



BURRITTS RAPIDS RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (BRREA)

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

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Key Activities of BRREA in 2012:

Burritts Rapids Community Hydro Power Project

First BRREA Project Supporters, Feasibility Study, FIT application!

- Renewal of Priority Permit from Parks Canada giving the community first rights to develop hydro at the dam site on the Rideau River.
- Maintained a collaborative relationship with Parks Canada, who are helpful and supportive at each step in the developmental process.
- Received motions of support (Bylaw amendments) from the Council of North Grenville and City of Ottawa Council for hydro project.
- Worked with local politicians who support vision and volunteer efforts of the BR community to develop a community-led hydroelectricity project.
- Maintained contact with Algonquin First Nation, who are interested and supportive.
- Received contribution funding from the Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation of \$51,250 to allow BRREA to initiate a feasibility study, apply for FIT contract, and obtain liability insurance.
- Engaged in a competitive public Request for Proposal (RFP) process that resulted in contracting GENIVAR to conduct an engineering feasibility study (hydrology, hydraulics, and technology assessment) at the dam site.
- Submitted application to Ontario Power Authority for a FIT 2.0 contract to sell hydro into the grid.
- Maintained communications with BRREA members and the BR community via progress through media reports and articles (CBC radio, EMC, Advance, Phoenix), public Board meetings, launching new web-site, display at Library, e-mail newsletters & notices.
- Liaised with local MPPs and MPs to ensure support of project objectives.
- Continued to build and strengthen contacts with experts, professional organizations and businesses in the field of small hydro power.
- Participated in networking events with other communities and organizations who share similar objectives and experiences.
- Convened 9 BRREA Board and many special meetings to develop and execute project planning.
- Engaged with a number of volunteers and experts.

2013-2014 Proposed Workplan

- ✓ **Apply the findings of the feasibility study to next steps in moving forward the objectives of the Hydro project and in assisting other interested communities to develop sustainable small hydro projects.**
- ✓ **Continue collaboration with Parks Canada including meeting obligations of the Priority Permit and conducting a Federal Environmental Assessment.**
- ✓ **Explore new opportunities to make the Hydro Project economically viable.**
- ✓ **Provide opportunities for community members to stay engaged and for interested parties to be involved.**

Respectfully submitted by the 2012-2013 BRREA Board of Directors:

Mary Hegan, Chair

Muffy Koch, Secretary

Michael Harrington

Juri Wallner, Treasurer (retired July 2012)

Cameron Duff (appointed September 2012)

Bob Gaudette, Treasurer (July 2012)

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David Simpson

Founding Objectives and Community Benefits for Hydro Power Project

- Have significant say and control over hydro development in our community
- Use profits from hydro production for community based services, events, projects
- Build community leadership and reputation for producing local renewal energy which is carbon free, environmentally and financially sound
- Move towards our village having the potential to be energy self-sufficient such as providing local power for Community Hall and village emergencies

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