

Appendix I

List of Aboriginal Communities from Ministry of the Environment

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March 10, 2011

MOE File #: NE-10-SF-0120

Michael Lord
General Manager, Solar Development
Northland Power Inc.
30 St. Clair Avenue West, 17th Floor
Toronto ON M4V 3A1

Dear Mr. Lord:

RE: Director's Aboriginal Communities List - Abitibi, Empire and Martin's Meadows Solar Projects

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (Ministry) has reviewed the information provided in the Draft of the Project Description Report (PDR) received for the Abitibi, Empire and Martin's Meadows Solar Projects. The Ministry has reviewed the anticipated environmental effects of the projects (as described in the PDRs) relative to its current understanding of the interests of aboriginal communities in the area.

In accordance with section 14 of Ontario Regulation 359/09 "Renewable Energy Approvals under Part V.0.1 of the Act" (O. Reg. 359/09) made under the *Environmental Protection Act*, please find below the list of aboriginal communities who, in the opinion of the Director:

i) have or may have constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project (s.14(b)(i)):

Aboriginal Community Common Name: Reserve Name: Contact Information:
Taykwa Tagamou Nation New Post New Post 69 PO BOX 3310, RR 3, Cochrane ON P0L 1C0 Phone (705) 272-5766 Fax (705) 272-5785

Wahgoshig First Nation Abitibi 70 R.R. #3 Matheson ON P0K 1N0 Phone (705) 273-2055 Fax (705) 273-2900
Flying Post Flying Post 73 PO BOX 1027 Nipigon ON P0T 2J0 Phone (807) 887-3071 Fax (807) 887-1138
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OR

ii) otherwise may be interested in any negative environmental effects of the project (s.14(b)(ii)):

Métis Nation of Ontario Consultation Unit 500 Old St. Patrick St, Unit 3 Ottawa ON K1N 9G4

NOTE: None of the foregoing should be taken to imply approval of this project or the contents of the PDR. This letter only addresses the requirement of the Director to provide a list of aboriginal communities to you as required pursuant to section 14 of O. Reg. 359/09. You should also be aware that information upon which the above list of aboriginal communities is based is subject to change. Aboriginal communities can make assertions at any time, and other developments, for example the discovery of Aboriginal archaeological resources, can occur that may require additional aboriginal communities to be notified. Should this happen, the Ministry will contact you. Similarly, if you receive any feedback from any aboriginal communities not included in this list, as part of your consultation, the Ministry would appreciate being notified.

Please contact Narren Santos at (416) 314-8442 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doris Dumais', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doris Dumais
Director – Approvals Program
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch

cc: Mansoor Mahmood, Renewable Energy Team, Ministry of the Environment
Joe de Laronde, Aboriginal Affairs Branch, Ministry of the Environment

Appendix J

Letters to Aboriginal Communities

May 31, 2011

Chief Dwight Sutherland and Council
Taykwa Tagamou Nation
New Post
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PO Box 3310, RR 3
Cochrane, On
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As previously notified in a letter dated, May 31, 2011, Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of the Projects. Due to a change in Project location, the previously notified date of Tuesday July 5, 2011 for the Public Meeting is changed to Wednesday July 27, 2011. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please find attached a "Notice of Public Meeting", which details the time and date of the planned meeting. This Notice will also be published in *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday June 23, 2011 and Thursday June 30, 2011.

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Bringing civic literacy into classrooms



Students from Lakehead University's Aboriginal Education Program attended a civic literacy course at Thunder Bay's City Hall. The students plan to bring that information to the schools in communities they teach in in the future.

Stephanie Wesley
Wawatay News

Efforts geared at increasing Aboriginal voter participation took place in Thunder Bay on July 27.

The program brought Aboriginal education students to Thunder Bay's city hall for a day of learning about civic literacy.

Joan Esquega, a fourth-year bachelor of education student at Lakehead University, felt it was very important to partake in the engagement session at City Hall.

"We, as Aboriginal teachers, need to realize that it's important for us to bring this knowledge into our classrooms, to teach our children the importance of voting," Esquega said. "I think if we can teach them (the children) when they're younger, they'll do it as adults."

Judi Nelson Childs of the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) spearheaded the session that revolved around encouraging Aboriginal voter-participation in Ontario.

"It started with a report that I did, I work for ONWA and I partnered with four people from the Leadership Thunder Bay group and we did a community action project," explained Childs. "The genesis of that report was that we knew Canadians don't vote - there's about a 50 per cent rate of voter participation across the country, for Aboriginal people it is even less."

Childs wanted to take a look at why the rate of Aboriginal voters was low. She explained that the group participated in "an extensive study that turned into a roundtable event" at Lakehead University to try to come up with ways on how to increase voter turnout. It was at Lakehead University where Childs was able to meet up with Dr. Laura Buker, a teacher in the Aboriginal Education Program, to discuss the issue.

Childs expressed how important the participation of Aboriginal voters is, not only in municipal elections but also in Canada as a country.

"In Ontario, there are at least six or seven ridings where the Aboriginal population would be the swing vote. In Canada

federally there are 60 ridings where Aboriginal votes would probably make the difference (in results)," Childs said.

Childs felt it was important to focus on Aboriginal voter more so after the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) elections.

"The fact that there were five women leaders who stepped forward to be a part of that was very monumental," Childs said.

Childs feels that "change upon us."

"It's a good change because we are... asking questions: wanting to be engaged," Childs said. "Our younger Aboriginal people, they're the ones that are wanting to lift things forward so it's very important that we find places in our education curriculum for this."

Buker credits Leo Baskin

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- Joan Esquega

tawang and his March 4 Justice endeavors for reminding everyone how important it is to stay informed.

"Educate yourself about everything from that Indian act and why we want it repealed or at least dialogued about, changed in many ways," Buker said.

Buker explained that there is going to be a committee with the city of Thunder Bay that will be working with the city clerk's office to study the issue of civic literacy, not just for Aboriginal citizens but also amongst all the citizens of the city.

"There's also going to be work within the Aboriginal community to take a look at the recommendations and have the Aboriginal organization see where they can help and help to provide the 'what should people vote' part that is missing," Buker said.

Buker said that Election Canada and Elections Ontario provide information on how to vote, but feels people also need to know why they should vote.

NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

By Northland Power to Engage in Three Renewable Energy Projects
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Project Name: Abitibi Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Abitibi L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 14, 15 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 24th of May, 2012

Project Name: Empire Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Empire L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 17, 18 Concession 7 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 24th of May, 2012

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadows L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 16 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 24th of May, 2012

Northland Power is planning to engage in three renewable energy projects in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in these Projects and the Projects themselves are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to applications being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of Environment.

These Public Meetings are being held to provide information on the proposed Projects. The Public Meetings will be an open house format.

Meeting Location:

Date: Tuesday August 21, 2012

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Place: Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

Date: Tuesday August 21, 2012

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Place: Hunta Mennonite Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, Ontario

Project Description:

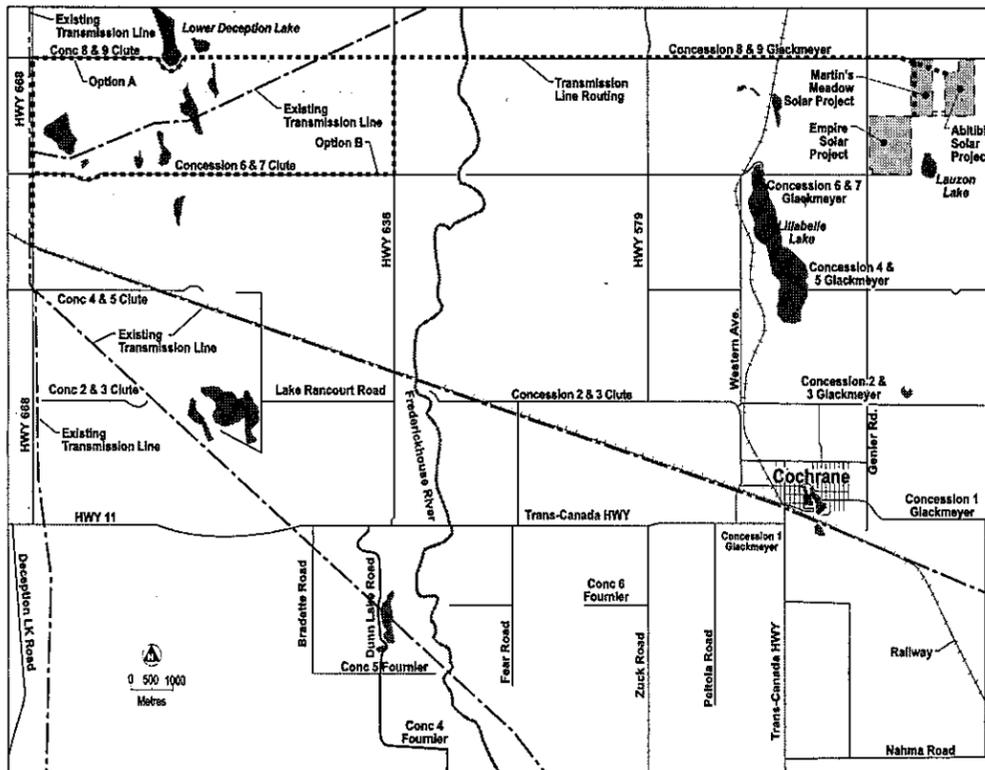
Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facilities, in respect of which these Projects are to be engaged in, are Class 3 Solar Facilities. If approved, these facilities would each have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW. The Project locations are shown in the map below.

The Draft Project Description Reports, titled *Project Description Report Northland Power Solar Abitibi*, *Project Description Report Northland Power Solar Empire* and *Project Description Report Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadows*, describe the Projects as solar electric generating facilities that will utilize photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on fixed racking structures. DC electricity generated from the PV panels is converted to AC electricity by an inverter. The voltage level of the AC electricity produced by the inverter is stepped-up to distribution level voltages by a series of transformers. Written copies of the Draft Project Description Reports were made available for public inspection on June 27, 2011 at northlandpower.ca/abitibi, northlandpower.ca/empire and northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows and at the Town of Cochrane Municipal office. Further, the applicant has obtained or prepared, as the case may be, supporting document in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. Written copies of the draft supporting documents will be made available for public inspection on June 21, 2012 at 1) the Town of Cochrane Municipal office or 2) the Hunta Mennonite Church, please contact Robert Landis at (705) 272-8306 for viewing, or 3) online at northlandpower.ca/abitibi, northlandpower.ca/empire and northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows.

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September 18, 2012

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Taykwa Tagamou Nation
c/o Town of Cochrane
171 Fourth Avenue
Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

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Chief Dave Babin and Council
Wahgoshig First Nation
c/o Purolator Depot, Matheson Office
Tanny Convenience Store
362 MacDougall St.
Matheson, ON P0K 1N0

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Flying Post 73
33 First St. East
Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0

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Matachewan First Nation
Matachewan 72, Lot 72
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Appendix K

Correspondence with Aboriginal Communities

From: ljob@taykwatagamounation.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 9:59 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Justine Prevost; Roger Archibald; Bruce Archibald; Tina Gagnon; Peter Archibald; Tracey Prevost; archibaldfranc@gmail.com
Subject: Northland Power Solar Project & TTN Protocol
Attachments: TTN Consultation Protocol - Final January 2011_392155 (1).PDF

Hi Sean,
Following up on our brief conversation this morning, find attached Taykwa Tagamou Nation Consultation Protocol and information for Ontario Microfit program that was announced on July 12, 2012, at the following web link: <http://microfit.powerauthority.on.ca/who-can-apply>

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing aboriginal participation in the project.

Also please send us another copy of the draft support documents for the project.

Thank you.

Linda Job
Chief Taykwa Tagamou Nation

Cc: TTN Council
Francis Archibald, Business Development Advisor

From: Rob Miller [Rob.Miller@Northlandpower.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 10:19 PM
To: jm_prevost@hotmail.com; ljob@taykwatagamounation.com;
rarchibald@taykwatagamounation.com; barchibald@taykwatagamounation.com;
parchibald@taykwatagamounation.com
Cc: TimRichardson; Male, Sean
Subject: Follow-up to Taykwa Tagamou Nation Meeting

Hello everyone,

I wanted to follow-up and say thank you for your time this morning. It was a pleasure meeting you. I hope I got Peter's e-mail correct?

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding Northland's proposed 40 MW's of solar development and 22 km of associated transmission line. Sean Male from Hatch is also available to answer any questions that you may have.

The project web sites are below, which is where all of the studies and reports are contained in electronic format.

Martins Meadows	http://www.northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows	
Abitibi	http://www.northlandpower.ca/abitibi	
Empire	http://www.northlandpower.ca/empire	
Long Lake	http://www.northlandpower.ca/longlake	

As discussed, we would be pleased to participate in a dedicated public meeting for the Taykwa Tagamou Nation. Tentatively, we're wondering if Wednesday, October 3 would work for you. We currently have 2 meetings scheduled for the general public on Thursday, October 4, one in Cochrane (5:00 to 7:00) and the other in Hunta (7:30 to 9:30).

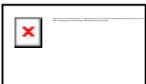
Peter, I'm interested in speaking with you directly to determine what might be required from Northland in order to facilitate Northland's consultation and accommodation. I have a copy of TTN's protocol.

Thanks again for everyone's time today. I'm looking forward to working with you in the future.

Regards,

Rob.

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To: [Justine Prevost](#); [Ian Desjardins](#); [Wayne Ross](#)
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[barchibald@taykwatagamounation.com](#); [Peter Archibald](#); [TimRichardson](#); [Male, Sean](#)
Subject: TTN - Northland Meeting follow-up
Date: Saturday, December 01, 2012 9:40:40 AM
Attachments: [Cochrane TTN Meeting r1 Nov20-12.pdf](#)

First, thanks again everyone for the opportunity to meet.

Wayne and Ian, as requested, please find attached the presentation that we went through. I hope it is easier to read, compared to the handout. I added the 2 slides I showed on EMF.

Please let me know if you'd like any more information or clarification.

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[barchibald@taykwatagamounation.com](#); [Peter Archibald](#); [TimRichardson](#); [SMale](#); [Tom Hockin](#)
Subject: Previous and Ongoing TTN Consultation

Hello Justine,

In support of our meeting this coming Friday, and to highlight some previous consultation efforts that Northland has made with TTN, I wanted to pass along the following information.

I wanted to let you know that in addition to the Project documentation and information sent to TTN as part of the MOE's formal REA process, and in addition to the more recent meetings, e-mails, and discussions we have had, my colleague, Tom Hockin, was working with Howard Archibald in 2010 and 2011.

Please see the 3 attached e-mails, which I have also summarized below.

- Friday, October 29, 2010.
 - Tom Hockin spoke to Howard Archibald to introduce himself, Northland Power, and describe the project locations. An invitation to participate in the archaeology assessments was offered.
- Saturday, October 30, 2010.
 - Tom Hockin e-mailed Howard Archibald with the project location information and sent an invitation to participate in, or observe, the archaeology assessments for the project sites.
- Thursday July 14, 2011.
 - Tom Hockin spoke with Howard Archibald with respect to the transmission line

route, and the pending archaeological assessments for the transmission line route. TTN members were invited to observe, or participate, in the archaeology assessment.

- Thursday, July 14, 2011.
 - Tom Hockin followed up on the phone conversation regarding the transmission line route and archaeology assessment with an e-mail.
- July 19, 2011 (Hatch file note)
 - Northland spoke with a representative at TTN to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. A representative was identified and they participated in the archaeological site investigations later that month.
- Friday, November 11, 2011.
 - Alex Ray, from Archaeology Research Associates (ARA), e-mailed Howard Archibald about some additional field work that was required, and extended an invitation for participation. The e-mail also infers that Howard, or some other TTN representative, had participated in some of the previous field work.

Regarding our more recent conversations, and some of the consultation that either Hatch (Sean Male), or I have undertaken, I have the following notes:

- July 25, 2012
 - Hatch received a call and follow-up e-mail from Chief Linda Job, providing the TTN consultation protocol.
- September 18, 2012
 - Northland (Tim and Rob) attended a meeting with representatives of the TTN. At that time, it was requested that a public meeting be held in the community, for the community.
 - Rob followed up with an e-mail highlighting the project web sites, and an offer was made to have a dedicated TTN community meeting on October 3, 2012.
 - Direct (e-mail) request was made to work with Peter Archibald, on the TTN Consultation and Accommodation Protocol
- Several follow-up e-mails were sent (to Justine and Peter) in September and October 2012. Northland agreed to the community meeting and/or a meeting with Chief and Council. The meeting(s) were tentatively planned for late November 2012.
- Friday, October 19, 2012
 - Ian Desjardins, Environmental Coordinator, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, Lower Matagami River Project, contacted Sean Male at Hatch inquiring about the solar developments
- Tuesday, October 23, 2012
 - Northland (Rob) forwarded project information to Ian (and cc'd Justine, Peter, Linda, Roger, and Bruce).
- Tuesday, November 21, 2012
 - Northland (Tim and Rob), met with Chief and Council, and other representatives of TTN.

Tim and I are looking forward to meeting again on Friday at 10:00, at the Apatisawin office.

Regards,

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Cc: [Ian Desjardins](#); [TimRichardson](#); [Male, Sean](#)
Subject: Re: TTN Meetings
Date: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 1:36:13 PM

Hi Rob, Happy New Year!

As far as I know, most of the Chief & Council are away the week of the 21st. I tried calling Ian and he is sick today. I would suggest the week of the 28th, let me know if that will work with you and Tim.
thanks

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Quoting Rob Miller <Rob.Miller@Northlandpower.ca>:

> Hello Ian and Justine,
>
> Happy New Year. I trust and hope you had a nice holiday break.
> Winter is certainly upon us now.
>
> I wanted to follow-up regarding our next meeting. I believe there
> was some discussion about trying to schedule a meeting for Friday,
> January 18. Tim and I are both tied up in Toronto that day, so we
> were wondering if perhaps Tuesday, January 22, or Wednesday, January
> 23 might work for you.
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> Regards,
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> Rob.
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Gibson, Melissa

From: Gibson, Melissa
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 9:15 AM
To: 'andy@metisnation.org'
Cc: 334844
Subject: Notice of Public Meeting for Four Proposed Solar Facilities
Attachments: Notice of Public Meeting - cover letter.pdf; Notice of Public Meeting - Northland Power.pdf

Hello Andy,

Please find attached a letter and Notice of Public Meeting for four proposed solar facilities for this evening in Cochrane. We apologize for the short notice as unfortunately our mailed letter was returned.

Thanks,

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