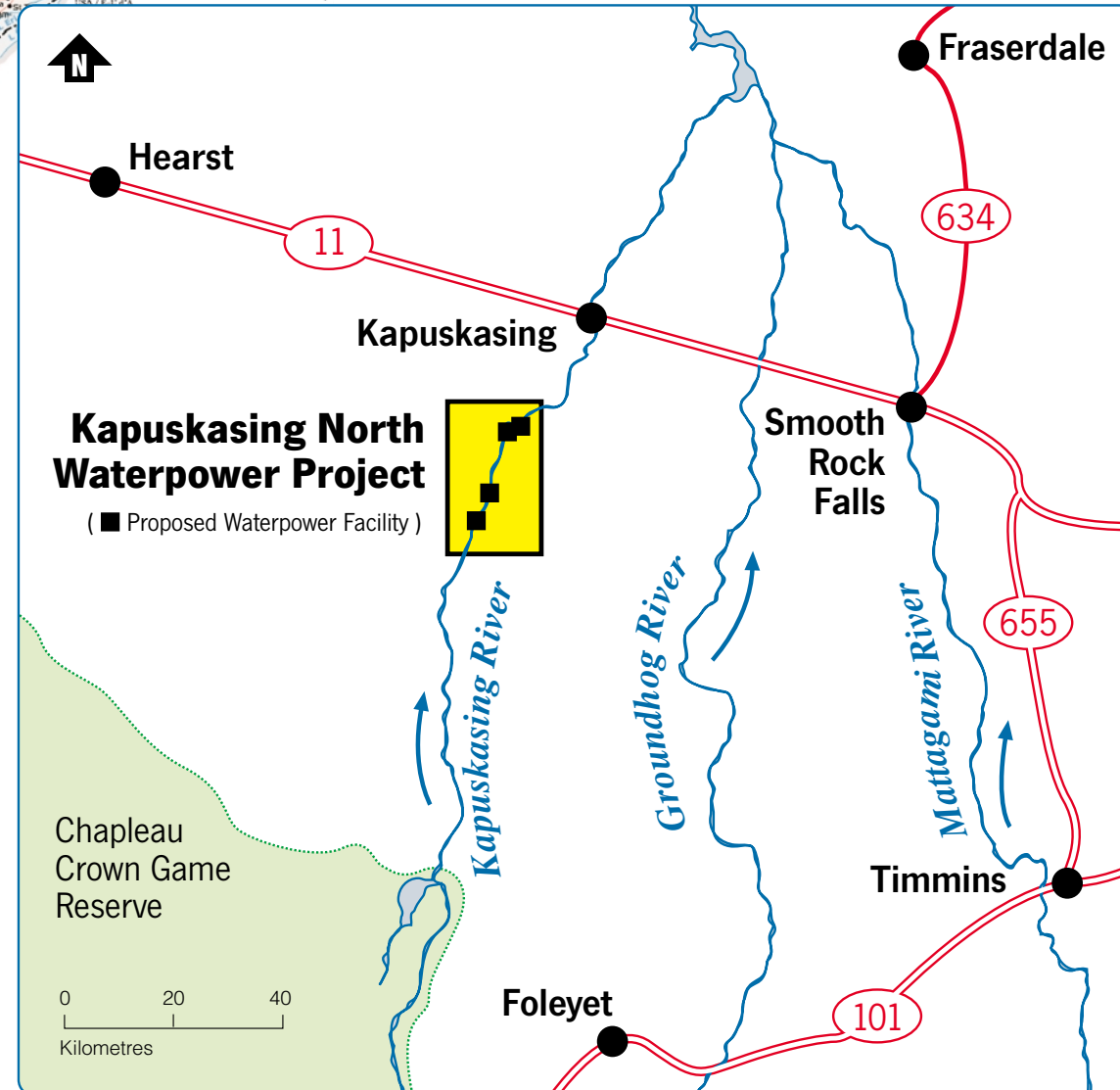


Background

- The Kapuskasing River has a drainage basin of 9,111 km², and is one of three tributaries to the Mattagami River, which is in turn, part of the larger Moose River basin.
- The river arises on the Canadian Shield (Chapleau Plains Ecoregion) and flows northward through the Northern Clay Belt, before joining the Mattagami River near the southern limit of the James Bay Lowlands.
- Within the Clay Belt area, the river is contained within well defined, narrow flood plains, and generally consists of long meandering runs between rapids or falls, predominantly located at bedrock outcrops.
- The Kapuskasing River presently contains one waterpower facility, being the Tembec/Spruce Falls dam/powerhouse in Kapuskasing at Hwy 11.
- Hydromega Services Inc (Hydromega) was selected by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) as the Applicant of Record for the Competitive Site Release Package CRP -01-04, being the Northern Extent of the Kapuskasing River from approximately Big Beaver Falls to approximately Womans Falls (16 to 40 km upstream of Kapuskasing) in September 2005.
- Waterpower projects are subject to development review and approvals by both federal and provincial agencies. The Applicant of Record has the opportunity to pursue waterpower development through those approval processes.
- The development plan, as identified in Hydromega's 'Conceptual Study Report' (September 2006) and portrayed on the following posters, is to install four run-of-river waterpower facilities, each 5 MW capacity, at Big Beaver Falls, Camp Three Rapids, White Otter Rapids and Old Woman Falls.
- Hydromega has retained Hatch Acres to assist them with the environmental assessment and approval process. A number of field investigations have been undertaken to increase understanding of site and river reach conditions.



Purpose of Public Information Centre

The public information centre has a number of purposes, as follows:

- Provide the public with an understanding of the requirements of the environmental assessment and approval process
- Present Hydromega's conceptual design for the proposed waterpower developments at Big Beaver Falls, Camp Three Rapids, White Otter Falls and Old Woman Falls.
- Receive pertinent background information concerning the study area (i.e. hunting and trapping areas, wildlife trails, location of important fish spawning areas, heritage sites, etc.)
- Give the public the opportunity to provide any comments they might have regarding the proposed project.

Public Input

Public input is an important component in assessing the best options for the waterpower development of the Kapuskasing North waterpower sites. Please

- Study the information provided on the subsequent information boards
- Discuss and/or ask questions of the Hydromega and Hatch Acres representatives concerning the project
- Fill in the Comment Sheet provided and return it to us either before you leave today or within the next 30 days