

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
Premier, The Province of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
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August 16, 2011

**Re: Proposed Hydro Generation Project at Buttermilk Falls, Algonquin Highlands, Haliburton, ON**

Dear Minister,

We have recently learned that an organization called Technology in Action has approached Algonquin Highlands Council requesting a Site Release to allow it to proceed with a process whose ultimate goal is to install and operate a hydro electric generating facility at Buttermilk Falls.

The Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association represents the riparian property owners of Halls Lake, Big Hawk Lake and Little Hawk Lake. As such, we believe we have a vested interest in this project. We have had ongoing issues with respect to lake levels, for example, and a project of this nature will invariably impact on these. In addition, other issues, including changes to the current aesthetics of the falls and the river flowing from Halls Lake to Boshkung Lake, power line routing, the expansion of the local transformer station, the impact of construction on adjoining lands and the area in general, etc., may affect both our members and the broader community. Therefore, we would like to declare our interest in the process and request that we be kept informed as it proceeds. **We are neither opposed to this project nor in support of it at this time.**

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Please include both of us in any information about this project you release.

Sincerely,

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