

# **BURRITTS RAPIDS RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (BRREA)**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

Presented at BRREA AGM, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

### **After the AGM in March, the Board:**

1. Worked with MPP, Steve Clark, to help BRREA apply for Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) funding as a community organisation;
2. Submitted comments to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) on pricing of FIT contracts;
3. Updated submissions to Canada Revenue Agency and applied for an HST refund;
4. Met the requirements of the existing Priority Permit (Parks Canada);
  - a. Decided not to re-apply for a new priority permit until a viable business plan is developed for the site;
5. Hosted a brain storming meeting in July for a group of experts and interested parties. The group proposed options to advance the community hydro project, improve financial viability and build upon the feasibility study ;
  - a. Followed up on many of the suggestions from the brainstorming session;
6. Kept the website updated (thank you, Bob Walker);
7. Attended the Ontario Ministry of Energy's formal review of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan and presented BRREA's experience and suggestions for small hydro, orally and in writing;
8. FIT application was unsuccessful because of transmission capacity;
  - a. Ontario Power Authority now confirms there is sufficient capacity;
9. Had discussions with two turbine suppliers regarding financially viable options for the dam site;
  - a. one was better suited to the river than the dam and the other discussion is on-going;
10. Opened discussions with staff at Carleton University for student projects related to Burritts Rapids renewable energy and moving the hydro project ahead;
11. Provided updates to the community in January, March and November 2013.

## **2014 Proposed Work Plan**

- ✓ Apply the findings of the feasibility study to move the Hydro project forward and assist other interested communities to develop sustainable small hydro projects.
- ✓ Continue to explore new opportunities and partnerships 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 2013/2014 BRREA Board of Directors:**

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## **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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