

**Mississippi River Power Corporation
Almonte Generating Station Expansion Project**

**Notice of Commencement of Environmental Screening
&
Notice of First Public Information Centre**

Mississippi River Power Corporation (the generation side of the former Almonte Hydro) in the Almonte Ward of Mississippi Mills, Ontario, proposes to expand the Almonte Generating Station by converting the existing generating station on the Mississippi River at Almonte to an intake structure, constructing a new powerhouse adjacent to Gemmill Park, renovating the existing turbines and re-installing them, with larger generators, in the new powerhouse. The capacity will be increased from 2.4 MW to 5.0 MW.

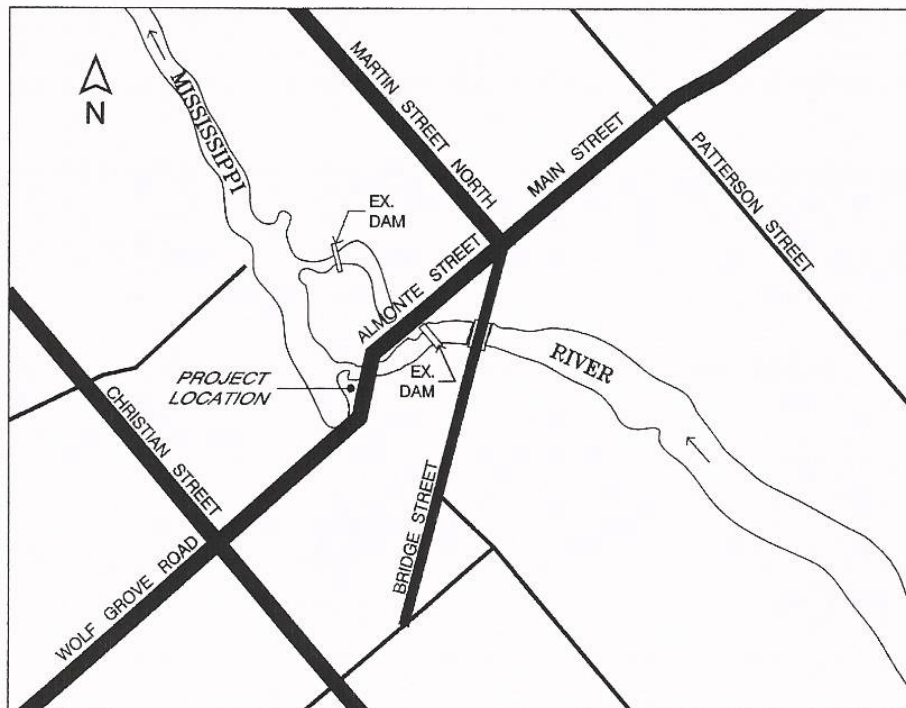
This project is subject to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Screening Process for Electricity Projects. A copy of the "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects" is available for review at the offices of Mississippi River Power Corporation.

An initial Public Information Centre will be held at the office of Mississippi River Power Corporation, 28 Mill Street, Almonte, Ontario, on **Wednesday, May 18, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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