

# BANCROFT GENERATING STATION WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

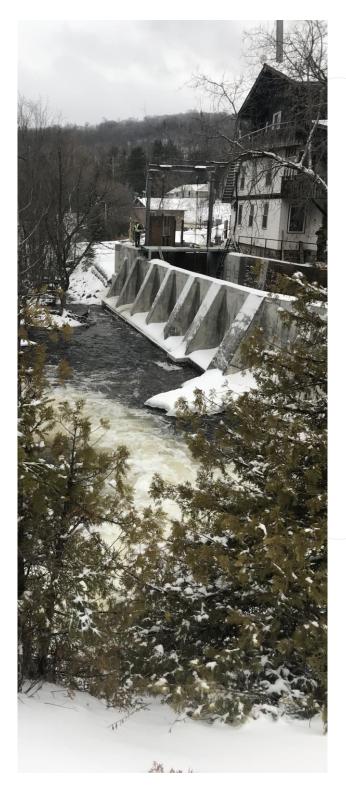
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#### Overview

The Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan was amended June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), under the authority of Section 23.1 (6) of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*. The amendment was undertaken in order to align the BGSWMP with the 2016 Maintaining Water Management Plans Technical Bulletin.

The implementation reports must be submitted by the proponent every 5 years. The date of submission for the first report is December 31, 2020.

The implementation report should include the four components:

- Summary of all amendment requests
- · Status of the Standing Advisory Committee (if applicable)
- Results of effectiveness monitoring (if applicable)
- Status and results of any data or information collected outlined in the WMP's data collection program (if applicable)

In June of 2012, the former Bancroft Light and Power Company (2000) Ltd. facility was purchased by Bracebridge Generation Ltd.

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## **Summary of Amendment Requests**

#### **March 2015 Amendment**

On March 31st, 2015, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) approved an administrative amendment to the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan to extend the term of the plan for an additional three years to expire on March 31, 2018.

#### March 2018 Amendment

On March 23rd, 2018, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) approved an administrative amendment to the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan to extend the term of the plan for an additional six months.

#### **June 2018 Amendment**

On June 29th, 2018, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) approved an amendment to the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan to align the plan with the approved 2016 Maintaining Water Management Plans Technical Bulletin.

The administrative amendment resulted in changes to the following sections of the plan.

Expiry Date: The expiry date has been removed

Monitoring and Reporting

Compliance

Amendments

Implementation Reporting

Table 1 has been revised
Section 6 has been revised
Section 7 has been replaced
Section 8 has been added

As indicated, Bracebridge Generation Ltd. has replaced Bancroft Light and Power Company (2000) Ltd. as the current proponent of the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan.



### **March 2015 Amendment**

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March 31, 2015

Mr. Chris Litschko Bracebridge Generation 196 Taylor Road Bracebridge ON P1L 1J9

Dear Mr. Litschko:

Subject:

Approval of Amendment to Extend the Term of the Water Management Plans for the Bancroft Generating Station and the Sequin River

This letter is to advise that the Water Management Plans for the Bancroft Generating Station and the Sequin River have been amended under Section 23.1(6) of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. An administrative amendment was undertaken and approved March 31, 2015 to extend the term of the water management plans for an additional three years. As indicated in our earlier correspondence, this will ensure that the water management plans remain in effect while providing time for the results of the provincial review to be known (e.g. proposed changes to the requirements for the preparation, amendment and review of water management plans). The plans will now expire March 31, 2018.

Please note, specific text changes are not being proposed to the plans as a result of this amendment. Instead, this letter should be affixed to the Bancroft Generating Station and the Sequin River Water Management Plans to indicate the term of both plans have been extended to March 31, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda McCloskey, Regional Planner, at amanda.mccloskey@ontario.ca or at 705-755-1367.

Regards,

Jane Ireland Regional Director Southern Region

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 Vince Ewing, Bancroft District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Dan Duggan, Parry Sound District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry



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March 23rd, 2018

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Attention:

Bryan Ingram and John Stasiuk

# Re: Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan – Plan Extension and Amendment

This letter is to advise that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), under the authority of section 23.1(6) of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA), is undertaking an administrative amendment to the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan (BWMP; the Plan) to extend the term of the Plan for an additional six months. No other changes to the plan will be completed as a part of this amendment. This letter should be affixed to the BWMP to indicate that the term of the Plan has been extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

This letter is also to inform you that MNRF intends to complete a further administrative amendment in order to align the BWMP with the Maintaining Water Management Plans Technical Bulletin (MNRF, 2016). MNRF has completed a review of the BWMP and identified sections that require revision to ensure that they are consistent with the Technical Bulletin.

A summary of these changes, as well as additional context on where these changes apply and what they mean for proponents, is attached for your review. The amendment replacement text, as described in the attached document, may include:

- Removal of WMP expiry dates, plan term and mandatory review;
- New amendment classification, processes and proponent roles and responsibilities;
- New compliance monitoring and data reporting processes (where WMPs include operating regimes); and



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 Details of the new Implementation Report, which will summarize monitoring efforts, assess new or continued direction of Effectiveness Monitoring Plans (EMPs) (where applicable) and support adaptive management.

As noted above, MNRF intends to further amend the BWMP under the authority of the LRIA 23.1(6). Section 23.1 of the LRIA, as supplemented by Section 3.4 of the Technical Bulletin, provides the opportunity for proponents to request that MNRF issue an Order to amend a WMP. Should a proponent request an Order to amend, MNRF will order that the proponent amend the WMP, as outlined above, to align the plan with the mandatory and approved direction provided in the Maintaining Water Management Plans Technical Bulletin (MNRF, 2016).

Please note that if ownership of the BWMP has changed, provisions of the BWMP will continue to apply to the facility under new ownership. The facility should continue to operate in accordance with the BWMP and any relevant amendments. In the case of new ownership, please alert MNRF as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about these amendments, or wish to request an Order to amend the BWMP, please contact Mike Poskin, Regional Renewable Energy Coordinator at mike.poskin@ontario.ca by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

We look forward to working with you on this amendment.

Sincerely.

Sharon Rew Regional Director Southern Region

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

CC:

Tammy Verhaeghe, District Manager, Bancroft District, MNRF Renee Bowler, Manager, Regional Resources Section, MNRF Erin Cotnam, Land Use Planning Supervisor, MNRF Mike Poskin, A/Renewable Energy Coordinator, MNRF



### June 2018 Amendment

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June 29th, 2018

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Attention:

Bryan Ingram and John Stasiuk

# Re: Notice of Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan Amendment Approval

This letter is to inform you that Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), under the authority of Section 23.1 (6) of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, has amended the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan (BGSWMP). An administrative amendment was undertaken by MNRF, and was approved on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The amendment was undertaken in order to align the BGSWMP with the 2016 Maintaining Water Management Plans Technical Bulletin. These changes were identified in MNRF's letter notifying of intent to amend, dated March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. As this letter indicated, these changes may include:

- · Removal of WMP expiry dates, plan term and mandatory review;
- New amendment classification, processes and proponent roles and responsibilities;
- New compliance monitoring and data reporting processes (where applicable); and
- Details of the new Implementation Report, which will summarize monitoring efforts, assess new or continued direction of Effectiveness Monitoring Plans (EMPs) (where applicable) and support adaptive management.

Additionally, as indicated, "Bracebridge Generation Ltd." has replaced "Bancroft Light and Power Company (2000) Ltd." as the current proponent of the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan. The provisions of the BGSWMP continue to apply to facilities under new ownership.



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Changes as a result of this amendment are reflected in the updated (June 2018) version of the Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan, which is attached for your records.

If you have any further questions about this amendment, please contact Mike Poskin, Regional Renewable Energy Coordinator at <a href="mailto:mike.poskin@ontario.ca">mike.poskin@ontario.ca</a> or (705) 755-1362.

Sincerely

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## **Status of the Standing Advisory Committee**

The Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan does not currently utilize a Standing Advisory Committee.

# **Effectiveness Monitoring Program**

The Bancroft Generating Station Water Management Plan does not include any components of an Effectiveness Monitoring Program (EMP).

# **Data Collection Program**

Bracebridge Generation continues to monitor and record water levels on the York River above the dam at Bancroft GS for the purpose of managing the dam structures and Generating Station operations. The data is available should it be needed to analyze the rivers behaviour within the zone of influence.