

Burritt's Rapids Renewable Energy Association Chairs Annual Report 2017 – 2018

Presented at the BRREA AGM, July 25, 2018

Since the last AGM held on March 23, 2017 BRREA and its Board wish to report the following activities:

1. Our application for a FIT 5 Contract was rejected by the IESO on a minor technicality. Many other applications were rejected for similar technicalities, including other Small Hydro Applications. The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) appealed these decisions on behalf of the applicants but to no avail. More information on the FIT process will be presented at the AGM.
2. Even if our application had been accepted we would likely not have been awarded a contract because IESO removed the Smiths Falls Transfer Station (the one we must connect to) from the availability list. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Councillor Scott Moffat tried to intercede on our behalf with former Ontario Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault on our behalf but were unsuccessful.
3. In order to maintain our ability to move forward on this project when the time comes we renewed our Parks Canada Survey Permit. This must be done on an annual basis.
4. The City of Ottawa has established the Energy Evolution renewable energy strategy. This strategy is designed to: manage energy consumption, promote the use of renewable energy and advance local economic development opportunities in Ottawa. As a result of working with some great people at the City of Ottawa, BRREA's Community Small Hydro Project is project 4 out of 33 on the City's "Summary of Short-Term Actions, Energy Evolution: Ottawa's Community Energy Transition Strategy, Phase 1" plan. There is a lot of work to do before we see where this might go, but it gives us an opportunity to possibly move forward with our project instead of just sitting on our hands and waiting to see what the new Ontario government is going to do about renewable energy and any replacement for the FIT program. More information on this including links to relevant documents can be found on the BRREA website www.brpower.ca .
5. We applied for a Community Energy Innovation Fund Grant of \$5,000 from the City of Ottawa to give us some operating funds for the foreseeable future. Our previous funding was from a grant of \$51,250 from the Eastern Ontario Development Plan through the Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation. The majority of that grant was used for an engineering feasibility study, with the remainder used for our operational funding since then.

2018 -2019 Proposed Work Plan:

1. Continue working with the City of Ottawa's Energy Evolution program.
2. Until the dust settles from the recent Provincial election and the upcoming municipal election there may be little action on our project in the coming year or two. Action by BRREA may consist of representations to government officials on renewable energy in general and our project in particular.

Respectfully submitted by the 2017/2018 BRREA Board of Directors

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