

# Appendix J

## Letters to Aboriginal Communities

May 31, 2011

Chief Dwight Sutherland and Council  
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New Post  
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We thank you for your interest in these Projects and look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Male".

Sean Male, M.Sc  
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SM: mg

**Attachments:**

Project Description Report  
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cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power  
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

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cc: Tom Hockin, Northland Power  
Carol-Ann Fletcher, Northland Power

June 8, 2012

Chief Dwight Sutherland and Council  
Taykwa Tagamou Nation  
c/o Town of Cochrane  
171 Fourth Avenue  
Cochrane, Ontario P0L 1C0

**Subject: Renewable Energy Approvals Documents -  
Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadow's Solar Project**

As you are aware, Northland Power is proposing to construct three solar projects in the Town of Cochrane, just southeast of the community of Genier. The proposed projects are named the Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project (the "Projects") and will each have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. These Projects require a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) issued in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Northland Power has retained Hatch to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the REA process.

As was stated in a letter dated May 24, 2012, Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of the Projects and has planned public meetings on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Hunta Mennonite Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, On, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and at the Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton's Drive, Cochrane, On from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Public Meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more about the Project proposals and about Northland Power.

In accordance with Section 16 (3) of Ontario Reg. 359/09, draft supporting documents, including the Project Description Report, Executive Summary, Design and Operations Report, Construction Plan Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Report, Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report, Natural Heritage Assessment Reports and Water Body Assessment Reports, are enclosed for your communities review and information, as well on-line version can be accessed at [northlandpower.ca/abitibi](http://northlandpower.ca/abitibi), [www.northlandpower.ca/empire](http://www.northlandpower.ca/empire) and [www.northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows](http://www.northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows).

We respectfully request that your community provide (in writing) to us any information available that in your opinion, should be considered when preparing the reports required for the REA process, and in particular, any information the community may have regarding adverse impacts that these Projects may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights, as well as any measures for mitigating those adverse impacts.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

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# Bringing civic literacy into classrooms



Stephanie Wesley/Wawatay News

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.

## 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:** 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 2  
**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**

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 (EPA) 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

**Date:** Tuesday August 21, 2012  
**Time:** 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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

**Place:** Hurla Mennonite Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hurla, 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/empiresolar and at the Town of Cochrane Municipal office. Further, the applicant has obtained or prepared, as the case may be, supporting documents 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 Hurla Mennonite Church, please contact Robert Landis at (705) 272-6306 for viewing, or (3) online at northlandpower.ca/abitibi, northlandpower.ca/empiresolar and northlandpower.ca/martin'smeadows.

**Project Contact and Information:**

To learn more about the project proposals, public meetings or to communicate concerns, please contact:

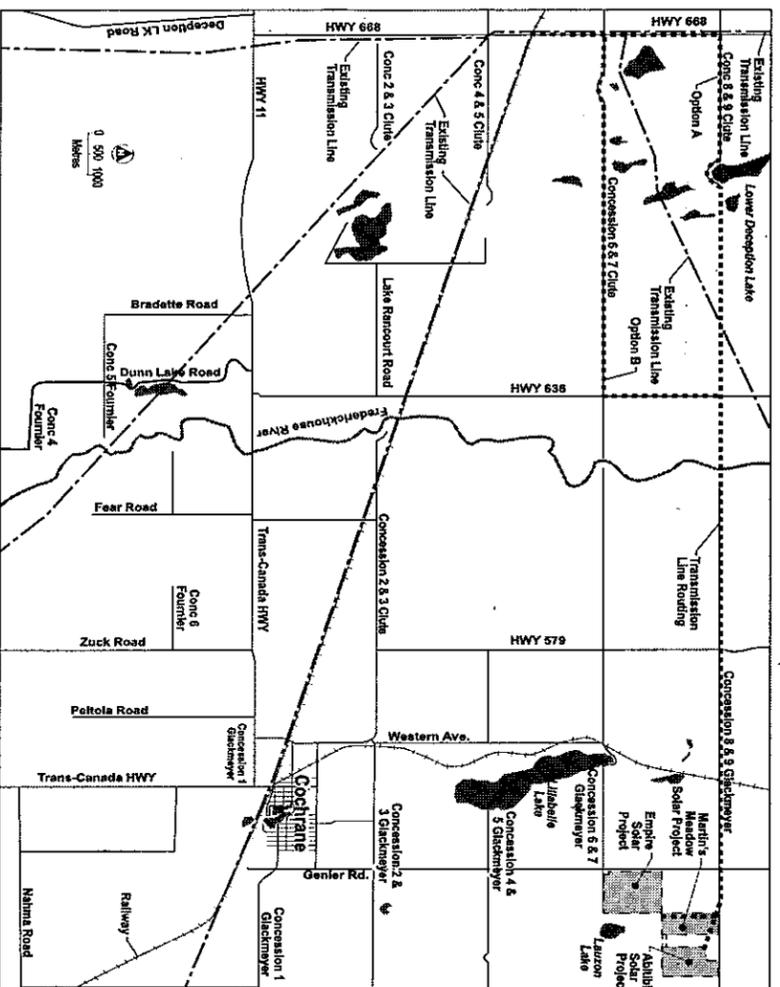
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Stephanie Wesley  
Wawatay News

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 educational curriculum for this."

Buker credits Leo Bask-

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- Joan Esquega

tawang and his March 4 Justice endeavors for reminding every one 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, it changed in many ways," Buker said.

Buker explained that they are going to be a committee with the city of Thunder Bay that will be working with the city clerk 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 out and help to provide the 'what should people vote' part that is missing," Buker said.

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

**Bearskin Lake First Nation Presents:**

# Michikan Lake Homecoming!

**75<sup>th</sup> year Celebrations!**  
August 17 to August 27, 2012

All Bearskin Lake First Nation Members and former residents living off reserve are invited to come home and celebrate!

For more information please Contact any member of the Council or Anita Nothing  
Recreation & Special Events Planner  
@ 807 363 2518

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Or find us on Facebook  
Michikan Lake Homecoming 2012

September 18, 2012

Chief Dwight Sutherland and Council  
Taykwa Tagamou Nation  
c/o Town of Cochrane  
171 Fourth Avenue  
Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean K. Male".

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September 18, 2012

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

Dear Chief Babin and Council:

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Chief Murray Ray and Council  
Flying Post  
Flying Post 73  
33 First St. East  
Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0

Dear Chief Ray and Council:

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Chief Alex Batisse and Council  
Matachewan First Nation  
Matachewan 72, Lot 72  
363 Georgina St.  
Matachewan, ON P0K 1M0

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Urgill Courville, President  
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Sincerely,



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Attachment(s)/Enclosure  
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September 18, 2012

Metis Nation of Ontario  
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To Whom It May Concern:

**Subject: Notice of Public Meeting - Abitibi, Empire, Martin's Meadows and Long Lake Solar Projects**

Northland Power is proposing to construct four solar projects in northeastern Ontario; three in the Town of Cochrane, just southeast of the community of Genier, and a fourth near the community of Hunta. The proposed projects are named the Abitibi Solar Project, the Empire Solar Project, the Martin's Meadows Solar Project and the Long Lake Solar Project (the "Projects") and will each have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. A 115 kV transmission line will connect these Projects to the provincial electricity distribution network. These Projects require a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) issued in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act*.

Northland Power is continuing a public consultation program in support of the Projects and has planned a public meeting on Thursday October 4, 2012, as outlined in the enclosed Notice of Public Meeting. This Notice will also be published in *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday September 20, 2012, and Thursday September 27, 2012. The Public Meeting is being held to provide further information on the proposed 115 kV transmission line associated with the Projects.

As you may be aware, copies of the draft supporting documents were made available on June 21, 2012, at:

- the Town of Cochrane municipal office
- the Hunta Mennonite Church (please contact Robert Landis at 705-272-6306 for a viewing)
- online at the Project websites:
  - ◆ [northlandpower.ca/abitibi](http://northlandpower.ca/abitibi)
  - ◆ [northlandpower.ca/empire](http://northlandpower.ca/empire)
  - ◆ [northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows](http://northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows)
  - ◆ [northlandpower.ca/longlake](http://northlandpower.ca/longlake)



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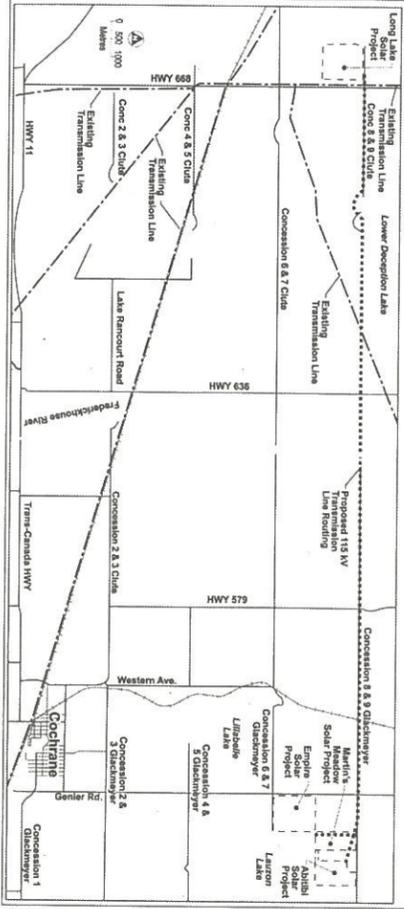
**NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

By Northland Power to Engage in Four Renewable Energy Projects

**Project Name:** Ashby Solar Project  
**Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Ashby L.P.  
**Project Location:** The Project is located on Lots 14, 15 & 16 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.  
**Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012**  
**Project Name:** Merris Meadows Solar Project  
**Project Applicant:** Merris Meadows Solar L.P.  
**Project Location:** The Project is located on Lot 18 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.  
**Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012**  
**Project Name:** Long Lake Solar Project  
**Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Long Lake L.P.  
**Project Location:** The Project is located on Lot 2 and 3, Concession 8, Collier, northwest of the Town of Cochrane.  
**Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012**

**Date:** Thursday, October 4, 2012  
**Time:** 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
**Place:** Tim Hobson's Event Centre, 7 Tim Hobson Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

**Date:** Thursday, October 4, 2012  
**Time:** 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
**Place:** Hunts Memorial Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunts, Ontario



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**Severn River fall hunt**



Submitted photos by Ziggy Beatty

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