



Swift River Energy Limited Meets Permit Conditions for North Bala Small Hydro Project

For Immediate Release

Bracebridge, ON (August 21, 2017) – Swift River Energy Ltd. (SREL) have submitted all documents required to re-obtain *Roadway Entrance* and *Road Occupancy* permits on Muskoka Road 169 related to the North Bala Small Hydro Project. Permits were previously issued in 2014 but expired when SREL did not proceed with the project. Following close review of the relevant plans and documents, the District has confirmed that all permit requirements have been met and will be issuing the permits in accordance with the District Council's delegated approval process by end of day.

"We expanded beyond the standard permit conditions to ensure enhanced measures were in place for the protection of public infrastructure," explains Fred Jahn, the District's Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works. "The District has retained specialized engineering consultants who will assist staff to carefully monitor compliance with conditions throughout the construction process and ensure potential impacts to infrastructure are mitigated."

These additional permit conditions provide for traffic management, engineering approvals to enhance public safety, and protect District infrastructure during construction. The District has the right to revoke the permits at any time for breach or non-compliance of conditions, or alter the conditions as circumstances may arise.

The District has been advised by SREL that construction of the project will proceed immediately.

A staff information report will be presented at the District's Engineering and Public Works Committee on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 that provides additional details on the permits and approval process. View report: <https://muskoka.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/30144>.

The District has encouraged SREL to host public information sessions to provide construction plans details and answer questions from the community. All inquiries related to the project or construction plans should be directed to SREL at info@balafallsca or by calling 1-877-389-4099. You can also visit the SREL website for additional information: www.balafalls.ca.

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