township.

My grandmother's telephone consisted of a wooden box hung high on the wall, equipped with projecting speaker and an earpiece on a

cord, hanging on a neat clip. A tiny shelf on the box carried the slim

telephone book, which included some 80 Blind River telephones. A tiny hand crank produced a ringing connected to the telephone central.

The procedure was to address the telephone operator as Central as in the old song, "Hello Central. Give me a line."

Early telephone operators would be given the proper number for the person called but, on occasion, they would receive the call – "Let

me speak to Mrs. Ball, my dear."

Our first telephones were serviced by wires carried on sturdy poles that, over the years, apparently rusted and became less than efficient. One subscriber, a working geologist, suggested that every time it rained Bell telephone should send out a technician to repair his line.

The telephone poles were removed and the main lines were buried in the roadside by a huge tractor driven plough. At intervals along the road are telephone inspection cen-

tres that are maintained by telephone technicians.

The fourth week in October is equally exciting as the new septic tank system is being installed. A huge machine has begun digging a massive trench and according to plan, the new service will be much different from the old.

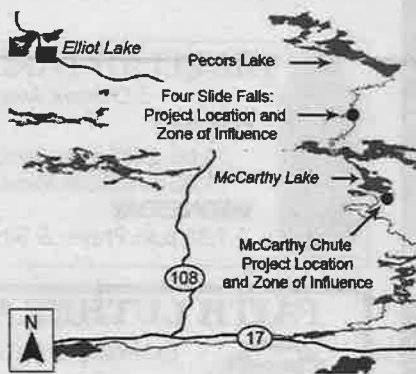
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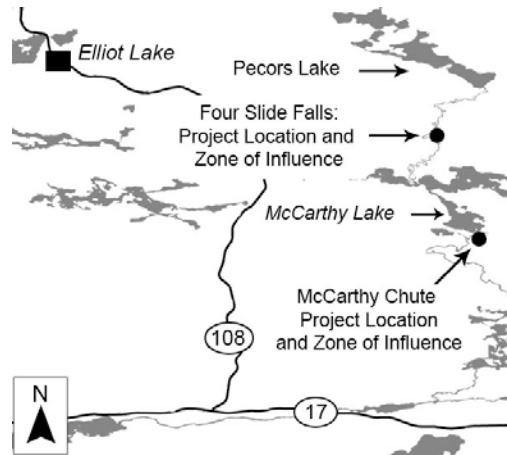
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**Please join us on:**

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Where: The Hampton Inn, Elliot Lake  
Address: 279 Highway 108 North, Elliot Lake

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**Police Briefs**

**One male arrested after allegedly fleeing from police**

At approximately 9:22 a.m. while conducting a traffic stop on Highway 17 near Cutler, a male driver fled from police. The subject evaded police for more than two hours.

Traffic was stopped in both directions to ensure the safety of the public.

A short time after 12 p.m. the 22-year-old male from Quebec was located hitchhiking on Highway 17. He was arrested at the scene.

Charges are pending. Investigation is continuing.

**Two chainsaws taken during break and enter**

Police are requesting the assistance of the public in solving a break, enter and theft on Deni-

son Road in Elliot Lake. Sometime between 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 10:15 a.m. Nov. 6, unknown person(s) entered a garage via a window. Missing are two yellow chainsaws.

The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information regarding the above break, enter and theft is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Any information that leads to the arrests or identity of persons responsible can lead to a cash reward. You can remain anonymous and Crime Stoppers do not subscribe to call display.

**Male youth arrested regarding Beer Store break and enter**

The East Algoma OPP has arrested and charged one male youth regarding a break enter and theft at the Beer Store in

Elliot Lake.

On Nov. 12, at 11:05 p.m. police responded to call on Hillside Drive South in Elliot Lake.

On scene police noted a section of glass door to be smashed and some items were missing. Officers patrolled the area and located most of the missing items.

On Nov. 16, through investigation police located and arrested a youth.

Charged with the following is a 14-year-old male of Elliot Lake: break and enter and two counts of failing to comply.

The youth remains in custody.

The name of the youth will not be released under the jurisdiction of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

**Stolen vehicle recovered in Barrie**

On Nov. 8, police received a call regarding a possible stolen vehicle.

On scene police learned that the car was last seen on Nov. 7, at approximately 5:30 p.m. parked in an underground parking lot on Washington Crescent in Elliot Lake. The next morning at 10 a.m. the vehicle was missing.

Through investigation, police learned that the

1988 Blue Pontiac 6000 had been located in the Barrie area.

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**Two arrested in connection with nighttime thefts from vehicles**

On Nov. 14, members of the East Algoma OPP and the East Algoma Crime Unit executed a search warrant at an apartment at 147 Misisauga Avenue in relation to stolen property from numerous nighttime thefts from vehicles.

Police located several items and a small marijuana grow operation.

Charged with the following is Jesse Grant (19) of Elliot Lake: three counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000; two counts of theft under \$5,000; production of marijuana; possession of

marijuana; possession of cocaine; and two counts of breach of probation.

Also charged with the following is a 17-year-old male of Elliot Lake: three counts of theft under \$5,000.

Grant remains in custody and the 17-year-old youth is scheduled to appear in Elliot Lake court on Jan. 4, 2011.

The name of youth will not be released under the Jurisdiction of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

**Woman faces charge**

On Nov. 15, at approximately 3:20 p.m. officers of the East Algoma OPP received a call to attend a local grocery store regarding a possible theft.

On scene police learned that the subject had allegedly taken an item from the store without paying.

Charged is Joanne Belanger-Jalbert (37) of Elliot Lake. Belanger-Jalbert is scheduled to appear in Elliot Lake court on Jan. 4, 2011.

**One man remains in custody after incident on Hwy 17**

On Thursday, November 18, at 9:59 a.m. officers of Anishinabek Police Service conducted a traffic stop due to speeding in the Serpent River area on Highway 17. The officers requested assistance and OPP officers attended the area.

At the scene, the driver was allegedly verbally abusive and when the passenger exited the vehicle to speak to offi-

cers the driver drove off leaving the scene. The vehicle quickly accelerated to a high rate of speed and proceeded westbound on Highway 17.

Police followed the vehicle and short time later officers ended the pursuit and noted the vehicle going westbound entering the Sprague area.

Roadblocks and spike strips were placed in order to stop the vehicle. Traffic in both directions was stopped to ensure the safety of the public.

At approximately 11:50 a.m., officers were advised of a hitchhiker matching the description of the driver. Officers attended the area and arrested the male. With the assistance of the OPP helicopter the vehicle was recovered off a roadway near Highway 17.

Charged with the following is Romeo Pepin-Gendron (22) of Quebec: assaulting police; two counts of flight from police; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; obstructing/resisting police; two counts of mischief under \$5,000; possession of marijuana - under 30 grams; racing a motor vehicle - under the *Highway Traffic Act*; and defacing a plate - under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Also charged with possession of marijuana - under 30 grams is Billy Brisebois (23) of Quebec.

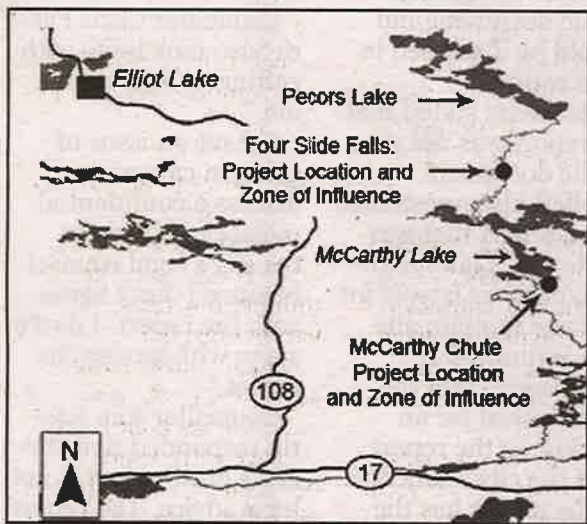
Pepin-Gendron remains in custody awaiting a bail hearing today.

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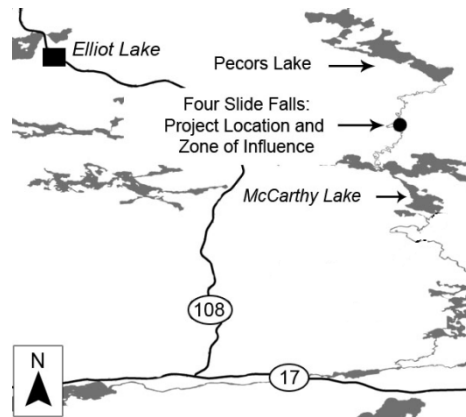
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## Four Slide Falls Waterpower Project - Serpent River



Xeneca Power Development Inc. ("Xeneca") is proposing to build a modified run-of-river hydroelectric generating station (Four Slide Falls GS) with a total installed capacity of 7.3 MW. The project will be located on the Serpent River, approximately 15 km east of Elliot Lake, 7 km downstream of Pecors Lake and 4 km upstream of McCarthy Lake. An Environmental Report ("ER") has been prepared as required under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects* and the *Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects*, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and also meets requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)*. Four Slide Falls GS is categorized as a project on a managed waterway pursuant to the Class EA. This ER has been prepared and reviewed in a process consistent with the two Class EAs and CEAA. The ER concludes that there are no significant adverse effects after the application of mitigation and adaptive management measures.

The ER will be available for a 30 calendar day review period from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 through to September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Xeneca must receive all comments in writing regarding the proposed project and/or the ER no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The Environmental Report may be viewed electronically at [www.xeneca.com](http://www.xeneca.com) under "Latest Updates."

Hard copies also will be available at the following public locations:

**City of Elliot Lake City Hall**

45 Hillside Drive North  
Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1X5

**The Elliot Lake Public Library**

151 Ontario Avenue  
Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2T2

All comments and correspondence should be sent to:

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**Public Affairs Liaison**  
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As per the process outlined in the Class EA, interested parties must first attempt to resolve any outstanding issues with the proponent during the review period. In the event that issues cannot be resolved, the concerned party may make a written request to the Minister of the Environment at the address noted below for a Part II Order under the Environmental Assessment Act. A copy of the Part II Order request must also be sent to Xeneca at the address noted above.

**Minister of the Environment**  
**12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West**  
**Toronto, ON M4V 1P5**

Requests for Part II Orders must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in the Class Environmental Assessment and must be received by the Minister of the Environment and Xeneca no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

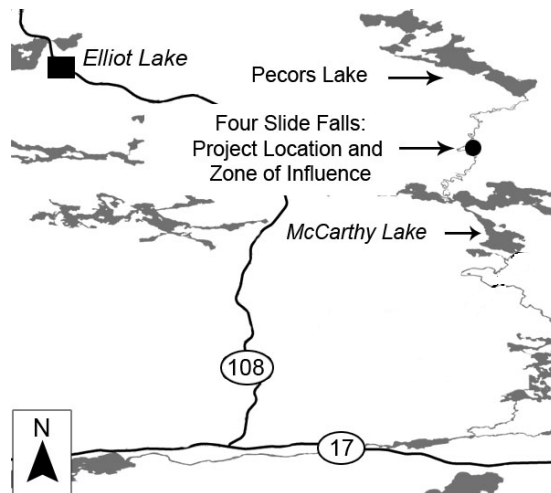
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# Avis d'achèvement

## Projet hydroélectrique Four Slide Falls – Rivière Serpent



Xeneca Power Development Inc. (Xeneca) propose la construction d'une centrale hydroélectrique modifiée au fil de l'eau (Four Slide Falls GS), dont la capacité totale installée est de 7,3 MW. Le projet sera situé sur la rivière Serpent, à environ 15 km à l'est d'Elliot Lake, 7 km aval du Lac Pecors et 4 km amont du Lac McCarthy. Un rapport environnemental a été rédigé en vertu de l'*Évaluation environnementale de portée générale pour des projets d'aménagement hydroélectrique* et de l'*Évaluation environnementale de portée générale relative à des projets d'intendance de ressources et de développement d'installations du MRN*, conformément à la *Loi canadienne sur l'évaluation environnementale (LCEE)*. Four Slide Falls GS est un projet sur un aménagement fluvial géré, conformément à l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale. Ce rapport environnemental a été rédigé et révisé dans le cadre d'un processus cohérent avec les deux évaluations environnementales de portée générale et la LCEE. Le rapport environnemental conclut qu'il n'y a aucune conséquence négative suite à l'application des mesures d'atténuation et de gestion adaptative.

Le rapport environnemental sera disponible pour fins de consultation pendant 30 jours dès le 31 août 2011 jusqu'au 29 septembre 2011. Xeneca doit recevoir tous les commentaires par écrit concernant le projet proposé et/ou le rapport environnemental au plus tard le 29 septembre 2011.

Le rapport environnemental peut être consulté au [www.xeneca.com](http://www.xeneca.com).

Une copie papier est disponible dans les lieux publics suivants :

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45 route Hillside nord  
Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1X5

### Bibliothèque municipale d'Elliot Lake

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Tous les commentaires et toute la correspondance doivent être expédiés à :

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En vertu du processus énoncé dans l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale, les parties intéressées doivent d'abord régler tous les problèmes en suspens avec le promoteur du projet durant la période de consultation. Dans l'éventualité où les problèmes ne peuvent être réglés, la partie intéressée peut soumettre une demande écrite au ministère de l'Environnement à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessous afin de soumettre une demande d'arrêt de la partie II de la Loi sur l'évaluation environnementale. Une copie de la demande d'arrêt de la partie II peut également être expédiée à Xeneca à l'adresse ci-dessous.

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Les demandes d'arrêt de la partie II doivent être soumises conformément aux dispositions énoncées dans l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale, et doivent être reçues par le ministère de l'Environnement et Xeneca au plus tard le 29 septembre 2011.

En vertu de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée* et de la *Loi sur l'évaluation environnementale*, à moins d'indications contraires dans la soumission, tous renseignements personnels tels que le nom, l'adresse, le numéro de téléphone et le lieu indiqués dans une soumission feront partie des registres publics à cet égard, et seront divulgués à quiconque en fait la demande.



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