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1. Overview

1.1 Project Description

Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls East L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "Northland") is proposing to develop a 10-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic project titled Burk's Falls East Solar Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"). The Project will be located on approximately 80 hectares (ha) of land. The Study Area for the Burk's Falls East Solar Project is located at 827 Chetwynd Road, southeast of Burk's Falls, within Armour Township, a single-tier municipality (Figure 1.1).

1.2 Legislative Requirements

Ontario Regulation (O.Reg.) 359/09 – *Renewable Energy Approvals Under Part V.0.1 of the Act*, (herein referred to as the REA Regulation) made under the *Environmental Protection Act* identifies the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) requirements for renewable energy projects in Ontario. Per Section 4 of the REA Regulation, ground-mounted solar facilities with a nameplate capacity greater than 10 kilowatts (kW) are classified as Class 3 solar facilities and do require a REA.

Consultation is a requirement of the REA process as stipulated by Sections 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of REA Regulation. In addition, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has prepared draft guidelines called "*Technical Bulletin Five - Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report*" (MOE, 2010) outlining the Ministry's expectations and guidelines for appropriate consultation, including the development of a Consultation Report as part of the REA application package. This Consultation Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the REA Regulation and the MOE Technical Bulletin.

It is noted that at the time of submittal of this report, MOE stated that an Aboriginal consultation document, titled "*Aboriginal Consultation Guide for Renewable Energy Projects Governed Under O.Reg. 359/09: Aboriginal Consultation Guide*" was being drafted to be released at a later date, but was not currently publicly available. As a result, the above-mentioned guidance document (Technical Bulletin Five) was used as a reference for meeting Aboriginal consultation requirements.

Table 1 in the REA Regulation requires the Consultation Report to include the following:

- a summary of communications with any members of the public, aboriginal communities, municipalities, local road boards and local services boards regarding the Project
- evidence that the information required to be distributed to aboriginal communities under Subsection 17(1) was distributed
- any information provided by an aboriginal community in response to a request made under paragraph 4 of Subsection 17(1)
- evidence that a consultation form was distributed in accordance with Subsection 18(1)
- the consultation form distributed under Subsection 18(1), if any part of it has been completed by a municipality, local roads board or local services board

- a description of whether and how:
 - ◆ comments from the members of the public, aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and local service boards were considered by the person who is engaging in the Project
 - ◆ the documents that were made available under Subsection 16(5) were amended after the final public meeting was held
 - ◆ the proposal to engage in the project was altered in response to comments made from members of the public, aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and local service boards

The legislative requirements have been documented within this Consultation Report. The information as it relates to legislative requirements is in a concordance table, Table 1.1.

Table 1.1 Legislative Requirements – Concordance Table

Requirements	Location Within the Consultation Report
A summary of communications with public, aboriginal communities, and municipalities.	Communications with the public are summarized in Table 2.1 and provided in Appendix E.
	Communications with Aboriginal communities are summarized in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 and provided in Appendixes J and K.
	Communications with municipalities and other Public Agencies are summarized in Table 3.1 and found in Appendixes F and Appendix G.
Evidence that the information required to be distributed to aboriginal communities under Subsection 17(1) was distributed.	Section 4.
Any information provided by an aboriginal community in response to a request made under paragraph 4 of Subsection 17(1).	Section 4 and in Appendix J.
Evidence that a consultation form was distributed in accordance with Subsection 18(1).	Section 3
The consultation form distributed under Subsection 18(1), if any part of it has been completed by a municipality, location roads board or local service boards.	Appendix G.
A description of whether and how <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments from the members of the public, aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and local service boards were considered by the person who is engaging in the Project • the documents that were made available under 	Table 2.1, Table 3.1, Tables 4.1 and 4.2.

<p>Subsection 16(5) were amended after the final public meeting was held, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the proposal to engage in the Project was altered in response to comments made from members of the public, aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and local service boards.	
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1.3 The Consultation Process

Pursuant to O. Reg. 359/09, consultation conducted for the Project has included adjacent landowners, government agencies (e.g., Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), MOE, Conservation Authorities, etc), local municipalities (upper and lower tier), planning board, aboriginal communities and the public. The objectives of the consultation process have been to obtain information about the Project location, identify issues and potential concerns, and to identify potential impacts associated with the Project and potential means of mitigating those impacts. As well, the consultation process has been used to identify specific stakeholders as a means to establish open and meaningful dialogue between the Project proponent and the stakeholders.

Local road boards and Local Service Board are not present in the Project area. Therefore, no consultation is possible with such bodies for the Project.

The following report provides:

- an outline and description of all consultation activities held for this Project for the public, government agencies, including municipalities and Aboriginal communities
- a summary of comments from public, government agencies and Aboriginal communities
- a summary of how these comments were incorporated into the REA process.

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2. Consultation with the Public

2.1 Methods of Consultation

The methods of consultation for the Project include the requirements identified in the REA Regulation, as well as additional measures deemed necessary to ensure adequate consultation with the public. A wide variety of consultation methods increases the amount of public awareness and participation. The methods of consultation for this Project included the following:

- Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project/Notice of Public Meeting
 - ◆ Direct mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location (a full list of landowners is provided in Appendix A). A total of 14 notices were issued on August 12, 2010 for the first public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, August 12, 2010 and Thursday August 19, 2010 in *The Almaguin News*, which has general circulation in the Project area. These notices are included in Appendix B
- Notice of Second Public Meeting
 - ◆ Direct mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location (a full list of landowners is provided in Appendix A). A total of 16 notices were issued on September 27, 2011 for the public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, September 30, 2010 and Thursday, October 7, 2010 in *The Almaguin News*, which has general circulation in the Project area. These notices are included in Appendix B.
- Notice of Final Public Meeting
 - ◆ Direct mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location (a full list of landowners is provided in Appendix A, as well as interested parties identified through Public Consultation efforts). A total of 31 notices were issued on March 9, 2011 for the final public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, March 10, 2011 and Thursday, April 14, 2011 in *The Almaguin News*, which has general circulation in the Project area. These notices are included in Appendix B.
- a website (www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallseast) with Project and Northland information, Notices and Project documents posted when available
- hard copies of the Project Description Report and supporting Project documents available for review at the Armour Township municipal office
- first, second and final public meetings
- additional meetings with community groups and concerned and/or interested local residents

- means to obtain comments on the Project by having comment sheets available at first, second and final public meetings and advertisement of phone numbers, fax and emails for the public to make comments
- one hardcopy of Draft Project Description Report available at the first and second public meeting and all the Draft REA project documents available for review at the final public meeting
- handouts (printed copies of boards) and an one-page information sheet available at the public meetings

Through these methods, information, questions, comments, feedback and concerns regarding the Project were obtained and then utilized and addressed, as discussed in the following sections.

2.2 List of Stakeholders

A list of property owners within 120 m of the Project location was determined through consultation with Armour Township.

As correspondence was received from members of the public and other organizations regarding the Project, newly identified names and contact details were added to the public mailing list. For example, if any attendees of the first and second public meeting provided their mailing address, this address was added to the mailing list. Appendix A contains a copy of the public stakeholder list that was used for distribution of the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project/Notice of Public Meeting and the expanded public stakeholder list that was used for distribution of the Notice of Final Public Meeting.

2.3 Details and Results of Consultation

The following sections provide information on the details of the consultation completed and the results.

It should be noted that between the formalized consultation activities, all stakeholders were encouraged to provide comments or questions via telephone, fax, email or mail at any time during the consultation process. Stakeholders were also encouraged to provide any concerns early in the process. Where appropriate, a response was provided for each question or comment received, either directly (i.e., at the public consultation sessions) or through the same medium through which the submission was made. All comments and concerns, responses, and the impact to the Project are provided in this report.

2.3.1 First Public Meeting and Notice

The Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was published 30 days prior to the event in the *Almaguin News* on Thursday, August 12, 2010 and again on Thursday, August 19, 2010. The *Almaguin News* is a local paper with weekly publication, circulating in the area around Huntsville, Burk's Falls, east of Parry Sound and the communities of Almaguin Highlands. Notices and covering letter were sent by regular mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location. A total of 14 stakeholders were mailed a notification on August 12, 2010. The letters are contained in Appendix B along with the Notices published in the *Almaguin News*.

The Notice and Draft Project Description Report (PDR) were posted on the Project website, northlandpower.ca/burksfallseast, at the same time the Notice was published. The PDR was also made available for public review at the Armour Township municipal office 30 days prior to the first public meeting.

The first public meeting was held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 10:00am until 1:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson and Burks's Falls Memorial Arena/Community Centre (220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario) with a purpose to achieve the following:

- introduce Northland and the Project to the community
- identify the Project contacts and avenues for comment or question submission
- solicit feedback on the Draft PDR

A total of twenty four (24) people signed in at the first public meeting.

Project information was provided on display boards set up at the public meeting and handouts of the display boards were made available to the public. As well, a one-page handout, providing an overview of the Projects was also made available. Appendix C contains a copy of the display boards and one page handout. A paper copy of the PDR was also made available for review at the first public meeting.

During the public meeting, questions were answered by Northland (e.g., typically Project specific questions) or by Hatch (e.g., typically REA process or environmental impact questions).

Feedback obtained from the first public meeting was used to provide direction for the scope of the assessment and ensure that local issues would be addressed as appropriate. Comment sheets were offered at the public meeting to all attendees as means to obtain and record comments and concerns as well as pertinent background information about the Project location.

Five (5) comment sheets were received during or following the first public meeting (see Section 2.4 for comments and responses). A copy of the comment sheets are found in Appendix E.

2.3.2 Second Public Meeting and Notice

The Notice of Public Meeting was published 30 days prior to the event in the *Almaguin News* on Thursday, September 30, 2010 and again on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Notices and covering letter were sent by regular mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location. A total of 16 stakeholders were mailed a notification on September 27, 2010. The letters are contained in Appendix B along with the Notices published in the *Almaguin News*.

This additional public meeting was to provide information on a change in the Project location as a result of the acquisition of additional lands for the Project.

The Notice and updated Draft Project Description Report (PDR) were posted on the Project website, northlandpower.ca/burksfallseast, at the same time the Notice was published. The PDR was also made available for public review at the Armour Township municipal office 30 days prior to the first public meeting.

The second public meeting was held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 10:00am until 12:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson and Burks's Falls Memorial Arena/Community Centre (220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario) with a purpose to achieve the following:

- introduce the revised Project location
- identify any potential concerns with the Project
- solicit feedback on the Draft updated PDR

A total of four (4) people signed in at the second public meeting.

Project information was provided on display boards set up at the public meeting and handouts of the display boards were made available to the public. As well, a one-page handout, providing an overview of the Projects was also made available. Appendix C contains a copy of the display boards and one page handout. A paper copy of the PDR was also made available for review at the first public meeting.

During the public meeting, questions were answered by Northland (e.g., typically Project specific questions) or by Hatch (e.g., typically REA process or environmental impact questions).

Feedback obtained from the public meeting was used to provide direction for the scope of the assessment and ensure that local issues would be addressed as appropriate. Comment sheets were offered at the public meeting to all attendees as means to obtain and record comments and concerns as well as pertinent background information about the Project location.

Two (2) comment sheets were received during or following the second public meeting (see Section 2.4 for comments and responses). A copy of the comment sheets are found in Appendix E.

2.3.3 Final Public Meeting and Notice

The Notice of Final Public Meeting was published 60 days prior to the event in *The Almaguin News* on Thursday, March 10, 2011 and again on April 14, 2011. The *Almaguin News* is a local paper with weekly publication, circulating in the area around Huntsville, Burk's Falls, east of Parry Sound and the communities of Almaguin Highlands.

An updated mailing list, including any newly identified names and contact details was used for the mail out (see Appendix A). A total of thirty one (31) stakeholders were issued covering letters and the Notice of Public Meeting on March 7, 2011. A copy of this Notice as it appeared in *The Almaguin News* and a copy of the letter that accompanied the Notice are provided in Appendix B.

The purpose of the final public meeting was to solicit feedback on the content and the findings of the reports prepared for the Project. Draft copies of the Project documents required to be prepared under the REA process were made available for public review on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at the Armour Township municipal office. Copies were posted on the Project website. These Project documents included the following:

- Executive Summary (including summaries of the following documents and Letters of Confirmation)
- Project Description Report

- Construction Plan Report
- Design and Operations Report
- Decommissioning Plan Report
- Noise Study Report
- Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report
- Water Body Assessment Reports
- Natural Heritage Assessment Reports.

The final public meeting was held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson and Burks's Falls Memorial Arena/Community Centre (220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario), with a purpose to achieve the following:

- provide the community with detailed information about the Project
- solicit feedback on the content and the findings of the REA reports
- answer any questions about the Project
- obtain any comments or concerns with respect to the Project

A total of 8 people signed in at the final public meeting.

The final public meeting followed an open house format with project details presented on display boards and printed copies available to visitors. This approach allowed for one-on-one discussions between representatives of Northland, Hatch and the public. Notes on comments from the Public were taken by the representatives of Northland and Hatch present at the meeting. Display boards provided general information on Northland and the Project, with an overview of the information found in the Project documents. Copies of the Project documents were available for review and discussion at the final public meeting. Copies of the display boards can be found in Appendix D.

Questions at the final public meeting were answered by both Northland and Hatch. Comment sheets were available at the second meeting to be filled in by the participants if they chose to do so. Northland and Hatch staff encouraged attendees to fill out comment sheets. No comment sheets were completed at the Final Public Meeting and none have been received to date. Appendix E contains a copy of the comment sheet that was available at the Final Public Meeting.

Table 2.1 provides information on how these comments were addressed and incorporated into the finalization for these reports, as appropriate.

2.3.4 Other Public Consultation

The public was encouraged to communicate with the representatives from Northland and Hatch outside of the public meetings via any of the following forms of communication:

- email correspondence
- phone calls

- mail
- fax.

Full details on all correspondence received from the Public are provided in Appendix E. Emails have been received from the public and their comments, concerns or questions are discussed in Table 2.1.

On April 28, 2011, prior to the final public meeting, a representative from Northland met with a concerned landowner living in proximity of the Project location. The purpose of this meeting was to address concerns that were expressed by the landowner during in-person meetings and through emails. During the meeting Northland and the landowner reviewed the revised Construction Plan drawing and Noise Study, as well as visual renderings of the proposed Project. Also on April 28, a Northland representative attempted to notify other landowners, in proximity of the project by going door to door and ensuring that they were aware of the project. One such neighboring landowner was available for an impromptu meeting and appreciated Northland's proactive communication.

2.4 Public Comments and Concerns

The comments and/or concerns that were obtained from the public (e.g., comment sheets, emails, verbal discussions, etc) during the Project consultation process along with the response and/or resulting actions taken to address each concern are provided in Table 2.1. Where applicable, the response also provides reference to where more detail can be found in the Project documents prepared under the REA Process. Additionally, any changes to the Project documents and/or to the Project made in response to public comments/concerns are identified in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Comments/Concerns from Public and Responses

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Comments/Questions Received via Email Prior to First Public Meeting		
Project location boundary	On August 30, 2010, an email was received stating: "In your notice for the East Solar Power Project the schematic drawing does not show our property lines (part lot #13) which has 300 ft frontage on Chetwynd Rd. nor does it show the "Century Farm" farmhouse and outbuildings. The way in which the project is represented does not give the general public a true picture upon which to decide if this/these project(s) is (are) of concern/interest to them."	On September 1, 2010, the following response was provided: I apologize for the error in the schematic drawing on our notice. For your information, since this information was published we have corrected our mapping relating to this Project. Future notifications and materials you will see on our poster boards at our public open house will show the correct property lines. For your information, I would like to make you aware in advance of the meeting that we will not be presenting a design for this Project at this first public meeting. The design of the Project is ongoing, and we are hoping to input comments from the public at this first public meeting into the design process. As a result, we may not be able to

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		<p>provide you with answers to all of your comments and concerns at this time.</p> <p>In respect of the "Century Farm" farmhouse and outbuildings, we have previously been made aware of these features. Any buildings that are present on the Project site will be subject to a heritage screening in order to determine if a heritage impact assessment is required. We are currently working with professional heritage consultants in the province in order to identify what is required. Further to that, we are unfortunately limited in what we can present in the notification, and it is not possible to identify all of the relevant information relating to the Project location in this notice. All information relating to the Project, including heritage considerations, will be available for public review both online and at the Township of Armour office."</p> <p>Based on responses from members of the public, the Township of Armour, and the Burk's Falls Historical Society, the Project location was revised to that the heritage structures are no longer on the Project location and will not be impacted by the proposed development.</p>
Impact on Property and Visual	<p>On August 30, 2010, an email was received stating: "We would like you to be aware of our concerns regarding the proposed project(s). My husband Bill has spoken to both Mike Lord of Northland Power and their Project Manager Tom Hockin. Bill has expressed our fear of the impact this project will have on our property and home. At this time we have had our home assessed and is posted "for sale" with Century 21 Real Estate. This proposed solar project will adversely affect our property value. For this reason we will not support this proposal. We will be surrounded by the Solar Project on three sides of our home. No other surrounding properties will be impacted as ours will be . Bill has suggested to both</p>	<p>On September 1, 2010, the following response was provided: "Thank you also for advising me of your comments and concerns relating to the proposed project(s). As you have already raised these concerns with Mike Lord and Tom Hockin of Northland Power, I can assure you that they are considering your comments and will be able to respond to your questions in due course. For your information, though the figure shows the Project site as the full property, the extent of solar panels within this area is still being determined, and all of the property may not be needed for Project development.</p> <p>Northland Power is also interested in</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	<p>gentlemen that Northland Power purchase our property. This solution would be most acceptable to us. Otherwise, will we be compensated for the difference in the property values?</p> <p>We would hope that minimally, Northland Power be responsible for minimizing the negative impact to our property and as well, provide a solution to the negative impact on the landscape surrounding our home and the surrounding neighbourhood."</p>	<p>gaining further understanding of your concerns relating to impacts on the landscape, so that it may be considered in their determination of whether, and to what extent, visual mitigation may be required on this Project location. Northland Power and I welcome the opportunity to further discuss your concerns with yourselves at the upcoming public meeting."</p> <p>At the time of this comment, Northland was in the early stages of the Project's design. Since then, Northland has incorporated this individuals request within their design and the Project is no longer located to the west of this landowner's property, and a 50 m setback from the southern boundary of the property was also put in place. On April 28th, 2011 Northland met again with the landowner to review the revised project boundary. The landowners seemed satisfied with the revision and appreciated Northland's efforts to move the project boundary.</p> <p>With respect to property values, while the Project's potential impact on property values are not known, the Project design has been setback from the neighbouring property (discussed above) and ensures that the Project meets all sound level guidelines.</p>
Comments/Questions Received via Comment Sheets at First Public Meeting – September 18, 2010		
Support of Renewable Energy	"I think this project is long overdue for this area, and when finished people will understand solar alot more & appreciate it."	No response required.

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Comments/Questions Received via E-mail after First Public Meeting		
Project location boundary	<p>On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating "Once again of note, Northland Power has used the diagram of the East Solar Project which misrepresents the property being purchased for this Project. In your response to our original concern after the diagram was published in the paper, you stated this was an oversight and the diagram had been corrected. We are very disappointed this has not happened as everyone who picked up and read this presentation by Northland Power has been given incorrect information once again."</p>	<p>On October 4, 2010, the following response was provided: "I must sincerely apologize for the incorrect Project boundary that was provided in our handout. This error has been corrected and I have confirmed that the Township of Armour has removed any of the handouts that they had available at their office. We have put together an updated handout that correctly shows the boundary. This updated handout has been sent to the Township of Armour for distribution."</p>
Impacts to Property values	<p>On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating "The most significant impact of the East Burk's Falls Solar Project is that our property which will be surrounded by the project on three sides has lost considerable value. The negative impact of this project is affecting our ability to attract a prospective buyer and get a reasonable offer for the property. It has been estimated that our property value since the announcement of this project has been decreased by approximately \$100,000. Though Bill has repeatedly asked you to consider purchase of our property, there has been no response to date from Northland Power to include our property in the Project. I am sure Northland Power is well aware that such a project will decrease the value of all surrounding properties and that resale value and any opportunity(s) to sell has been adversely affected.</p> <p>It has been stated by a ratepayer in the Galletta area surrounding that Solar Farm, that they can no longer find buyers for their properties. Those who have recently purchased properties adjacent to the solar project state they would never have purchased their property if they had known the project was going to exist.</p>	<p>At the time of this comment, Northland was in the early stages of the Project's design. Since then, Northland has incorporated this individuals request within their design and the Project is no longer located to the west of this landowner's property, and a 50 m setback from the southern boundary of the property was also put in place. On April 28th, 2011 Northland met again with the landowner to review the revised project boundary. The landowners seemed satisfied with the revision and appreciated Northland's efforts to move the project boundary.</p> <p>With respect to property values, while the Project's potential impact on property values are not known, the Project design has been setback from the neighbouring property (discussed above) and ensures that the Project meets all sound level guidelines.</p> <p>Northland Power cannot comment on concerns associated with other solar power projects.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Impacts to Property values	If we are to expect a negative response to this request, at the very least Northland Power should be considering some sort of compensation; for instance, free hydro."	
Educational Opportunity	<p>On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating: "Interestingly, at the meeting Saturday September 18, 2010, Bill Allen, a property owner in Armour Township has suggested you purchase our property and use the building for an Educational Centre and an office. With additional farms and other possible properties being considered for the Solar Project(s) in and around the Burk's Falls area, this would be a valuable opportunity to educate and promote the solar energy in Ontario as a viable alternative to energy production for Ontario.</p> <p>The residents in Galetta Ontario have commented the increase in the amount of traffic from interested Ontarians wanting to view and possibly learn more about solar energy has been significant.. Having an existing building would provide an opportunity for Northland Power to promote, educate and provide students from kindergarten thru to higher educational levels, with information, curriculum data and research support. Clearly, an informed general public can provide support for future Northland Power clean energy projects."</p>	Northland is currently considering long-term community involvement options, including educational opportunities.
Noise	On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating: Noise level from the inverters. We would request these inverters be placed as far from our property(s) and the house(s) as possible. We also have noticed on the drawings provided, the connection point is proposed for the northwest corner of the farm property . We would prefer that this connect point be placed on the northeast corner of the Watt farm property. If additional properties are acquired this would facilitate those additional lines. Mr. Marshall, who waters buffalo at that site, feels moving this connection point away from the proposed site, would be favourable.	<p>In response to this comment, the connection point for the Project was moved from the northwest corner of the property, further east so that it is now more than 50 m from the property in question and over 300 m from the Marshall property.</p> <p>In the current design for the Project, the nearest inverter to the property in question is more than 100 m from the property boundary. In addition, the noise study has confirmed that the Project meets all sound level guidelines.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Environmental Impacts	<p>On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating: The negative impacts on the environment must be addressed in ways that are amenable to the surrounding land owners.</p>	<p>Environmental surveys on the lands on and within 120 m of the Project location have been completed and are identified within the Natural Heritage Site Investigation Report. Potential impacts to wildlife and plants are assessed, and mitigation measures identified, within the Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study and the Construction Plan Report. Please see these reports for comprehensive information on the surveys, results and environmental impacts.</p>
Visual Impact	<p>On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating: Aesthetics around the project. Northland Power's project(s) will be turning beautiful farm land in a quiet rural setting into an industrial one.</p> <p>It has been suggested that a berm be constructed around the solar panel areas so they are not visible from the adjacent house(s) and verandas. We would also request that a sufficient budget be allocated for purchasing and placing mature trees around the property(s) reducing visibility and noise for those residing in close proximity.</p>	<p>In lieu of creating a berm, the Project design has been setback from the neighbouring property so that the Project no longer occurs west of the property, is 50 m back from the southern limit, and is 50 m away from the eastern limit. The Project design also ensures that the Project meets all sound level guidelines.</p> <p>On April 28th, 2011, a Northland representative reviewed the revised project boundary with the landowner and, and the parties agreed that additional visual mitigation measures will be necessary at this time. The parties also agreed to observe how vegetation within the setback areas establishes to mitigate the view from their property</p> <p>A communications plan has been developed for the Project. Should concerns be raised during the Project construction or operations phases, Northland will meet with the concerned individual(s) to discuss their concerns and determine if additional mitigation is warranted.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Infrastructure Impacts	On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating: Infrastructure impacts. The impact of road construction on the solar farm(s) utilizing heavy trucks and machinery during the construction phase will negatively impact the Armour Township roads leading to the site. Consideration to agreements for road repairs after completion of the projects will be required. Noise in relation to this construction will be a major consideration for those homes closest to the site(s). How is Northland Power going to compensate the home owners for this inconvenience and how will they manage to minimize this impact?	<p>Northland acknowledges that road maintenance will be required during the construction period to maintain local roadways in a serviceable manner consistent with current conditions.</p> <p>Northland will ensure that roadways are adequately maintained throughout the construction period and will ensure that the Project does not result in damage to local roadways.</p> <p>Construction will occur in accordance with local noise by-laws to ensure impacts on nearby receptors are minimized. A communications plan has been developed for the Project. Should concerns be raised during the Project construction, Northland will meet with the concerned individual(s) to discuss their concerns and determine if additional mitigation is warranted.</p>
Water Quality	On September 21, 2010, an email was received stating: Water table level impacts. What will the impact be on our well water and our septic system? With the amount of changes to the original topography, will Northland Power be responsible for well replacement and /or adverse effects to waterways already established on the site and adjoining properties? If the well(s) are adversely affected, what compensation will be offered?	<p>It is not anticipated that Project will have an impact on the water table, local water wells, or septic systems. Impacts to water quality are assessed within the Waterbodies Environmental Impact Study.</p> <p>A communications plan has been developed for the Project. Should concerns be raised during the Project construction, or at any time following construction, Northland will meet with the concerned individual(s) to discuss their concerns and determine if additional mitigation is warranted.</p>
Comments/Questions Received via Second Public Meeting – November 6, 2010		
In Support of Renewable Energy	“This is a great idea who’s time has come. I would like to see private homes encouraged and subsidized to some extent to install solar. Lastly, please use an Ontario contractor to supply and install the panels.	Northland Power has a contractual obligation with the Ontario Power Authority to meet its Domestic Content plan as described in the FIT Contract.
Heritage Impacts	“As the vice President of the Burk’s Falls & District Historical Society I have concerns with the preservation of House and barn as I do not wish to see the Township and Area lose anymore Heritage Buildings”	Since the time of this response, it has been determined that these buildings are not on the Project location and will not be impacted by the proposed development.

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Visual	"As a resident concern with view as I drive home each day to work"	<p>In the current design for the Project, solar panels are either located behind trees, or are situated a minimum of 100 m from the roadway.</p> <p>At this time, Northland does not believe additional visual mitigation measures will be necessary once vegetation within the setback areas have become established.</p> <p>A communications plan has been developed for the Project. Should concerns be raised during the Project construction or operations phases, Northland will meet with the concerned individual(s) to discuss their concerns and determine if additional mitigation is warranted.</p>
Comments/Questions Received at Final Public Meeting – May 14, 2011		
Visual	An attendant at the Final Public Meeting that lives adjacent to the property noted that they had no concerns with respect to visual impact	No response required.
Waterbody Protection	An attendant at the Final Public Meeting noted that they had previously been concerned about the presence of the Project location near a waterbody in the northwestern corner of the property on which the Project is situated, but that their concerns were resolved as the Project location is no longer located within this area.	No response required.
Educational Opportunity	An attendant at the Final Public Meeting requested Northland consider providing educational opportunities at this Project site.	Northland is currently considering long-term community involvement options, including educational opportunities.
Heritage Buildings	An attendant at the Final Public Meeting requested information on management plans for the heritage buildings present on the property, but not part of the Project location	Northland indicated that they are presently considering long-term management options for the buildings.
Soil Compaction	An attendant at the Final Public Meeting noted that the use of heavy equipment on the site may result in soil compaction	<p>Northland advised the individual that following construction the site will be searched for signs of excessive soil compaction, and remediation measures, such as soil discing, undertaken as needed.</p> <p>More information on soil compaction is contained within the Waterbodies Environmental Impact Study.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Sediment and Erosion	An attendant at the Final Public Meeting requested information on how the Project would mitigate impacts of sedimentation and erosion	<p>Northland advised the individual that a sediment and erosion control plan will be prepared for the Project. The plan will include mitigation measures such as use of silt fences where appropriate to ensure there is no impact of sedimentation and erosion on receiving waterbodies.</p> <p>More information on sediment and erosion control is contained within the Waterbodies Environmental Impact Study.</p>

3. Consultation with Agencies

3.1 Agencies

Consultation with relevant government agencies including provincial ministries, local municipalities and others was completed as per the REA Regulation and MOE's "Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report". The following agencies were consulted:

- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Tourism and Culture
- Township of Armour
- South East Parry Sound District Planning Board.

The following section provides the details of the consultation completed with each agency.

3.1.1 Ontario Ministry of Environment

- Draft Project Description Reports were sent to the MOE on April 5, 2010 in order to commence the REA process. This step kicks off the REA process by requesting from the MOE the list of Aboriginal communities with whom Northland will be required to consult.
- Representatives of Northland and Hatch met with staff from the MOE's Head Office in Toronto, Ontario on April 16, 2010 to discuss the requirements of the Renewable Energy Approvals Process. Northland met with the Director of the Approvals Program and the Supervisor of Renewable Energy Approvals. The purpose of the meeting was to gain greater clarity on the timing and requirements of several aspects of the REA process.
- The MOE provided comments on the Draft Project Description Report in early May 2010. The Project Description Report was revised to meet these comments, and provided to the MOE on May 11, 2010.
- On August 12, 2011 the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent to the Ministry of the Environment. The Notice of Public Meeting was sent on September 27, 2010 for advising of the second Public Meeting. The Notice of Final Public Meeting was sent on March 7, 2011.
- On October 6, 2010, representatives of Northland and Hatch met with the MOE's Director of Approvals at the MOE's Head Office in Toronto, Ontario. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, in greater detail, the requirements of the REA Application so that Northland would have clear understanding of the MOE's expectations.

Appendix F contains copies of correspondence between Hatch and the MOE.

3.1.2 *Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources*

- A meeting was requested by hatch and arranged for May 28, 2010. Prior to the meeting, copies of the Project Description Reports were provided to the MNR Parry Sound for review on May 27, 2010.
- At the meeting on May 28, 2010, the following people were in attendance at the meeting; Sean Male (Hatch), Tom Hockin (Northland Power), Phung Tran (MNR), Kim Benner (MNR), Anne Collins (MNR), and Sid Larson (MNR). The following items were discussed at the meeting:
 - Project description.
 - Natural features present on and near the Project location – MNR noted the presence of a wetland around the watercourse crossing the Project location.
 - Species at risk – MNR noted that Eastern Hog-nosed Snakes and Blanding's Turtles were probably not an issue at this site. MNR noted that Bobolink may occur on the site.
- On August 19, 2010, copies of the Natural Heritage Records Review, Site Investigation Report, Evaluation of Significance, and Environmental Impact Study were provided to MNR for review.
- On September 24, 2010, the completed wetland evaluation was provided to MNR for the Project.
- On November 1, 2010, Hatch received comments from MNR on the Natural Heritage reports. A conference call was held with on November 5, 2010 to discuss the comments in further detail. Revised reports addressing these comments were provided to MNR on December 1st, 2010.
- On December 20, 2010, MNR provided additional comments on the Natural Heritage reports. Updated reports that addressed these comments were provided to MNR on January 26, 2011.
- On February 18, 2011, MNR provided additional comments on the Natural Heritage reports. Updated reports that addressed these comments were provided to MNR on February 23, 2011.
- MNR provided their confirmation letter of the Natural Heritage Reports on February 25, 2011.

Appendix F contains copies of correspondence between Hatch and the MNR.

3.1.3 *Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture*

- Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) submitted an Archaeological Assessment Report entitled 'Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Burk's Falls East Solar Project' to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) on October 25, 2010. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report recommended that the Project be allowed to continue without any further heritage concerns.
- On November 1, 2010, the MTC responded that the archaeological assessment undertaken for the Project complies with the Ontario Heritage Act's licensing requirements, including the license terms and conditions and the Ministry's 1993 Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines. This letter is included in Appendix F.

3.1.4 *Township of Armour*

- On July 9, 2010, representatives of Northland and Hatch met with Wendy Whitwell (WW), Clerk of the Township, and Bob Miller, a planning consultant for the Township. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Township staff to the proposed Project and to further discuss requirements. The following items were discussed:
 - ◆ Hatch requested information on locations of suitable halls within the township, and newspapers with general circulation. WW indicated that the Burk's Falls Arena would be suitable for the public meeting, and that the Almaguin News would be the best paper for publication.
 - ◆ General information on the Projects was provided to the Township
 - ◆ The Township informed Northland of a trans Canada Pipeline near the Burk's Falls East project site
 - ◆ The Township requested coniferous tree planting along the fence line
 - ◆ At the meeting, WW was provided the Municipal Consultation Form for the Project
- On July 27, 2010, Hatch and Northland Power made a presentation before the Council of the Township of Armour. At the meeting, members of council expressed concern regarding visual impacts and impacts to property values. In addition, it was mentioned that the project was located on a Heritage Farm. Following the meeting, Hatch contacted WW to obtain more information on the designation of the heritage farm, and WW indicated that the Township had an interest in the barn and the house on the property.
- On August 9, 2010, Hatch received an e-mail from the Township stating that there were no suitable locations for a public meeting within the Township, and that the most suitable location was the Burk's Falls Arena.
- On August 12, 2010, the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent to the Township, along with copies of the Project Description Reports. On September 28, 2010, the Notice of Public Meeting for the second public meeting was sent to the Township. The Notice of Final Public Meeting, along with copies of the supporting documents, was sent on March 7, 2011.
- The completed Municipal Consultation Form was provided to Hatch by the Township on May 27, 2011. A copy of the form is included in Appendix G.

Appendix G contains any correspondence with the municipality.

3.1.5 *South East Parry Sound District Planning Board*

- In early August, 2010, Hatch spoke with Linda Moyer of the Planning Board. Hatch provided general information on the Project, and requested information relating to natural features and waterbodies. No such information was available. The Municipal Consultation Form was provided to Linda Moyer following the meeting.
- On August 12, 2010, the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent to the Planning Board, along with copies of the Project Description Reports.

- On September 28, 2010, the Notice of Public Meeting for the second public meeting was sent to the Planning Board. The Notice of Final Public Meeting, along with copies of the supporting documents, was sent on March 7, 2011.
- On April 28th, 2011, at the request of Bruce Campbell, a councilor on the South East Parry Sound District Planning board, Northland presented a company overview and a review of its two projects in the Burk's falls area (including the Project). The meeting was held at 7:30pm at the Sundridge Community Centre in the town of Sundridge. The board appeared to appreciate the presentation and most follow up questions were related to how other towns could host a similar solar facility to those proposed by Northland in the Burk's Falls area.
 - On May 17, 2011, Hatch received an e-mail from Linda Moyer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Board indicating that they had no comment with respect to the proposed development. The e-mail clarified that the Planning Board is the approval authority for consent and subdivision/condominium applications, and does not provide comment on other development proposals within its member municipalities. As a result, the municipal consultation form was not completed by the Planning Board.

Appendix G contains any correspondence with the planning board.

3.2 Agency Comments and Concerns

Agency comments and concerns are included in Table 3.1, which also indicates how the Project and/or document were modified to meet the agency comments/concerns.

Table 3.1 Comments/Concerns From Agencies and Responses

Agency	Comment/Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Ontario Ministry of the Environment	None to date.	None required
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Various comments were provided regarding the Natural Heritage reports.	All comments were addressed by revising the Natural Heritage Reports.
Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture	In consultation with the MTC, it was recommended that the project proceed without further heritage concerns	None required.
Township of Armour	Visual Impact	<p>In the current design for the Project, solar panels are either located behind trees, or are situated a minimum of 100 m from the roadway.</p> <p>At this time, Northland does not believe additional visual mitigation measures will be necessary once vegetation within the setback areas have become established.</p> <p>A communications plan has been developed for the Project. Should</p>

Agency	Comment/Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
		concerns be raised during the Project construction or operations phases, Northland will meet with the concerned individual(s) to discuss their concerns and determine if additional mitigation is warranted.
	Concerns re farm and barn on the Project location	Since the time this concern was raised, it has been determined that these buildings are not on the Project location and will not be impacted by the proposed development. Northland is presently determining long-term use for these structures
	Concerns re Project Impacts to Property Values	While the Project's potential impact on property values are not known, in the current design for the Project, solar panels are either located behind trees, or are situated a minimum of 100 m from the roadway. The Project design also ensures that the Project meets all sound level guidelines.
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form: "Project location is serviced by Chetwynd Road, early construction once timing of Project construction is determined, with the municipal office and road supervisor is required. "	Northland will consult with the municipal office and road supervisor once timing of Project construction is determined.
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form:" – access from municipal road known as Chetwynd Road – year round maintained road, subject to seasonal road limits – any new access to subject land will required approval by municipality"	Comment noted. If new access to subject land is required, Northland will seek approval for the entrance from the municipality.
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form: "Contact with municipal road supervisor to determine pre-condition of Chetwynd Road and confirmation that road repair will be completed during construction by proponent, as required, to maintain safe travel by the public at all times."	Northland acknowledges that road maintenance will be required during the construction period to maintain local roadways in a serviceable manner consistent with current conditions. Northland is continuing to work with the Township to ensure that concerns regarding roadways are addressed.
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form:"Applicant/proponent to determine if [any Easements or Restrictive Covenants] apply and	At this time no Easements or Restrictive Covenants have been identified. Northland will promptly supply this information to the municipality if identified.

Agency	Comment/Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	supply information to the municipality."	
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form: "Compliance with all applicable bylaws including but not limited to noise bylaw, woodland preservation bylaw and overweight and dimensional limits bylaws. Permit will be required for overweight loads."	Comment noted. Northland will ensure all phases of the Project are completed in compliance with all applicable by-laws.
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form: "Application to be made to the Township of Armour to secure a building permit prior to any site works/construction"	Northland will obtain a building permit from the municipality for any site works/construction prior to the start of construction.
	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form: "Require confirmation that although the Watt homestead and barn are located outside of the Project location area these significant heritage structures will not be demolished as a result of this proposal."	These buildings will not be demolished as a result of this proposal. Northland is presently determining long-term use for these structures
South East District Planning Board	No comment/concern	None required.

4. Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

It is the Crown's fiduciary obligation to conduct meaningful consultation in good faith with First Nation and Aboriginal communities. The Crown has delegated some of the consultation to the Proponent of renewable energy projects as per the REA Regulation. Pursuant to REA Regulation, Proponents are required to engage meaningfully with Aboriginal groups regarding traditional ecological knowledge, traditional land use, land claims and other interests and issues with respect to the development of the Project.

It is noted that at the time of submittal of this report, MOE stated that an Aboriginal consultation document, titled "*Aboriginal Consultation Guide for Renewable Energy Projects Governed Under O.Reg.359/09: Aboriginal Consultation Guide*" was being drafted to be released at a later date, but is not currently publicly available. As a result, the "*Technical Bulletin Five - Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report*" (MOE, 2010) was used as a reference for meeting Aboriginal consultation requirements.

The following provides information related to the Aboriginal consultation completed for the Project.

4.1 Aboriginal Community Consultation List

On April 5, 2010, Northland Power provided the MOE with the Draft Project Description Report. As per the REA Regulation, the submission of the Project Description Report is required in order for the MOE to provide a list of the Aboriginal communities that Northland is to consult with.

The MOE provided comments on the Draft Project Description Report in early May 2010. The Project Description Report was revised to meet these comments, and provided to the MOE on May 11, 2010.

On July 30, 2010 MOE provided the list of Aboriginal communities, which is included in Appendix H.

4.2 Consultation Activities

4.2.1 First Public Meeting and Notice

The combined Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Project and Notice of a Public Meeting was sent to the Aboriginal communities on the MOE list on August 12, 2010.

With the Notice, a letter was included which, as per the REA Regulation, requested written information regarding any potential impact on treaty or constitutional protected lands and possible mitigating measures. Appendix I contains a sample of the letters.

Adam Good, a representative of the Shawanaga First Nation, was present at the first public meeting. Mr. Good provided a copy of the Consultation Guidelines for Shawanaga First Nation 2010 at that time. During the meeting, general information on the Projects was provided to Mr. Good. No concerns were identified at that time. Section 2.3.1 above provides information on the first public meeting.

The Notice and Draft Project Description Report were posted on the Project website (northlandpower.ca/burksfallseast) at the same time the Notice was published. The PDR was also made available for public review at the Township of Armour municipal office 30 days prior to the first public meeting.

4.2.2 *Second Public Meeting and Notice*

The Notice of a Public Meeting was sent to the Aboriginal communities on the MOE list on September 27, 2010.

With the Notice, a letter was included which, as per the REA Regulation, requested written information regarding any potential impact on treaty or constitutional protected lands and possible mitigating measures. Appendix I contains a sample of the letters.

No individuals who attended the second public meeting identified themselves as members of any Aboriginal community. Section 2.3.1 above provides information on the first public meeting.

The Notice and updated Draft Project Description Report were posted on the Project website (northlandpower.ca/burksfallseast) at the same time the Notice was published. The PDR was also made available for public review at the Township of Armour municipal office 30 days prior to the first public meeting.

4.2.3 *Final Public Meeting and Notice*

On March 7, 2011, after all Project documents were drafted and letters of confirmation were received from MNR and MTC, the Aboriginal communities on the MOE's list were sent summaries of all reports and copies of all Project Reports, as per the requirements of REA Regulation.

Additionally, all Aboriginal communities were sent the Notice of Final Public Meeting and an accompanying letter on March 7, 2011. Appendix I contains copies of the Notice and the letters.

Section 2.3.2 provides the details of the Final public meeting. No attendees at the final public meeting identified themselves as members of any Aboriginal community.

4.3 *Other Aboriginal Consultation Activities*

The details of the communications and activities for each Aboriginal community are contained in Table 4.1. Appendix J contains any correspondence with the Aboriginal communities.

Table 4.1 Details of Additional Consultation Activities

Community/Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities
Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation, Chippewas of Rama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On September 16th, 2010 and March 14th, 2011, letters were received indicating that documents had been received, and that the information had been forwarded to Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Consultation Coordinator for the Williams Treaty First Nation. • On November 10, 2010, the First Nation acknowledged receipt of the September 27, 2010 Notice of Public Meeting. • Northland/Hatch have made repeated efforts to contact Karry Sandy-McKenzie (January 7, 11, 24, April 15, May 13), but no response has been received to date. • In addition to the efforts made to contact Kerry Sandy Mckenzie (as instructed by the Chief), direct efforts to solicit a response were made with Chief Henry and her representative (Nicole Grey) on Dec 15/10, Jan 11, 18, 27, Jan 31 and Feb 11/11 (phone and email).
Beausoleil, Chippewas of Christian Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On August 20th, 2010, a letter was received indicating that documents had been received, and that the information had been forwarded to Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Consultation Coordinator for the Williams Treaty First Nation. • Messages were left with Chief Rolland Monague Jan 7th, 11th, 13th • In response to a conversation with Chief Monague (Jan 17th), the material was resent to him and Karry Sandy-McKenzie (Jan 18th) • Northland/Hatch have made repeated efforts to contact Karry Sandy-McKenzie (January 11, 24, 27, April 15, and May 13, 2011), but no response has been received to date.
Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 7th, 2010, Northland spoke with Marlene Stiles, Economic Development Officer for the community. Following the call, Northland re-sent the Project Description Report. • On January 13th, 2010, Northland received an e-mail from Marlene Stiles, copying Chief Donna Big Canoe, indicating that the Projects were not of interest to the community.
Shawanaga First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 15th, 2010, Adam Good of the Shawanaga First Nation called Hatch to request a meeting to discuss the Project • Subsequent discussions around arranging a meeting date were made through early 2011, with a meeting booked for May 12th, 2011. • On May 9, 2011, Adam Good called Hatch to determine what the Projects would consist of, and whether the Project was on private land or Crown land. Sean Male of Hatch informed him the Project was on private land. Adam Good then indicated that he believed the Projects are of low concern to the First Nation and then cancelled the meeting for May 12th. Adam Good indicated he would provide a written response indicating no concern.

Community/Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities
Dokis First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 15, 2010, Northland spoke with Chief Restoule. Following the call, the Project Description Report was re-sent to Chief Restoule. • On January 5th, 2011, Northland received a letter from Chief Restoule indicating the Project was not of interest to the community.
Magnetewan First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 15th, 2010, Northland spoke with Chief Diabo. Following the call, the Project Description Report was re-sent to Chief Diabo, which was confirmed as received on January 3rd. • On January 28, 2011, Northland spoke again with Chief Diabo about the proposed Projects. Chief Diabo indicated at that time that he wanted to discuss the Projects at another meeting with the Chiefs of the Robinson Huron Treaty Area • No response was received following this meeting. • Northland/Hatch have made repeated efforts to contact Karry Sandy-McKenzie (January 11, April 15, May 13), Consultation Coordinator for the Williams Treaty First Nation, but no response has been received to date.
Kawartha Nishnawbe, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northland/Hatch have made repeated efforts (2010: Nov. 29, Dec.13; 2011: Feb.3, Feb. 16, Mar. 4, Mar. 25) to contact the Kawartha Nishnawbe, with voice messages left for Chief Nahrgang but no response has been received to date.

4.4 Aboriginal Comments and Concerns

Northland Power supports the use of traditional Aboriginal knowledge and through this consultation process aims to provide a method to incorporate this knowledge and to address any comments or concerns about the Project from the Aboriginal perspective. Comments and concerns are contained below for each community or organization, along with any responses that were required to effectively address the concern and/or incorporate this knowledge into the Project design.

The comments and concerns received, along with the responses, are provided in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Comments/Concerns from Aboriginal Communities and Responses

Aboriginal Community/Group	Comment/Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation, Chippewas of Rama	None to date.	Northland will continue to inform Aboriginal community of ongoing Project developments.
Beausoleil, Chippewas of Christian Island	None to date.	Northland will continue to inform Aboriginal community of ongoing Project developments.
Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	Sent e-mail advising Project is not of interest to the community	None required.
Shawanaga First Nation	None to date.	Northland will continue to inform Aboriginal community of ongoing Project developments.
Dokis First Nation	Sent letter advising of no interest in the Project	None required.
Magnetewan First Nation	None to date.	Northland will continue to inform Aboriginal community of ongoing Project developments.
Kawartha Nishnawbe, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	None to date.	Northland will continue to inform Aboriginal community of ongoing Project developments.

5. Conclusions

Since May 2010, the consultation program for the Burk's Falls East Solar Project has been active. There has been open dialogue with the public, agencies, Aboriginal groups and the local municipalities regarding the Project. In addition to communications via email, letters, meetings and phone calls, there was an initial first public meeting followed by a second public meeting to discuss the change in Project location after which in person meetings with local residents to address specific concerns. These meetings were followed by the final public meeting. The purpose of this Consultation Report is to ensure a transparent and meaningful consultation process for all participants with an interest in the Project, where all comments and questions received are documented, reviewed and addressed.

As a result of these opportunities for comment, several issues were raised that have been considered as part of the Project assessment, and provided additional guidance toward the scope of the studies. These issues were considered and incorporated into the REA application documents and the Project design, as appropriate.

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6. References

Ministry of the Environment (MOE). 2010. Technical Bulletin Five – Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report. March 1, 2010.