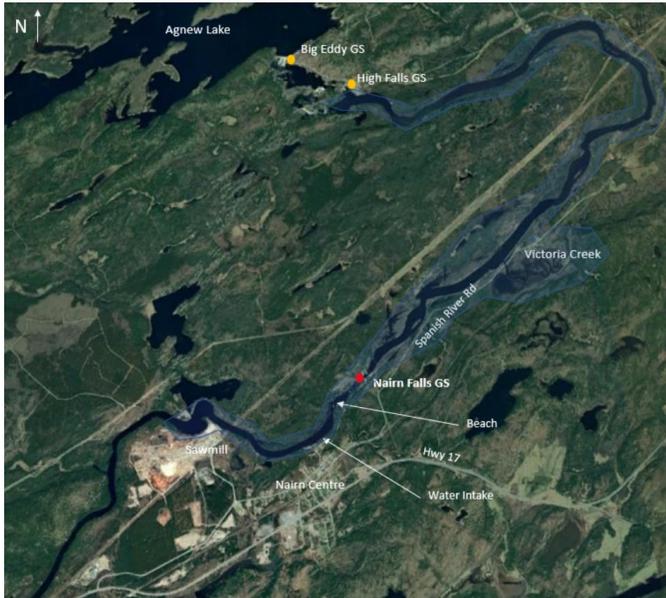


## Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects Nairn Falls GS Redevelopment

Vale Canada Limited (Vale) is proposing to redevelop the existing Nairn Falls Generating Station. This proposed undertaking will involve an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Waterpower Association Class EA for Waterpower Projects as a *Project Associated with Existing Infrastructure*. The redevelopment project will further require additional permits and approvals from various federal and provincial regulators.

The Nairn Falls Generating Station is located on the Spanish River near the town of Nairn Centre, in the Township of Nairn & Hyman, Ontario as shown on the map below. Constructed in 1915, the existing station has an installed capacity of 4.75 megawatts (MW) and is now at its end of life stage. Vale intends to redevelop the station in place and increase capacity to produce 8.4 MW of renewable energy.



The station is operated in accordance with the Spanish & Vermilion Rivers Water Management Plant and Vale does not plan to change water levels or flows with the redevelopment. As such, the anticipated zone of impact for the project is limited to the immediate vicinity of the station, and a study area encompassing the upstream environment to the High Falls No. 2 Generating Station and downstream to the Nairn Sawmill will be used in the assessment, as shaded on the figure.

The Class EA process requires Vale to undertake an evaluation of the project and its potential effects on the environment (positive or negative) and prepare a detailed Environmental Report. The evaluation and resulting report will assess the potential effects of the redevelopment both during construction and operations.

Vale has identified certain environmental components that it expects to be the focus of the proposed project. Engagement with Indigenous communities and the public is an integral component of this process, and you are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed by reaching out to the contact below.

To further encourage public participation, Vale will be hosting two Open House events. The first **Open House** will be held at the **Township of Nairn & Hyman Community Hall (64 MacIntyre Street) on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 3:00-6:00pm.**

For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the project mailing list, please contact:

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