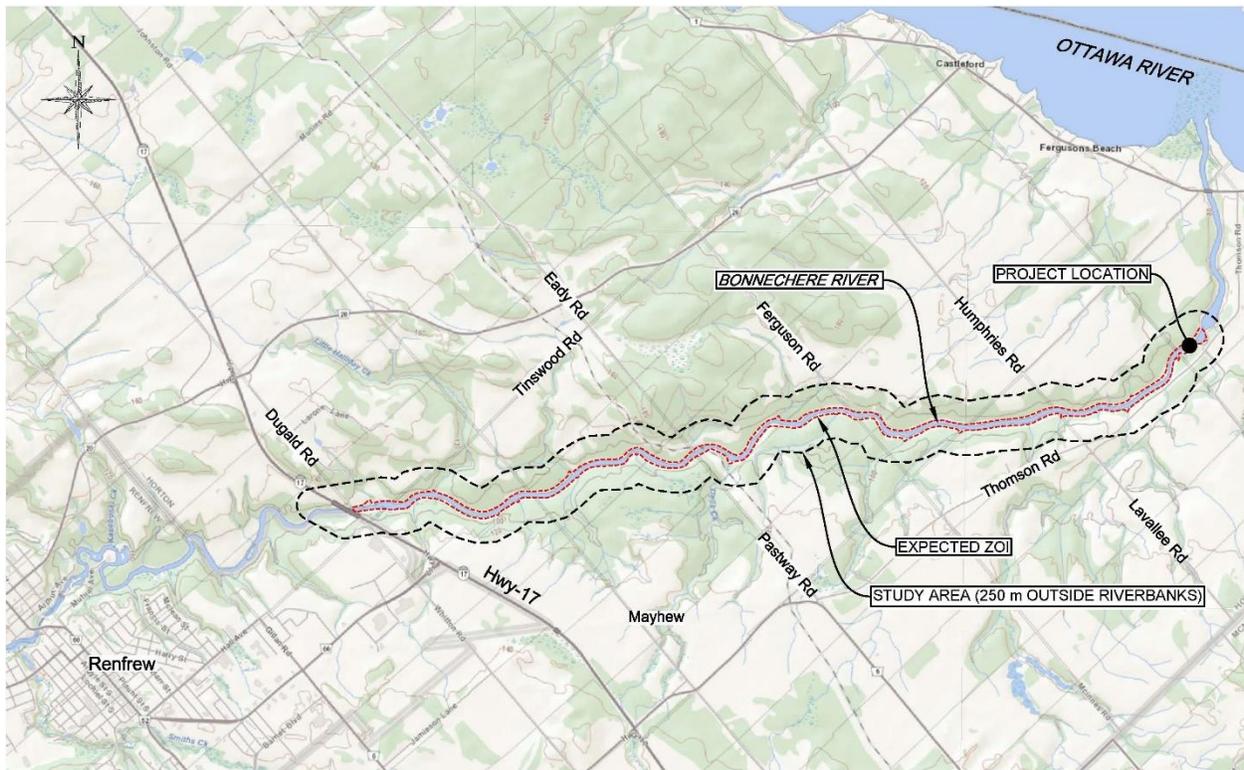


Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects

First Chute Waterpower Project

Date: June 27, 2019

Renfrew Power Generation is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for a proposed waterpower project First Chute Generating Station located on the Bonnechere River near the Town of Renfrew, in the Township of Horton, Ontario. If approved and constructed, this waterpower project would have a capacity of up to 1.7 MW and produce 5,500 -7,000 MWh of renewable energy annually. The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects". Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be on a managed waterway.



The Class EA process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, requires Renfrew Power Generation to undertake an evaluation of the project to evaluate its potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) and prepare a detailed Environmental Report. The project is also expected to require review and approvals under the *Lakes and Rivers Approvals Act*, *Environmental Protection Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, *Public Lands Act*, and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, and the federal *Species at Risk Act* and *Fisheries Act*. This notice and the public consultation process for the project under the Class EA is intended to coordinate and meet notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under these statutes.

Renfrew Power Generation has identified certain environmental components that are expected to be the focus of the proposed project. The evaluation and the environmental report will assess the potential effects of the proposed waterpower project on the environment during its construction and operation.

Public consultation will be an integral component of this process. For more details please visit www.renfrewpg.ca.

For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, contact: Kai Markvorsen at CIMA+, kai.markvorsen@cima.ca.

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