

EAST BRANCH DAM

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The East Branch Dam and its hydro station in Musquash were originally established by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, now known as NB Power, to bring early electricity to the province. Built in 1922, the dam was built as a part of a hydroelectric network, built to harness the Musquash River watershed, generating power for the surrounding southern New Brunswick regions. It was the first foray into a publicly owned power generating station in NB.

The Musquash Hydro complex has been decommissioned since 2009, but several of the buildings and the dam still stand on the site. In January of 2018, the dam gained substantial public attention during severe province-wide storms. Heavy torrential rains and unseasonably warm melting snow pushed the Musquash watershed to capacity. Due to dangerously high water levels, officials were concerned about the structural integrity of the east Branch Dam, and 100 residents of surrounding neighbourhood were evacuated.



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