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The Muskoka River Water Management Plan (WMP) has been prepared by and will be implemented by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Power Generation, Orillia Power Generation Corporation, Bracebridge Generation Ltd. and Algonquin Power. The plan describes a new operating strategy for lakes and river reaches on the Muskoka River which attempts to balance environmental, social and economic interests on the river system through the management of water flows and levels. This section describes the manner in which the plan will be implemented.

16.1 Plan Implementation Team

The Plan Implementation Team (PIT) will be comprised of the management and technical staff of MNR and the waterpower companies that will undertake the day-to-day operations required to achieve the flows and water levels established within this plan. The PIT will meet on a regular basis throughout the year to discuss operational matters, and will utilize a proactive, adaptive management approach to communication, issue identification and resolution. An annual meeting will be scheduled in early February of each year to review the previous year's operations, identify operational strategies that worked well or caused problems, and will develop solutions/new approaches to flow and water level management as required.

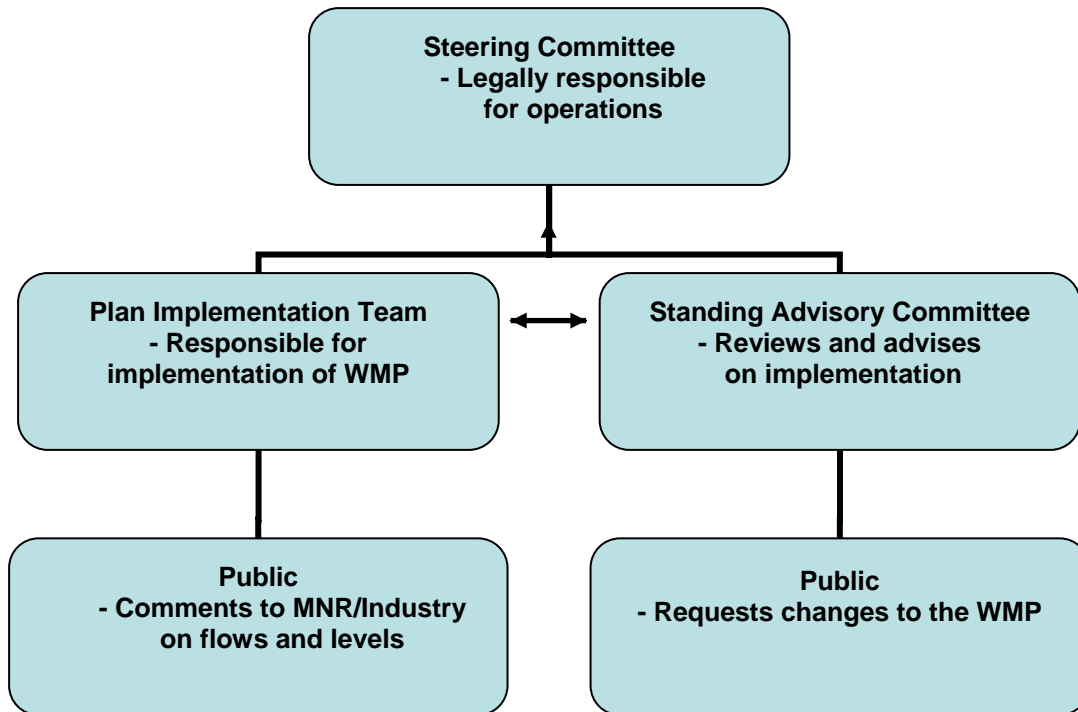
The PIT is responsible for reporting on compliance, enforcement and effectiveness monitoring.

16.2 Standing Advisory Committee

Upon completion of the WMP, the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) will have fulfilled its mandate (i.e., to advise on the development of the plan and effective means of consulting with the public during that process) and will be disbanded. A new committee, the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) will be established to provide public input into the implementation of the WMP.

The SAC will be composed of a number of citizens (up to 5) that represent a diversity of interests and knowledge bases along the course of the river. The SAC will report to the Steering Committee (SC), will provide a conduit for the transfer

of public comments related to plan implementation to the operating partners (MNR and waterpower companies), and will provide advice on the implementation of the plan. The organizational relationship between the SC, the PIT, the SAC, and the general public is provided in the following organizational flowchart.



16.3 Annual Report

The PIT will produce an annual report that provides a summary of system operations, identifies any new issues/concerns and associated actions/resolutions, and outlines ongoing implementation, coordination/cooperation, monitoring and data gathering activities. The annual report will be provided to the SAC, key stakeholders, the Wahta Mohawks, and made available to the public on request.

16.4 Mid-Term Report

After the fifth year of plan implementation, a status report will be prepared by the PIT which summarizes progress on implementation of the plan, issues raised and associated resolution/actions, and provides recommendations (as required) for the

second half of the plan term. The SAC, key stakeholders, the Wahta Mohawks and the public will be invited to comment on the report and the implementation of the plan to date.

The SAC will review the comments received, and may provide recommendations to the SC for specific actions/resolutions (i.e., additional monitoring, filling of data gaps, or revisions to facility operating plans). The SC will determine whether the issues/concerns merit an amendment to the plan, maintenance of the status quo or an early review of the WMP.