

# Trent Rapids

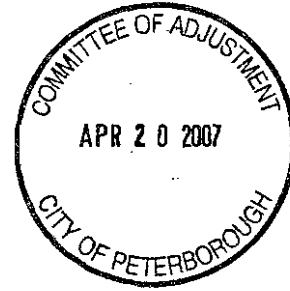
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April 19, 2007

File: O27



To: Committee of Adjustment  
In Care of Carolyn Jobbitt

Dear Mrs. Jobbitt:

At the Committee of Adjustment Hearing on April 3, 2007, the Committee decided to adjourn the review of the application for severance pertaining to File B04-07 to provide time to obtain more information on the proposed use of the land once severed.

Please find enclosed information in the attached package that has been assembled to respond to questions asked at the Committee of Adjustment Hearing regarding the proposed development of Trent Rapid Power Corporation's hydroelectric facilities. We have also included one copy of the most recent Environmental Assessment – Screening Report that provides a very in-depth review of all factors required under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The Screening Report can also be downloaded from Trent Rapid's web site [www.trentrapidspowercorp.ca](http://www.trentrapidspowercorp.ca).

Should any of the Committee of Adjustment members require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Allen".

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EXHIBIT A  
SHEET 2 OF 5

April 19, 2007

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To: Members of the City of Peterborough's Committee of Adjustment

At the April 3, 2007 Committee of Adjustment hearing, the review of file B04-07 pertaining to the severance of a piece of Trent University's property was adjourned, until the May 1, 2007 meeting allowing time for the Committee to receive further information about the proposed use of the property once severed. Trent Rapids Power Corporation is pleased to provide you with the following information based on the questions that were asked at the Committee of Adjustment Hearing on April 3, 2007. We have also included one copy of the most recent Environmental Assessment – Screening Report that provides a very in-depth review of all factors required under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). Six (6) copies of "TRPC's Environmental Screening Report: Highlights" have been included to provide a brief overview of the much larger and more encompassing document. The full Screening Report can also be downloaded from Trent Rapid's website [www.trentrapidspowercorp.ca](http://www.trentrapidspowercorp.ca).

When Trent Rapids obtains all the required approvals, it proposes to build an 8 MW hydroelectric generation facility on part of the severed land from Trent University. A long-term lease agreement has been developed with Trent University to provide for what the University regards to be a compatible use for this severed portion of land with respect to the University's overall property development. As a result of the length of the lease term, a severance is required. Questions were raised about the term and contents of this lease. Hydroelectric generating stations typically have a life span of many decades and sometimes over 100 years. In order to secure the required funding for projects of this nature, financial institutions require that project developers demonstrate that they have secured long-term property rights for the lands they need to support the facility. This is a standard pre-condition to obtaining institutional financing. Both TRPC and Trent University worked together to develop a very comprehensive and in-depth lease arrangement that provides for the requirements of both parties. The lease arrangement contains specific terms and conditions that TRPC consider commercially sensitive to the point that if they were released, negotiations that are ongoing for other sites outside this area, could be materially affected.

In parallel with obtaining the required property approvals, TRPC is also required to obtain a significant number of other approvals. One of the largest and most complicated requirements is to meet the criteria of an Environmental Assessment.

Early in the development process, representatives from the TRPC met with both Federal and Provincial regulatory agencies to determine the requirements that would have to be satisfied. The Federal and Provincial bodies determined that TRPC's project would fall within the Federal jurisdiction and as such would require a screening under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). Although the terminology used is a "screening", it has nevertheless, required TRPC to undertake an extensive two-year process of technical studies and analyses, including significant community outreach that began almost one year ago to solicit community and stakeholder comments. For a complete description of the process, please reference section 1.5 of the Screening Report. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) provides the direction as to what level of review is required. The full documents can be found at their website ([www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/010/basics\\_e.html](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/010/basics_e.html)). Included as an attachment to this letter, please find copies of excerpts from CEA Agency's website. There are four types of environmental assessments defined by the CEA Agency; A comprehensive study, screenings, mediation, and review panel. Based on the requirements for each type, it was determined by the CEA Agency that the screening was the appropriate environmental assessment process. Hydroelectric projects over 200MW would require a comprehensive study. During the development of the Screening Report, both Federal and Provincial Agencies were consulted. These include but are not limited to; Parks Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada/Coast Guard, Environment Canada, Ontario Ministry of Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority.

On May 5, 2006, a "Notice of Commencement of an Environmental Assessment" was prepared and published. Input from the public has been and continues to be extremely important to TRPC. In Peterborough and Lakefield, TRPC has hosted a total of two open-house sessions and one information session to obtain input and provide information to the public.

To encourage input from the public, TRPC advertised these notices and information/open house sessions in such publications as the Canada Gazette, the Globe and Mail, the Peterborough Examiner, Peterborough This Week and two student newspapers, the Arthur and Absynthe. Additionally, hand-delivered notices for all events were delivered to residents and businesses that were situated close to the proposed site. The second open house, held on December 6, 2006, was held within the first 30-day public comment period of the draft Environmental Screening Report (ESR). Copies of the draft Environmental Screening Report were available in three public locations that included Trent University Bata Library, Peterborough Utilities Inc.'s main office, and Parks Canada/TSW. The digital version of the report was available on TRPC's website at [www.trentrapidspowercorp.ca](http://www.trentrapidspowercorp.ca). On April 2, 2007, TRPC announced that the revised Environmental Screening Document had been completed and on April 11, 2007 TRPC announced in the media the new document was available. This new document is now available for public review at several locations across the Peterborough, and Smith-Enismore-Lakefield community including Trent University Bata Library, Peterborough Utilities offices, Parks Canada/TSW office, Peterborough Public Library, and TSEL Library – Lakefield Branch and on TRPC's website. In conjunction

with release of this document another 30-day public input period is available for submissions of concerns about the Environmental Screening document, to the responsible Federal authorities. It is worth noting that there will be three separate occasions for members of the public to comment, in writing, to the Director of Water Power, Parks Canada/TSW, and to TRPC regarding their concerns about or support for the project. Such written comments are carefully reviewed by TRPC, and our Version 4 Environmental Screening Report attempts to speak directly to the concerns raised to date by the community. As well, Parks Canada/TSW has indicated to TRPC that Parks Canada/TSW takes seriously the comments received in writing from the community. It is not correct, on the basis of these facts, for anyone to affirm that the environmental screening process does not provide opportunity for input from the community. A full description of the complete Consultation process that TRPC followed can be found in section 2 of the latest screening document.

It has been suggested by some members of the public that all projects, including TRPC's project along the Trent Severn Waterway, be delayed until the completion of the review of the use of the waterway, as proposed by MP Bruce Stanton, has been finalized. In fact, MP Bruce Stanton has proposed this study to promote the efficient and effective use of the Trent Severn Waterway for many uses including the development of hydroelectric power. In the attached letter from M.P. Bruce Stanton, he indicates that he does not wish to hold up projects such as TRPC's and encourages such developments. Support from both Federal and Provincial Governments to develop projects that can provide clean, environmentally safe, renewable forms of energy have been widely acknowledged. Programs such as the Ontario Standard Offer Program and the Federal Eco-Energy Program have been developed to encourage such projects where some projects would not be financially feasible otherwise.

Without support through programs such as the Ontario Standard Offer Program and the proposed Eco-Energy Program, many rivers and streams would never be developed because the financial return on such projects would not make them viable. As part of the Environmental Screening process, TRPC looked at four alternative configurations. While each of the configurations had pros and cons, only the proposed configuration was found to be feasible after considering all the relevant technical, economic and environmental factors. Ultimately, if the proposed design configuration is not approved through all steps of this endeavor, the renewable resource potential at Dams 22 & 23 will not be developed. For a complete comparison of the various factors such as Engineering Issues, Geophysical Issues, Ecological Issues, Air Quality and Climate Issues, and Social/Cultural Issues, please refer to Section 1.4 and Table 1.1 of the Environmental Screening Report.

Trent Rapids trusts the above information, along with the attached documents answers any questions or concerns you may have had concerning this project. Should you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

We would like to bring to your attention that on April 24, 2007, Trent Rapids Power Corp. expert staff will be available, in support of an open house being held by Trent University, to answer questions as to how this project fits into the University's overall plans for the property in question and its surrounding area. This session will begin at 6:30 pm at Champlain College, Room 307. We look forward to the opportunity to seeing Committee of Adjustment members there.

Sincerely,



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