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1. Overview

1.1 Project Description

Northland Power Inc. on behalf of Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "Northland") is proposing to develop a 10-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic project titled Burk's Falls West Solar Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"). The Project area is located on Highway 520, within the Township of Armour, west of the Village of Burk's Falls.

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.

The "*Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approval*" (MOE, 2011a) outlines further recommendations regarding consultation. The information outlined in this technical guide was incorporated into this report. Further, an additional guidance document titled "*Draft Aboriginal Consultation Guide for preparing a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application*" (MOE, 2011b) provided additional information and guidance on Aboriginal consultation. Where possible, the information outlined in these guides are incorporated into this report.

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. Communications with Aboriginal communities are summarized in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 and provided in Appendixes H and I. Communications with municipalities and other public agencies are summarized in Table 3.1 and found in Appendixes E and Appendix F.
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 I.
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 board.	Appendix F.
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 Subsection 16(5) were amended after the final 	Table 2.1, Table 3.1, Tables 4.1 and 4.2.

<p>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 boards 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 32 notices were issued on July 26, 2011 for the first public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, July 28, 2011 and Thursday August 4, 2011 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 any individuals who provided their contact information during the first public meeting or at any point during the process. A total of 38 notices were issued on September 7, 2011 for the public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, September 8, 2011 and Thursday, October 6, 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/burksfallswest) 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 Township of Armour municipal office
- first 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 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 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 Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson, and the Village of Burk's Falls.

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 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, July 28, 2011 and again on Thursday, August 4, 2011. *The Almaguin News* is a local paper with weekly publication, circulating in the area around Burk's Falls and surrounding rural townships, including Armour and Ryerson. Notices and covering letter were sent by regular mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location. A total of 32 stakeholders were mailed a notification on July 26, 2011. 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/burksfallswest, 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.

The first public meeting was held on Monday, August 29, 2011 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk'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 seven (7) 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. Appendix C contains a copy of the display boards. 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.

One (1) comment sheet was received during or following the first public meeting (see Section 2.4 for comments and responses). A copy of the comment sheet is found in Appendix C.

2.3.2 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, September 8, 2011 and again on Thursday, October 6, 2011. *The Almaguin News* is a local paper with weekly publication, circulating in the area around Burk's Falls and surrounding rural townships, including Armour and Ryerson.

An updated mailing list, including any newly identified names and contact details was used for the mail out (see Appendix A). A total of 38 stakeholders were issued covering letters and the Notice of Public Meeting on September 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 Friday, September 9, 2011, at the Township of Armour municipal office, and electronic 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 Assessment Study Report
- Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report

- Water Body Assessment Reports
- Natural Heritage Assessment Reports.

The final public meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk'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 five (5) people signed in at the final 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. Appendix D contains a copy of the display boards. A paper copy of all the Project documents was also made available for review at the final 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).

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; Appendix D contains a sample copy of the comment sheet.

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

2.3.3 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.

There has been no correspondence initiated by members of the Public throughout the consultation process. Northland has held discussions with an adjacent landowner present at the first public meeting in order to further clarify their concerns with the Project; these discussions are ongoing.

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 During Public Meeting or via Comment Sheets received at or after First Public Meeting – Monday August 29, 2011		
Construction	“Erosion of ground – how to prevent”	Sediment and erosion control methods are outlined within the Water Body Environmental Impact Study and the Construction Plan Report
Facility/ Operations	“Water - flow during melt “	Measures to control stormwater runoff are outlined within the Water Body Environmental Impact Study and the Construction Plan Report
	“Will there be any storage capacity to energy?” An individual at the public meeting asked about potential for storing power in batteries.	There is no power storage at the facility. Power generated by the Project is provided directly into the distribution network.
	An individual at the public meeting asked why tracking units are not used.	Northland is proposing the use of fixed unit solar panels. Tracking units have not been considered as a result of the potential for mechanical breakdown.
	An individual at the public meeting asked if the facility would produce noise.	The individual was informed that the facility would produce noise and was directed to the display board showing the noise profiles for the facility.
Property Values/ Visual Impact	An individual at the public meeting identified themselves as a landowner of two vacant lots across the Magnetawan River from the Project location. They indicated that there were concerned about viewscapes and potential impacts on property values.	Northland acknowledges her concern around viewscapes and is continuing to consult with the individual to address their concerns. While the Project’s potential impact on property values are not known, the Project ensures that the Project meets all sound level guidelines Northland is not able to provide any assurances on property values given the complexity and fluidity of the market.
Other	“Will this have any impact on selling Project to the municipality”	Northland intends to own and operate this facility. There is no intention at present to sell the Project to the

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
		Township of Armour, or any other party.
	"Any costs to taxpayers of Armour Township, especially in early stages"	It is not expected that any phase of the Project will incur costs to Armour Township. Northland will be paying any fees required for building permits, and will also be paying taxes to the Township of Armour.
	Individual at the public meeting expressed support for solar project.	Comments noted.
	Individual at the public meeting asked what would happen after the Provincial election	Northland has a contract with the Ontario Power Authority to provide power. It is beyond Northland's power to predict any policy changes that may occur following the Provincial election
Comments/Questions Received During Final Public Meeting or via Comment Sheets at the Final Public Meeting – Wednesday November 9, 2011		
Construction	An individual at the public meeting asked if the slopes on the site would be a problem.	Northland's construction contractor will be reviewing the slopes on the Project location and will be using appropriate mitigation measures where required.
Operations	An individual at the public meeting indicated that they had heard concerns about the potential for spread of weeds from solar project locations onto adjacent fields.	Northland is still in the process of identifying the specific ground cover that will be in place through the operations phase, however they will be using non-invasive species.
Property Values/ Visual Impact	An individual at the public meeting identified themselves as a landowner of two vacant lots across the Magnetawan River from the Project location. They indicated that they were concerned about views and potential impacts on property values.	Northland acknowledges her concern around views and is continuing to consult with the individual to address their concerns. While the Project's potential impact on property values are not known, the Project ensures that the Project meets all sound level guidelines. Northland is not able to provide any assurances on property values given the complexity and fluidity of the market.
Other	An individual at the public meeting noted that they had no comments or concerns	Noted.

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*

- 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.
- 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.
- A draft Project Description Report was sent to the MOE on July 7, 2011. Along with the report, Northland requested from the MOE the list of Aboriginal communities with whom Northland will be required to consult.
- On July 26, 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 Final Public Meeting was sent on September 7, 2011.

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

3.1.2 *Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources*

- On March 3, 2011, Hatch provided MNR with a request for information around a property being considered for the Project. E-mail correspondence between Hatch and MNR discussing potential site constraints occurred on March 9, 2011.
- On May 20, 2011, a conference call was held to further discuss the Project site, and proposed site investigations for natural heritage features.

- On July 6, 2011 copies of the Natural Heritage Records Review, Site Investigation Report, Evaluation of Significant, and Environmental Impact Study were provided to MNR Parry Sound for review.
- On July 21, 2011, MNR provided comments on the natural heritage reports for the Project. Additional e-mail correspondence was held between Hatch and MNR on July 28 and 29, 2011 to discuss the proposed setback from the wetland community.
- Updated reports were provided back to MNR on August 8, 2011. A follow-up meeting between Hatch, MNR, and Northland was held on August 9, 2011 to discuss the revisions to the reports. A site visit was then held with Hatch, MNR and Northland on August 12, 2011 to review the wetland setbacks and site topography.
- Additional comments were provided by MNR on August 29, 2011. A meeting was held between Hatch, MNR and Northland on August 30, 2011 to discuss the wetland setbacks, with further comments provided on August 30, 2011. Revised reports addressing these comments were provided back to MNR on August 31, 2011.
- MNR provided their confirmation letter of the Natural Heritage Reports on September 2, 2011.

Appendix E 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 West Solar Project to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) on August 12, 2011. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report recommended that a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment occur around a findspot in the northern portion of the Project location.
- On September 1, 2011, 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 E.

3.1.4 Township of Armour

- ON August 22, 2011, Hatch sent an e-mail to the clerk requesting any information relating to natural heritage features/waterbodies or heritage features on the subject property. The Clerk responded via e-mail on August 26th indicating that the Magnetawan River and associated wetlands are found south of the Project location, and that the municipality is not aware of any heritage concerns.
- A copy of the Project Description Report and Municipal Consultation Form for the Project were provided to the Clerk on July 26th, 2011. On July 27th, 2011, drafts of the Project documents were provided to the Clerk for the Municipality's review.
- On September 8, 2011, updated copies of the draft Project documents were provided to the Municipality for both their review and to make available for public review.

- To date, the Township has not provided the completed Municipal Consultation Form for the Project. Northland remains committed to working with the Township to resolve any outstanding concerns.

Appendix F contains any correspondence with the municipality.

3.1.5 South-east Parry Sound District Planning Board

- A copy of the Project Description Report, Municipal Consultation Form, and drafts of the Project reports for the Project were provided to the Secretary-Treasurer on July 27th, 2011.
- On September 8, 2011, updated copies of the draft Project documents were provided to the Municipality for both their review and to make available for public review.
- To date, the Planning Board has not provided the completed Municipal Consultation Form for the Project. Northland remains committed to working with the Planning Board to resolve any outstanding concerns.

Appendix F 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.
Township of Armour	The Township has yet to complete the Municipal Consultation Form	Northland remains committed to working with the Township to resolve any outstanding issues.
South-east Parry Sound District Planning Board	The Planning Board has yet to complete the Municipal Consultation Form	Northland remains committed to working with the Planning Board to resolve any outstanding issues.

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 the 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.

The technical bulletin titled "*Draft Aboriginal Consultation Guide for preparing a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application*" (MOE, 2011) provided further information and guidance on First Nation consultation process. Where possible, the information presented in this guide is incorporated into this report.

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

4.1 Aboriginal Community Consultation List

On July 7, 2011, 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.

On September 1, 2011, the MOE confirmed that a list of Aboriginal communities previously provided on July 30, 2010 for a former Northland Project, also entitled the Burk's Falls West Solar Project, remained valid. This list and the correspondence from the MOE is included in Appendix G.

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 July 26, 2011.

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 H contains a copy of the letters.

Section 2.3.1 provides further details on the first public meeting. No aboriginal community representative identified themselves during the first public meeting.

The Notice and Draft Project Description Report were posted on the Project website (northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest) 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 Final Public Meeting and Notice

On September 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. Appendix H 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 I 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 August 8th and October 17th, 2011, letters were received indicating that notices and documents had been received, and that the information had been forwarded to Ms. Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Consultation Coordinator for the Williams Treaty First Nation. Northland/Hatch have made repeated efforts to contact Ms. Sandy-McKenzie (January 7, 11, 24, April 15, May 13, June 20, September 15, and November 1), but no response has been received to date.
Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Christian Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous correspondence with the Beausoleil First Nation has indicated that documentation is forwarded to Ms. Sandy-McKenzie, Consultation Coordinator for the Williams Treaty First Nation. Messages were left with Chief Roland Monague on November 1st. Previous Northland/Hatch have made repeated efforts to contact Ms. Sandy-McKenzie (January 7, 11, 24, April 15, May 13, June 20, September 15, and November 1), 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 13th, 2011, Northland received an e-mail from Ms. Marlene Stiles, copying Chief Donna Big Canoe, indicating that a former Northland Project, also entitled the Burk's Falls West Solar Project, was not of interest to the community. On November 1st, Hatch sent an e-mail to Ms Stiles, copying Chief Big Canoe, asking them to confirm that the Burk's Falls West Project, as currently proposed, would also not be of concern. On November 2nd, Ms. Stiles responded that we should contact Ms. Suzanne Howes. A similar e-mail was then sent to Ms. Howes on November 2nd, 2011. No response has been received to date.
Shawanaga First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In July 2011, Mr. Adam Good of the Shawanaga First Nation called Hatch to inquire as to whether the Project was situated on Crown land or private land. Hatch informed him that the Project is on private land. On November 3rd, Hatch left a message for the Chief inquiring as to whether the First Nation had any comments or concerns in relation to the proposed Project.

Community/Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities
Dokis First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 5th, 2011, Northland received a letter from Chief Denise Restoule, indicating that a former Northland Project, also entitled the Burk's Falls West Solar Project, was not of interest to the community. • On November 3rd, Hatch left a message for the Chief inquiring as to whether the previous correspondence of January 5th would apply to the currently proposed Project, located 500 m east of the former Northland Project. • On November 15th, 2011, Chief Restoule left a message with Hatch indicating that the Project located 500 m east would not be of interest to the First Nation.
Magnetewan First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On November 3rd, Hatch left a message for the Chief inquiring as to whether the First Nation had any comments or concerns in relation to the proposed Project.
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, April 15, June 20, and September 15) 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	None to date.	Northland will continue to inform Aboriginal community of ongoing Project developments.
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5. Conclusions

Since May 2010, the consultation program for the Burk's Falls West 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 a first public meeting followed by a 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.

MOE. 2011a. Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals.

MOE. 2011b. Draft Aboriginal Consultation Guide for preparing a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application.

Appendix A

Public Stakeholders List

Name	Address	City/Province	Postal Code
Vernon and Shirley Hewitt	PO Box 662	Burk's Falls, ON	P0A 1C0
Rob Arnold	PO Box 704	Burk's Falls, ON	P0A 1C0
Specialty Renovator Ltd. c/o Rhys Mannen	49 Lyfyt Cres.	Barrie, On	L4N 7X5
Tyler Armstrong	PO Box 867	Burk's Falls, ON	P0A 1C0
Ontario Ministry of Transportation	447 McKeown Ave. Suite 301	North Bay, ON	P1B 9S9
Matthew Gall & Terri Lee Leclair, c/o Myway Investments Ltd.,	4140 Fairview Street,	Burlington, On	L7L 4Y8
William and Muriel Blackmore	P.O. Box 28,	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Gary Cullingham	264 Highway 520, R. R. # 3,	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Doris Dumais, Director, Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment	2 St. Clair Ave., W, 12A Floor	Toronto, On	M4V 1L5
Wendy Whitwell, Clerk, Township of Armour	56 Ontario Street, P.O.Box 533	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Brian Cameron, District Manager, Ministry of the Environment	Sudbury District Office, Suite 1201, 199 Larch St.	Sudbury, On	P3E 5P9
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Armour Township	56 Ontario Street, PO Box 533	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Murison William Michael	300 Peggs Mountain Road, PO Box 644	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Firby Gary Wayne	RR 2	Springfield, On	N0L 2J0
Pribramsky Jan	175 South Kingsway	Toronto, On	M6S 3T6
Follick Donald James	RR 3	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Ransome Judy	149 Midlothian Road, PO Box 364	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Gavine Kenneth A	RR 3	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Stratton George Roger	4212 Avon Drive, RR 1	Springfield, On	N0L 2J0
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Heast Leonard	1747 Central St	Claremont, On	L1Y 1B4
Vista Investments Muskoka In	17 Dairy Lane	Huntsville, On	P1H 1L4
Magno Anna Liisa	90 Athabaska Road	Barrie, On	L4N 8E8
Masek Anna	49 Bruce Street E	Goderich, On	N7A 1S7
Village of Burk's Falls	172 Ontario Street, Box 160	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Township of Ryerson	RR 1	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0

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Township of Ryerson	RR 1	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Glenn Miller	261 Hwy 520W RR3	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Robert Weaver	Box 51 242 Jeffery Rd.	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Michael Grima	311 Ontario St.	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Bob Macphail	(Armour) 778 Bay Lake Emsdale ON	Burk's Falls, On	P0A 1C0
Sonia Dolar	1046 Logan Ave.	Toronto, On	M4K 3G3
Judy Ransome	Midlothian Rd.	Burk's Falls, ON	P0A 1C0

Appendix B

Notices and Letters

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July 26, 2011

Name
Address
City_Province PostCode

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting: Northland Power: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Northland Power is proposing to construct a solar project in the Township of Armour, just west of the community of Burk's Falls. The proposed project is named the Burk's Falls West Solar Project (the "Project") and will have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. This Project requires 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.

A change in the Project location has occurred and Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of this new Project location, and we would like to invite you to the upcoming Public Meeting. 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 the *Almaguin News* on July 28, 2011 and August 4, 2011. The Public Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about our Project proposal and about Northland Power.

In accordance with Section 16 (3) of Ontario Reg. 359/09, an updated draft "Project Description Report" and associated information pertaining to this Project and about Northland Power can be found online at: www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Project.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

Sean Male, M.Sc., REA Coordinator
Hatch Ltd.
4342 Queen St., Suite 500
Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7
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Email: smale@hatch.ca

Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator
SM:srg
Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

By Northland Power to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Project Name: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P.

Project Location: The Project is located on Highway 520, west of Burk's Falls.

Dated at the Township of Armour this the 28th of July, 2011

Northland Power is planning to engage in a renewable energy Project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in this Project and the Project itself is 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.

This Public Meeting is being held to provide initial information on the proposed Project. The Meeting will be an Open House format.

Date: Monday, August 29, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial
Arena/Community Centre
220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, ON

Project Description:

This is a first Public Meeting for the Burk's Falls West Solar Project, due to a change in the Project location as outlined on the map below. Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which this Project is to be engaged in, is a Class 3 Solar Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW.

The Draft Project Description Reports, titled *Project Description Report Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West*, describes the Project as a solar electric generating facility 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 revised Draft Project Description Report are available for public inspection at www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest and at your local municipal office.

Project Contact and Information:

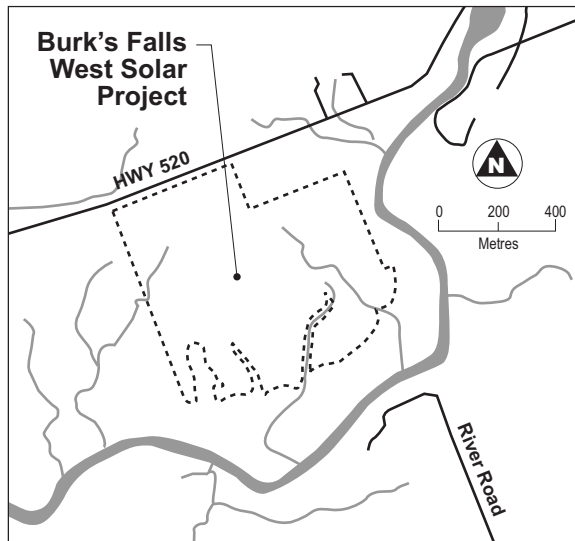
To learn more about the project proposals, public meetings or to communicate concerns, please contact:

Sean Male, MSc, Environmental Coordinator
Hatch Ltd.

4342 Queen Street, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE AND DISPOSE OF A PORTION OF THE MUSKOKA COLONIZATION ROAD

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (the "Township") proposes to enact a By-law pursuant to Sections 9 and 34, as applicable, of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to:

a) Close and sell all that part of the Muskoka Colonization Road through Lots 16 and 17, Concession 2 in the Township of Perry, District of Perry Sound, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 426-15413.

The said lands are to be sold to the adjacent landowners.

The proposed By-law will come before Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers at 1895 Ensedale Road, Enniskillen, Ontario, at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of August, 2011.

Written comments may be provided to the Clerk of the Township at the address below and further information may be obtained from the Clerk.

Beth Marlon, Clerk
The Corporation of the Township of Perry
1895 Ensedale Road, PO Box 70
Enniskillen Ontario P0A 1J5
705-635-5841

Applicants Name: Angela Lass Slickard
Applicants Civic Address: 1372 Ravenscliffe Road, Hartsville, ON

TRI R LANDFILL, ARMOUR BURK'S FALLS RYERSON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed Proposals marked "Building Renovation and Deck" will be accepted until Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

MANDATORY SITE MEETING
Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Information and package available at Township of Armour Office
56 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls
705-385-3302
www.armourtownship.ca
www.trirlandfill.net
www.perrytownship.ca

Lowest or any proposal not necessarily accepted.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SHORE ROAD CLOSING AND SALE BY-LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Armour intends to pass a By-law to stop up, close and convey to the adjacent property owner the shore road allowance more particularly described as follows:

That part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 2 in the Township of Armour, District of Perry Sound, designated as Part 1 on Registered Plan 426-15413.

A COPY of such plans may be inspected in the Clerk's office 56 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario, during regular business hours.

ANY PERSON wishing to comment on the proposed closing or sale is requested to submit comments in writing by 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2011 to the Clerk/Administrator of the Township of 56 Ontario Street, PO Box 333, Burk's Falls Ontario, P0A 1C0.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before meeting the said By-law at its meeting to be held in the Armour Township Office at 7:00 p.m. on August 23, 2011, the Council of the Township of Armour shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said By-law and applies to be heard.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR AUGUST 23, 2011

TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE That the Council of the Township of Armour will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Armour Township Council Room to consider proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34, of the Planning Act to amend By-law No. 2795, the Armour Township comprehensive Zoning By-law, as amended by By-law No. 22-2010.

The purpose of the By-law is to permit institutional and certain recreational uses, buildings and structures existing in the Rural R4 Zones of Armour Township at the date of hearing of this By-law. Future proposals to expand or establish new institutional or certain recreational uses in the Rural R4 Zone will require a zoning by-law amendment.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal presentation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Armour before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Armour to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office.

Dated at the Township of Armour this 21st day of July, 2011.

Mrs. Wendy Whitwell
Clerk/Administrator
Township of Armour
56 Ontario Street, Box 333
Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0

Public Notice

Proposed Installation of a 120-Foot Telecommunications Tower, Kennedy, Township of Strong

As part of a project initiated by Blue Sky Net and partially funded by federal and provincial government programs, Spectrum Group is planning to install a 120-foot, telecommunication tower on municipal lands near Muskolto Road in the Township of Strong.

The tower is a self-support structure that will be located on the east side of Muskolto Road, approximately 150 metres north of the Muskolto Road/Percy Road intersection. This tower will be used to deliver high-speed wireless internet and related services to area residents.

Should you have any comments, concerns, or require more information about the tower structure, please contact the following representative by August 31, 2011:

Wesley Lynch,
Spectrum Group
132 Imperial Road, North Bay, ON P1A 4M5
Phone: (705) 674-6565 ext. 414
Fax: (705) 674-6192
consultation@spectrumtelecom.ca

For more information about Industry Canada's public consultation process for towers, please visit: www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/0282.nsf/eng/02822

Spectrum Group is a wireless and broadband solutions company that provides integrated telecommunications networks for clients throughout Northern Ontario. More information can be found on the Spectrum website: www.spectrumtelecom.ca/industry2011

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Public Notice

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The purpose of the By-law is to prevent accessory uses in the rear yards of residential lots from leaving the close to justice-maintained roads.

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The purpose of the By-law is to prevent accessory uses in the rear yards of residential lots from leaving the close to justice-maintained roads.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal presentation either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Armour before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Armour to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Armour before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office.

Dated at the Township of Armour this 21st day of July, 2011.

Mrs. Wendy Whitwell
Clerk/Administrator
Township of Armour
56 Ontario Street, Box 333
Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM invites TENDERS

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Sealed tenders, clearly marked "Tandem Dump Truck" will be received by the undersigned until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

All tenders to be presented at Municipal Tender Rooms available at the Municipal Office or on the township's website at www.chisholm.ca

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Supply, deliver and stockpile 4,550 m3 of clay/silt with hydraulic conductivity less than 10-6 cm/sec to the Rain Lake Landfill site in the Town of Kearney

Please submit sealed Quotes, clearly marked "2011 Clay/Silt Material" to Claudette-Love, Secretary-Treasurer, Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee c/o Township of Perry, Box 74, 1895 Ensedale Road, Enniskillen, ON P0A 1J0, 705-635-5841

(Quotes will be received until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2011)

Lowest or any quote not necessarily accepted

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September 7, 2011

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«City», «Province» «Postal_Code»

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting - Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P (hereafter referred to as "Northland") is proposing to construct a solar project in Township of Armour, just west of the community of Burk's Falls. The proposed project is named the Burk's Falls West Solar Project (the "Project") and will have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. This Project requires 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 has retained Hatch to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the REA process.

As you are aware, Northland has initiated a public consultation program in support of the Project. This letter is inviting you to an upcoming Public Consultation Meeting. 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 the *Almaguin News* on September 8, 2011 and again on October 6, 2011.

Along with an invitation to a Public Consultation Meeting, this letter is to provide notice that the supporting documents, as per Section 16 (1) of Ontario Regulation 359/09 will be available for your review as of September 9, 2011. These documents include the Natural Heritage Reports, Water Body Reports, Construction Plan Report, Design and Operation Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Study and Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Report. As well, to aid in your review an executive summary is also provided. These reports are available on line at northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest and at the Township of Armour municipal office. Further, the information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Public Consultation Meeting from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on November 9, 2011 at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Project.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

Sean Male, M.Sc., REA Coordinator
Hatch Ltd.
4342 Queen St., Suite 500
Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7
Phone: 905-374-0701, Ext 5280
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Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator

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Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

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NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

By Northland Power Regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P.

Project Location: The Project is located on Highway 520, west of Burk's Falls.

Dated at the Township of Armour this the 8th of September, 2011

Northland Power is planning to engage in a renewable energy Project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in this Project and the Project itself is 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.

This Public Meeting is being held to provide information on the proposed Project. The Meeting will be an Open House format.

Meeting Location:

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial
Arena/Community Centre
220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, ON

Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which this Project is to be engaged in, is a Class 3 Solar Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW.

Documents for Public Inspection:

The Draft Project Description Report, titled *Project Description Report Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West* describes the Project as a solar electric generating facility 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.

A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report was made available for public inspection on July 28, 2011 at www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest and at your local 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 September 9, 2011 at your local municipal office, or www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest.

Project Contact and Information:

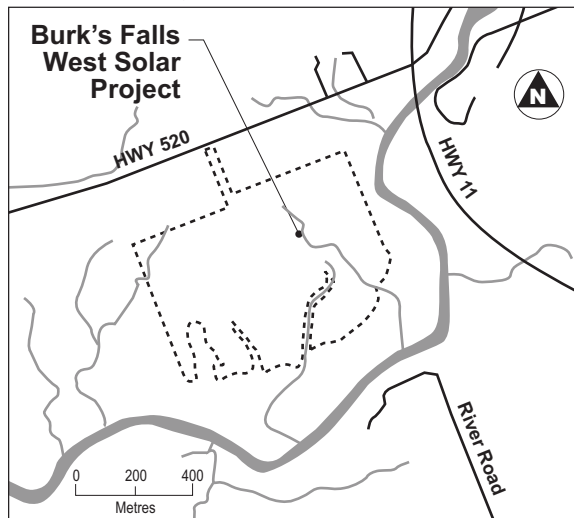
To learn more about the project proposals, public meetings or to communicate concerns, please contact:

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Appendix C
First Public Meeting - Display Boards,
Completed Sign-in Sheet and Comment Sheet

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Northland Power

Welcomes You to the First Public Meeting

for the Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Monday, August 29, 2011

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena/
Community Centre

220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, ON



Purpose of this Public Meeting

A public meeting to solicit stakeholder input is an important aspect of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process and project planning.

This public meeting provides an opportunity to:

- Gain further understanding about Northland Power's proposed solar energy projects in your area
- Obtain information about the REA Process
- Ask questions regarding the proposed Projects
- Raise concerns or issues regarding the proposed Projects

How can I provide comments or concerns?

A variety of methods are available for providing comments or concerns.

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Sustainability is a core value at Northland Power. All of our development efforts and operational practices focus on providing long term benefits to our customers, investors, employees, communities and partners.

For Northland Power, sustainability has many dimensions:

Environmental: Northland Power was founded on the belief that clean and green energy sources are vital to the future of our planet. Our construction and operational practices are engineered to meet the highest environmental standards, even in jurisdictions where lower standards are legislated.

Community: Northland Power takes an active interest in its host communities to ensure they remain vibrant, healthy places to live.

Operational: Northland Power maintains and reinvests in their operating assets to achieve maximum efficiency and economic life.

Health and Safety: Ensuring that our staff has the knowledge, tools and time to work safely is Northland's first priority. Our culture of safety, respect and independence helps to ensure we attract and retain the people that we need to perform.

Financial: Northland Power consistently chooses long term success over short term gain. Northland Power only pursues projects that meet strict return thresholds and have creditworthy customers. As a result, we have paid stable monthly dividends since 1997.

HATCH™

Northland Power has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Hatch is an Ontario-based consulting, engineering and management company with operations worldwide and a reputation for excellence acquired over 80 years of continuous service to its clients. Hatch will undertake the REA process from its Niagara Falls, Ontario office.



Solar Technology

A solar photovoltaic (PV) module (or panel, as they are often called) transforms the sun's energy into electrical energy. Silicon, a semi-conductor, is the material that transforms a ray of sunshine into electricity. The silicon is located within a grid (commonly made of metal) that conducts electricity. When the sunlight hits the silicon, electrons flow from the silicon into the grid, thereby producing electricity. The silicon and metallic grid are located beneath a layer of glass to provide weather protection. The glass has a special coating applied to maximize the capture of sunlight by the panel, thereby reducing glare.

Advantages of Solar Energy

Solar power has a multitude of advantages compared to most other power generation technologies.

- First and foremost, the fuel is free. As the cost of many fossil fuels is expected to increase in the future, having solar energy on the grid at a set price will give greater stability to future energy prices.
- Another key benefit is the absence of any green house gas emissions and other pollutants. This ensures that the local community will not have to live with poor air quality or noxious odours.
- Solar PV systems are comprised of safe, common materials that will not affect the lands on which they are located, allowing for easy remediation upon decommissioning.
- Most solar PV systems have no moving parts, unlike almost all other power generation technologies. Having no moving parts reduces the environmental impact, maintenance costs, and noise levels of this type of power generation.
- There is a natural supply/demand match that is inherent to solar power, as the sun rises and sets in parallel with society's general daily electricity demand pattern. This helps mitigate the need for the development of other technologies that traditionally meet peak electricity demand.



Ontario's Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program was launched by the Ontario Power Authority on October 1, 2009 to encourage the development of renewable energy resources and to stimulate growth in green technology and renewable power industries.

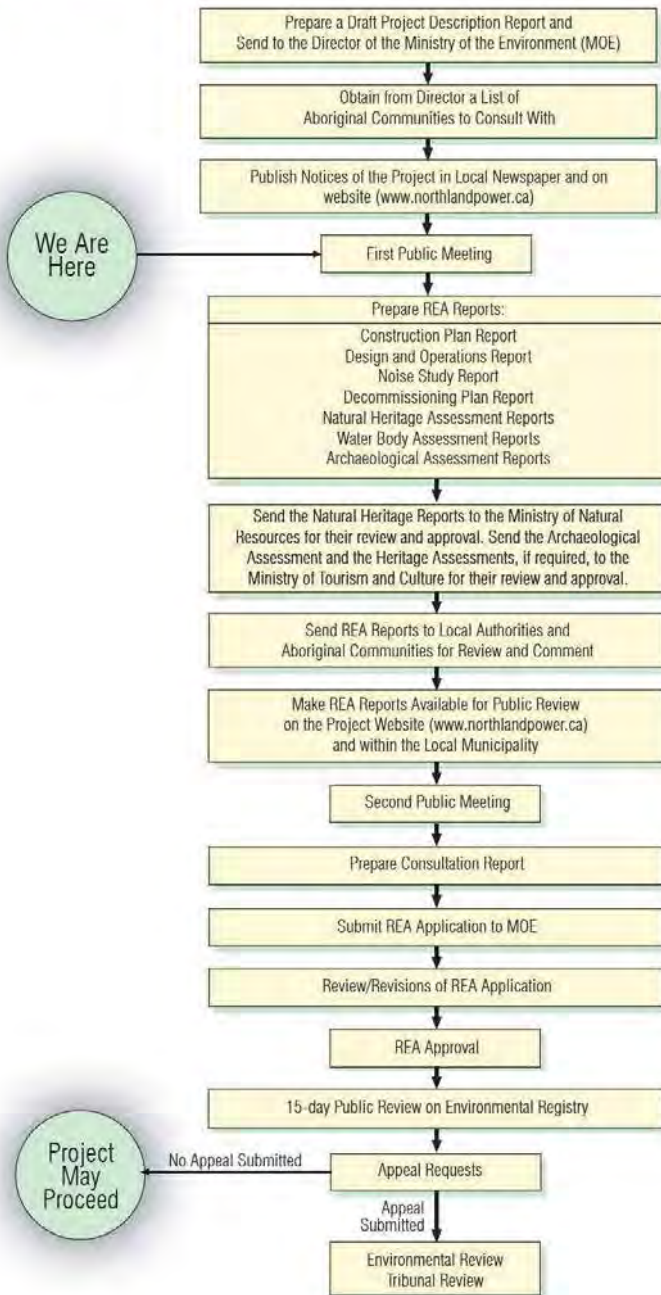
The Ontario Power Authority awarded 184 FIT contracts to renewable power developers in Ontario on April 8, 2010. Northland Power was awarded a total of 13 contracts for proposed solar ground-mount developments throughout the province. These projects are currently proceeding through the REA process.



Renewable Energy Approval Process

The proposed Project is subject to the (REA) process, subject to the provisions of Part V.0.1 of the Environmental Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, including natural heritage features and water bodies, as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, government agency and First Nation consultation.

The main components of the REA process are shown in the flow diagram.



Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Project Location

The proposed Project is located on Highway 520, west of the community of Burk's Falls within the Township of Armour. The proposed Project, if approved, will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Description

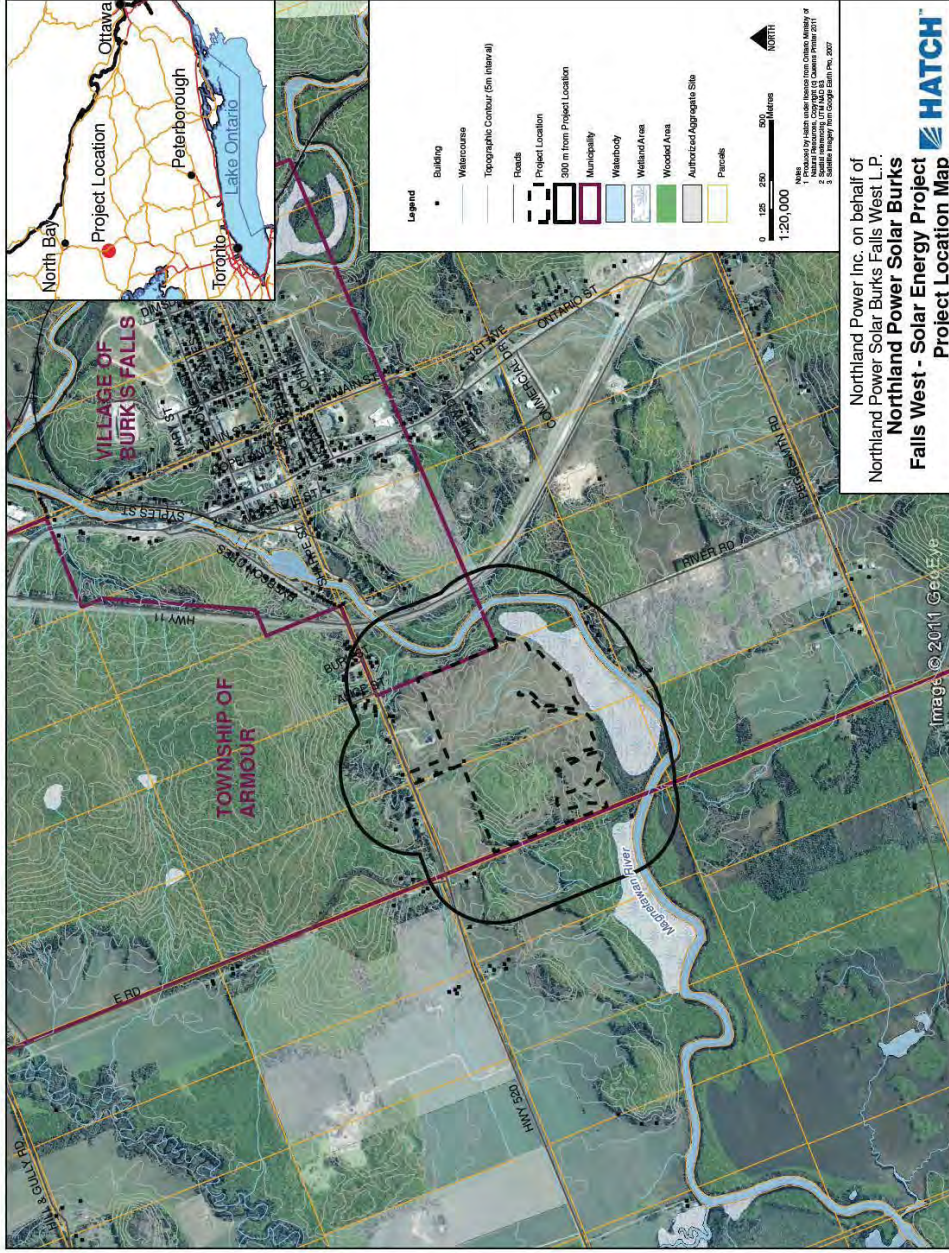
The proposed Burk's Falls West Solar Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility, as defined under the Environmental Protection Act (Act Part V0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Class 3 solar facilities are defined as having a name plate capacity of 10 kilowatts (kW) or greater and the solar panels are mounted on the ground. Specifically, this proposed Project has a nameplate capacity of 10MW (ac).

The proposed Project will use crystalline technology photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures made of steel and aluminum. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). The project will consist of approximately 50,000 panels and will be designed to optimize

Project Schedule – Burk's Falls West Solar Project

- FIT Application – November 2009
- Submission of Project Description to MOE – April 2010
- FIT Contract Award – April 2010
- First Public Meeting – August 2011
- Final Public Meeting – November 2011
- REA Application Submission – November 2011
- REA Received – March/April 2012
- Start of Construction – April 2012
- Commercial Operation Date – Fall 2012

For more information regarding this Project please visit the Project website at northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest.



Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Natural Heritage Features

As per Ontario Regulation 359/09, a records review and a site investigation were conducted in order to identify environmental features of the Project location and surrounding area. A variety of features were identified and considered during this process, including but not limited to the following:

- Wildlife/Wildlife habitat
- Vegetation communities, including woodlands and wetlands
- Species at risk
- Waterbodies

Terrestrial Environment

The Project location is characterized by its rolling topography. The majority of the Project location is used for agricultural purposes including an active livestock (i.e., cattle) operation. The areas that are not in agricultural production are comprised of woodlands.

There are several woodland communities located on and within 120 m of the Project location. The woodland located 120 m west of the Project location is dominated by coniferous trees, predominantly Balsam Fir and White Spruce. The woodland located on the Project location is dominated by Sugar Maple and Ironwood, with American Elm and Basswood associates. The woodland located within 120 m east of the Project location is dominated by Trembling Aspen and Largetooth Aspen in the overstorey, with immature overstorey species along with white spruce and hawthorn in the subcanopy.

There is wetland communities located within 120 m south of the Project. They are assumed to be connected to the Magnetawan River Provincially Significant Wetland.

A number of significant wildlife habitats are found on and within 120 m of the Project location,

- waterfowl stopover and staging areas
- turtle over-wintering sites
- habitat for species of Conservation Concern (Milksnake, Snapping Turtle, Northern Map Turtle)

Aquatic Environment

There are six watercourses (Magnetawan River, Watercourses A, C, D, F and G) and seepage areas on and within 120 m of the Project. The Magnetawan River arises on the western slopes of Algonquin Park and runs for approximately 196 km before draining into Lake Huron.

Watercourse A was observed in the southwestern portion of the property. It consists of a defined watercourse channel originating from several seepage zones and flowing south toward the Magnetawan River. Watercourse C, was not noted during the site investigation on the Project, though it is assumed to be located on the adjacent property. Watercourse D flows in a westerly direction away from the Project location and drains into the Magnetawan River approximately 300 m west of the southern end of the Project location. Watercourse F originates approximately 250 m north of the Project location, and flows in a general southwesterly direction. It flows in a southeasterly direction and comes within approximately 100 m of the Project location, before draining into the Magnetawan River approximately 150 m east of the northeastern corner of the Project location. Watercourse G is located approximately 115 m east of the Project location, on the opposite side of the Magnetawan River.

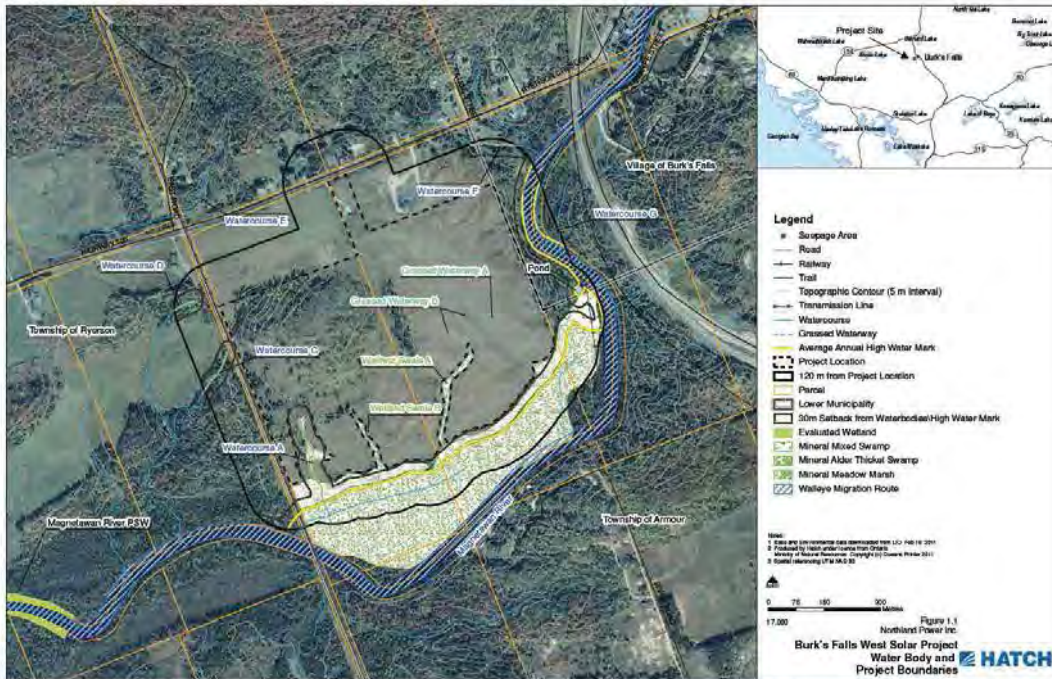
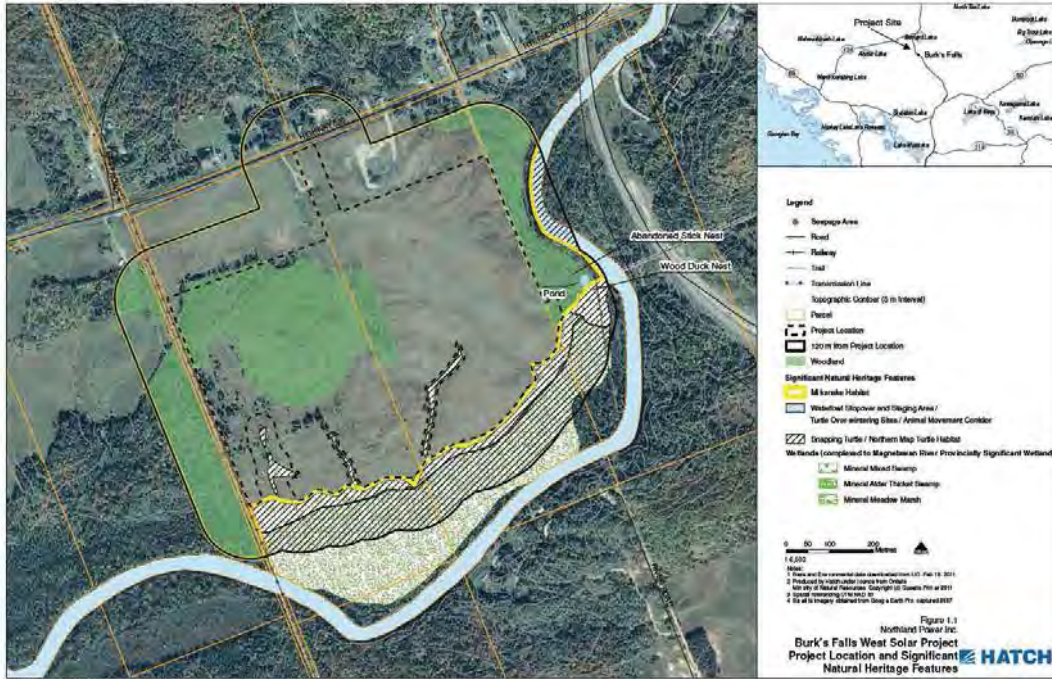


More information on the findings of these studies are available in the Natural Heritage and Water Bodies Reports that will eventually be posted to the project website (www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest) and available in hard copy at the municipal office.



Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Environmental Features

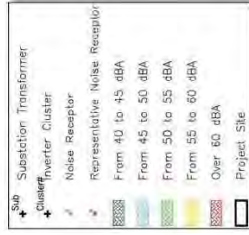


Noise

Noise Study

A detailed analysis of the noise emissions to be produced by the Project has been completed in accordance with Ministry of Environment guidelines. It has been determined that noise levels will not exceed 40 dBA at sensitive receptors at any time of day in accordance with regulated noise levels.

Noise map during day time



At the time of preparing the noise studies, final component selection (i.e. inverters and transformers) had not been completed. For that reason, this study reflects a "worst case" scenario for potential noise impacts, by modeling the highest sound profiles of those components under consideration.

Noise map during Night time

Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Potential Negative Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

Environmental Component	Potential Environmental Effect	Proposed Mitigation
Physiography/Topography	During construction, regrading of excavated soils and some alterations to local topography may occur.	Grading plans will ensure site remains stable.
Soils	Reductions in soil quality/loss of soils as a result of accidental spills, erosion and soil compaction during construction.	The use of erosion and sedimentation control, soil loosening, and spill prevention and response measures will limit the impact on soils.
Surface Water	Surface water quality of watercourses could be impaired due to contamination from accidental spills or increased turbidity due to site erosion.	A 30-m setback will be put in place from all water bodies. As well, erosion and sedimentation control measures and spill prevention and response measures will minimize the potential for adverse effect.
Groundwater	Excavations may result in a minor, localized drop in the groundwater table due to dewatering. In addition, groundwater may also be impaired by contamination due to accidental spills.	Spill response measures will prevent any accidental spills. Dewatering during construction anticipated to be minimal.
Aquatic Habitats/Biota	The installation of the Project may result in indirect effects on aquatic habitat and biota downstream from the Project due to erosion and sedimentation and changes in surface water runoff.	30-m setbacks from all waterbodies will be implemented to protect surface water runoff quality. Stormwater management plan implemented to control surface runoff.
Wetlands	Wetlands may be indirectly affected by Project activities, such as the generation of dust during construction which could impact vegetation communities.	Mitigation measures proposed in respect of vegetation communities and surface water quality will be effective at mitigation potential effects on the wetland community.
Vegetation, including wooded areas	Vegetation clearing on agricultural land, within hedgerows, and wooded areas may be required. Vegetation communities adjacent to the Project site may be indirectly affected by Project activities, such as the generation of dust during construction which could impact vegetation communities.	Work areas will be flagged to limit the extent of clearing. Dust control measures will be implemented during the construction period.
Terrestrial Wildlife/Wildlife Habitat (including species at risk)	Potential loss of wildlife habitat and potential wildlife avoidance of the Project area during construction and operation may occur as a result of disturbance.	Work areas will be clearly marked and will not infringe further than necessary. Mitigation measures will include not clearing in bird breeding season, if possible.
Air Quality	Reductions in local air quality from operation of construction equipment and dust displacement may occur due to vehicle traffic.	Through the use of standard best management practices and mitigation measures dust will be suppressed and discharge of exhaust minimized to maintain local air quality during construction.
Social Environment		
Land Use	Current land use will be discontinued within the Project footprint.	After decommissioning, there is a potential for the land to regain the past use.
Tourism and Recreation	Any tourism or recreational resources existing within the immediate Project vicinity will be considered in determining potential impacts.	Visual screening in those areas will be considered, if required.
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources	Excavations during Project construction may result in the discovery of archaeological resources. Archaeological assessments have been conducted to determine potential. Potential heritage resources have been determined as per the requirements of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.	Mitigation measures recommended as a result of the archaeological or heritage assessments, if required, will be implemented as required.
Sound Levels	Temporary disturbance to neighbouring residents may occur during construction. The operation of inverters and transformers may result in increased ambient sound levels.	Noise studies were conducted as per O. Reg. 359/09 to ensure noise during operations meets provincial guidelines. Construction will be conducted according to local noise by-laws, where applicable.
Visual Landscape	Installation of the Project will result in a change to the local landscape.	The Project is set back more than 150 m from nearby roadways, which is expected to minimize visual impact. Visual barriers may be installed, where necessary, if this is determined to be effective and viable.
Community Safety	Construction of the Project will result in a risk to community and workforce safety. During operation, potential risks to public safety are limited.	Safety procedures will be followed to ensure both worker and public safety.
Local Traffic	Construction of the Project may result in increased local area traffic and temporary disruption along routes used resulting in delays to the local community traffic, and increased traffic as a result of equipment delivery to the Project site.	Transportation routes will be determined to minimize the impact on local traffic.
Waste Management and Disposal Sites	Construction and operation of the Project will likely result in the generation of recyclable material, and municipal hazardous and sanitary waste.	The disposal and proper storage of wastes and recyclables will occur.



Next Steps

- All further Project Reports (such as the Construction Plan Report, Archaeological Assessment Report, etc) will be available for public review on the Project website and at your local municipal office at a later date.
- The Notice of Final Public Meeting and draft REA Reports will be advertised in the local paper and a letter will be sent to all those on the Project mailing list. You can be added to the mailing list by providing your mailing address on a comment sheet.
- Finally, any written comments or concerns will be addressed within the Consultation Report as a part of the REA submission, which will be available for public review.



We appreciate your attendance at this Public Meeting and hope to see you at the next one. Thank you.

Your opinion is important to us,

Please Sign in and Complete a Comment Sheet



Please Sign In

(PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS)

Northland Power – Burk's Falls West – Public Meeting

Project: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Date: Monday August 29, 2011

Name	Complete Mailing Address			Phone (Please include area code)
	Street	City	Postal Code	
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ROBERT WEAVER	Box 51 242 JEFFERY RD	BURK'S FALLS	POA 1C0	705 382-5524
MICHAEL GRIMA	311 ONTARIO ST	BURKS FALLS	POA 1C0	705 382-0501
Wendy Whitwell	TOP OF ARMOUR RR#2	BURKS FALLS	POA 1C0	705-382-3332
Bob MacPhail	Armour		POA 1J0	705-636-7678
Sonia Doan	SNOESTOR LANE	BURK'S FALLS		416-696-2094
JUDY RANSOME	MIDLOTHIAN RD	BURK'S FALLS	POA 1C0	705-382-2933

*Please note that all information provided will be publically available

Comment Sheet

Northland Power
Burk's Falls West Solar Project
(PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS)

First Public Meeting: Monday August 29, 2011

1. Please describe where you reside in relation to the Project location?

SOUTH & WEST

2. Please provide any relevant information related to the Project location which, in your opinion, should be considered in assessing the potential effects of the Project?

EROSION - OF GROUND How to prevent
WATER - flow DURING MPT

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3. Please provide any comments, questions or concerns related to the Project.

ANY COSTS TO TAXPAYER OF ARMOUR TWP,
ESPECIALLY EARLY STAGES

WILL THERE BE ANY STORAGE
CAPABILITY TO ENERGY
WILL THIS HAVE ANY IMPACT
ON SERVING PROJECT TO
MUNICIPALITY?

If you would you like to be included on the Project mailing list, please provide your name and full mailing address below:

Name: SONIA DELAC

Mailing Address (including your postal code):

1046 LOGAN AVE
TO RONO, ONT M4K3G3
scblardsympat@ca

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS COMMENT SHEET BEFORE LEAVING - THANK YOU

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Purpose of this Public Meeting

A public meeting to communicate project details and to solicit stakeholder input is an important aspect of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process and project planning.

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Financial: Northland Power consistently chooses long term success over short term gain. Northland Power only pursues projects that meet strict return thresholds and have creditworthy customers. As a result, we have paid stable monthly dividends since 1997.



Northland Power has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Hatch is an Ontario-based consulting, engineering and management company with operations worldwide and a reputation for excellence acquired over 80 years of continuous service to its clients. Hatch will undertake the REA process from its Niagara Falls, Ontario office.



Solar Technology

A solar photovoltaic (PV) module (or panel, as they are often called) transforms the sun's energy into electrical energy. Silicon, a semi-conductor, is the material that transforms a ray of sunshine into electricity. The silicon is located within a grid (commonly made of metal) that conducts electricity. When the sunlight hits the silicon, electrons flow from the silicon into the grid, thereby producing electricity. The silicon and metallic grid are located beneath a layer of glass to provide weather protection. The glass has a special coating applied to maximize the capture of sunlight by the panel, thereby reducing glare.

Advantages of Solar Energy

Solar power has a multitude of advantages compared to most other power generation technologies.

- First and foremost, the fuel is free. As the cost of many fossil fuels is expected to increase in the future, having solar energy on the grid at a set price will give greater stability to future energy prices.
- Another key benefit is the absence of any green house gas emissions and other pollutants. This ensures that the local community will not have to live with poor air quality or noxious odours.
- Solar PV systems are comprised of safe, common materials that will not affect the lands on which they are located, allowing for easy remediation upon decommissioning.
- Most solar PV systems have no moving parts, unlike almost all other power generation technologies. Having no moving parts reduces the environmental impact, maintenance costs, and noise levels of this type of power generation.
- There is a natural supply/demand match that is inherent to solar power, as the sun rises and sets in parallel with society's general daily electricity demand pattern. This helps mitigate the need for the development of other technologies that traditionally meet peak electricity demand.



Ontario's Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program was launched by the Ontario Power Authority on October 1, 2009 to encourage the development of renewable energy resources and to stimulate growth in green technology and renewable power industries.

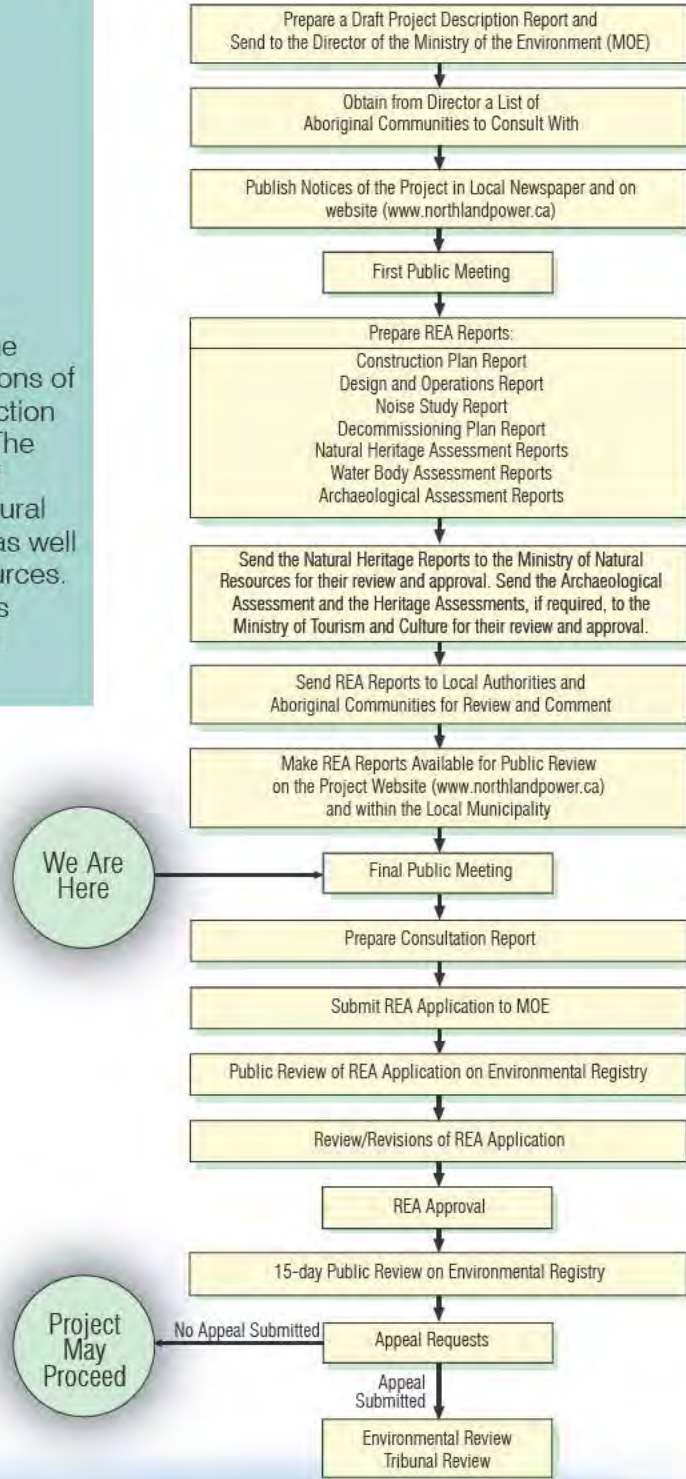
The Ontario Power Authority awarded 184 FIT contracts to renewable power developers in Ontario on April 8, 2010. Northland Power was awarded a total of 13 contracts for proposed solar ground-mount developments throughout the province. These projects are currently proceeding through the REA process.



Renewable Energy Approval Process

The proposed Project is subject to the (REA) process, subject to the provisions of Part V.0.1 of the Environmental Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, including natural heritage features and water bodies, as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, government agency and First Nation consultation.

The main components of the REA process are shown in the flow diagram.



Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Project Location

The proposed Project is located on Highway 520, west of Burk's Falls. The proposed Project, if approved, will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Description

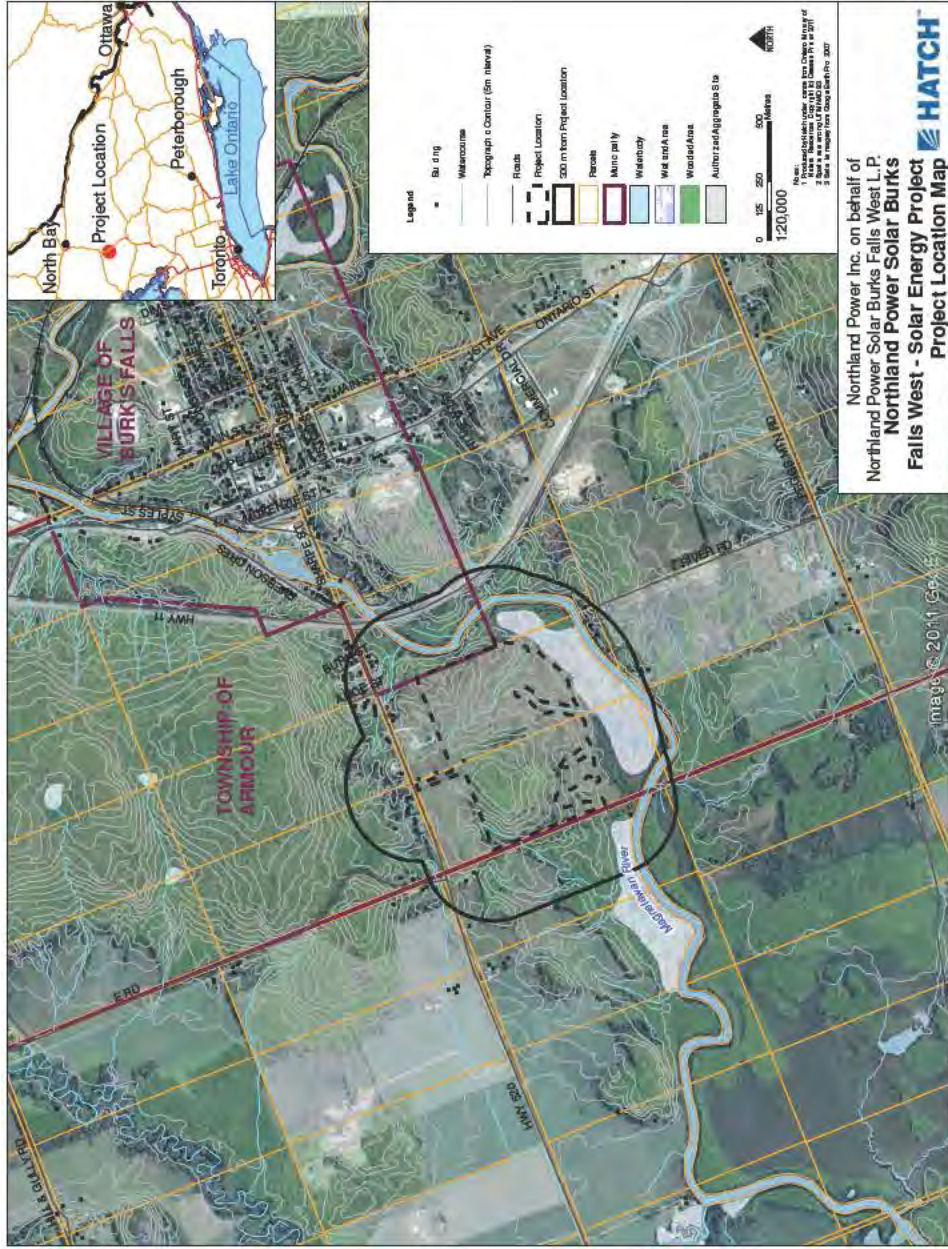
The proposed Burk's Falls Solar Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility, as defined under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Class 3 solar facilities are defined as having a name plate capacity of 10 kilowatts (kW) or greater and the solar panels are mounted on the ground. Specifically, this proposed Project has a nameplate capacity of 10 MW (ac).

The proposed Project will use crystalline technology photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures made of steel and aluminum. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). The project will consist of approximately 50,000 panels and will be designed to optimize energy production.

Project Schedule – Burk's Falls West Solar Project

- FIT Application – November 2009
- Submission of Project Description to MOE – July 2011
- FIT Contract Award – April 2010
- First Public Meeting – August 2011
- Final Public Meeting – October 2011
- REA Application Submission – November 2011
- REA Received – August 2012
- Start of Construction – Summer 2012
- Commercial Operation Date – Early 2013

For more information regarding this Project please visit the Project website at northlandpower.ca/burkfallswest



Construction

Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to start following the appropriate approvals, in the Summer of 2012. The construction take approximately 6-9 months and will consist of:

- *Site Preparation*
- *Construction and Installation of the Facility*
- *Testing and Commissioning*
- *Site Restoration*

Each day construction will normally begin at 7:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. If a longer construction day becomes required, the Project will follow local municipal requirements and minimize impacts to the local community.

Site preparation refers to activities such as:

- Surveying/staking, site clearing and grubbing (where required)
- Construction of access roads and drainage systems
- Installation of fencing, and construction of a laydown area

It is anticipated that these activities will require several months to complete

Construction and installation of the facility includes:

- Pouring of the concrete foundations for electrical equipment
- Installation of electrical equipment such as inverters and transformers, interconnection cable trenching
- Installation of PV panel supports and the racking systems
- Placement of PV panels

Testing and commissioning will be performed prior to start-up and connection to the power grid. Solar modules, inverters, collection system, and substation will be checked for system continuity, reliability, and performance standards.

Site restoration following construction the main objective will be to (i) establish ground cover and drainage within the solar panel footprint and (ii) re-instate temporarily disturbed areas to stable conditions. All construction material, equipment, temporary facilities, and waste will be removed from the site. Revegetation will include planting of native plants and hydro-seeding where required.



Operation

Following construction, the operations phase is expected to commence in Early 2013. Operations will consist of routine maintenance inspections and general up keep of the Project (e.g., panel cleaning and mowing). Otherwise, no on-site staff will be required.

Visual inspections of the transformers and erosion and sedimentation control measures are to occur monthly. Panel cleaning may or may not be required, depending on weather conditions, and if required, any water used will be brought to the site. No chemicals will be used for cleaning.

Vegetation, including underneath the panels, will be selected to minimize maintenance activities (e.g., mowing) and to provide groundcover to both protect and enhance the soil and to provide wildlife habitat. Presently, a mix of low growing, weed-resistant turf type fescues is proposed. Herbicides will not be used to control vegetation growth during operations.

Site security will consist of fencing and limited lighting near the entrance of the facility. Fencing will consist of a 2 meter high wire fence, with barb wire along the top of the fence.

For more information, please refer to the Project's *Design and Operation Report*

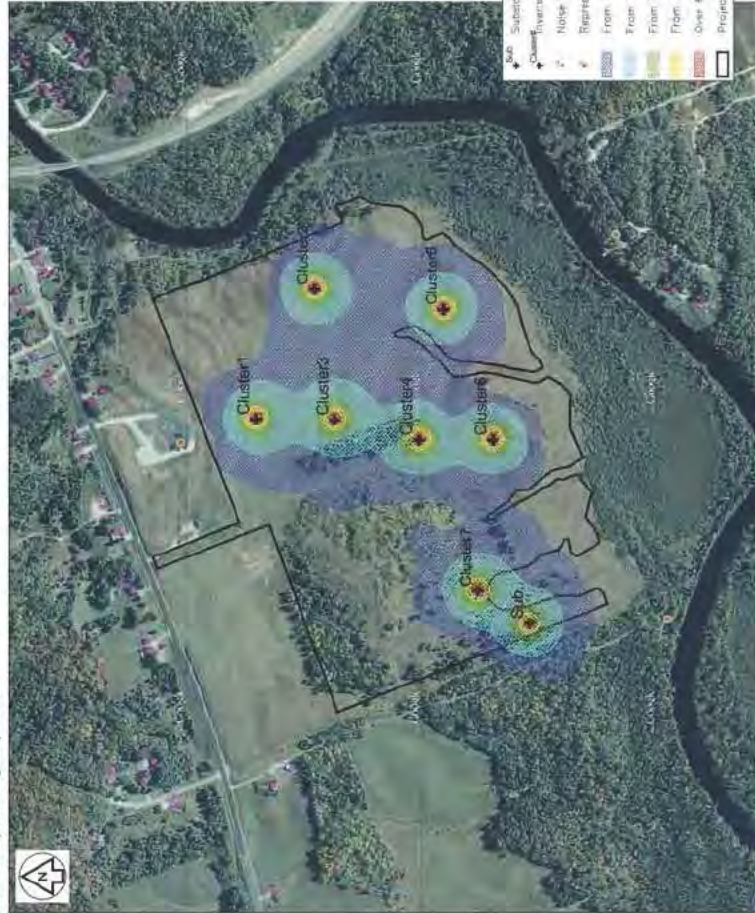


Noise

Noise Study

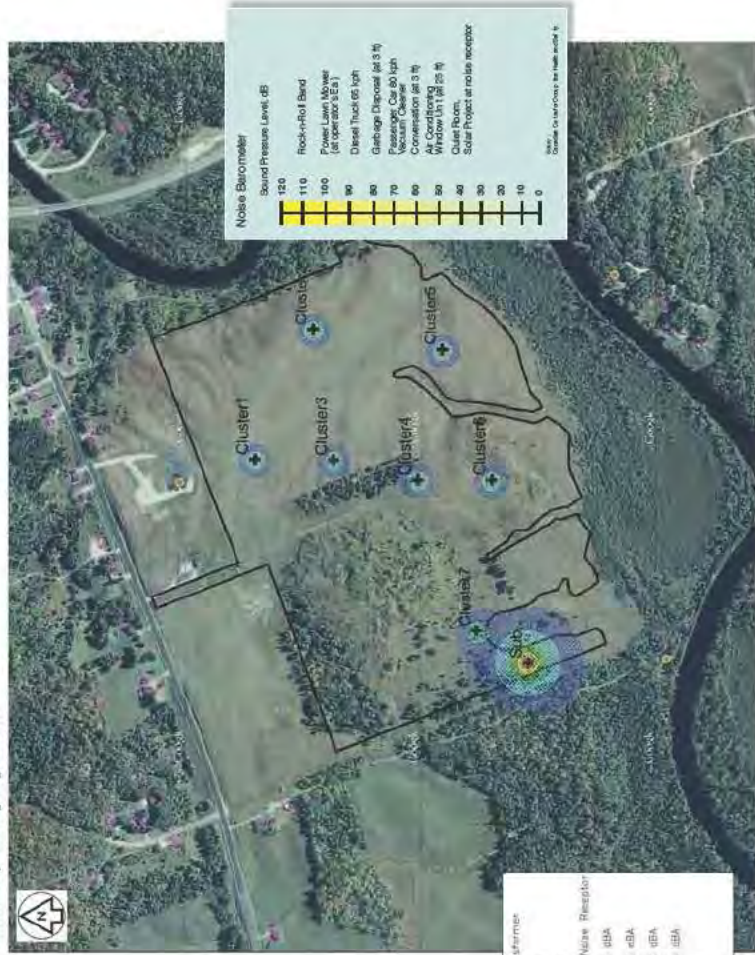
A detailed analysis of the noise emissions to be produced by the Project has been completed in accordance with Ministry of Environment guidelines. It has been determined that noise levels will not exceed 40 dBA at sensitive receptors at any time of day in accordance with regulated noise levels.

Noise map during day time



At the time of preparing the noise studies, final component selection (i.e. inverters and transformers) had not been completed. For that reason, this study reflects a "worst case" scenario for potential noise impacts, by modeling the highest sound profiles of those components under consideration.

Noise map during night time



Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Natural Heritage Assessment

Existing Environment

The terrestrial environment on the Project location is described as follows:

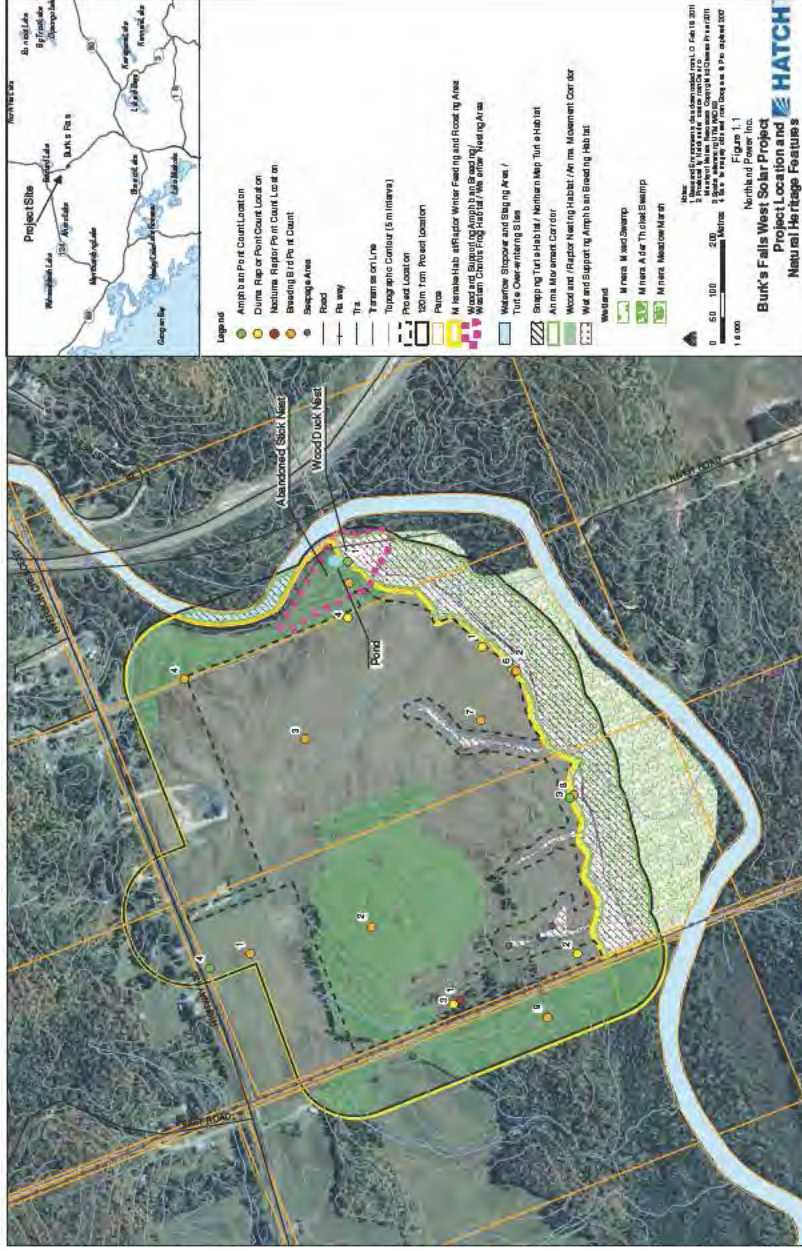
- The majority of the Project is comprised of agricultural lands used for a livestock operation, with occurrences of cultural thicket and sugar maple-deciduous forest. Within 120 m of the Project, there are also occurrences of balsam fir coniferous forest and poplar deciduous forest, as well as meadow marsh, mixedwood swamp, and swamp thicket wetland communities.
- The significant wildlife habitat identified on and within 120 m of the Project includes Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas, Turtle Over-wintering Sites, habitat for Milksnake, Northern Map Turtle and Snapping Turtle.
- The wetlands identified on and within 120 m of the Project are assumed to be significant.

Mitigation Measures for Environmental Protection

A variety of mitigation measures will be used to limit any impact on the terrestrial environment. Examples of these include:

- Avoidance of encroachment, and provision of setbacks, from many of the significant natural features.
- Demarcation of work areas to prevent encroachment beyond designated sites.
- Construction outside of the bird breeding period wherever possible.
- Visual search following completion of fence for trapped wildlife.
- Visual monitoring of work areas, equipment and access roads prior to start of work each day to search for wildlife species, including Milksnake.

There will be no change to the existing environment outside of the Project location.



Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Waterbodies

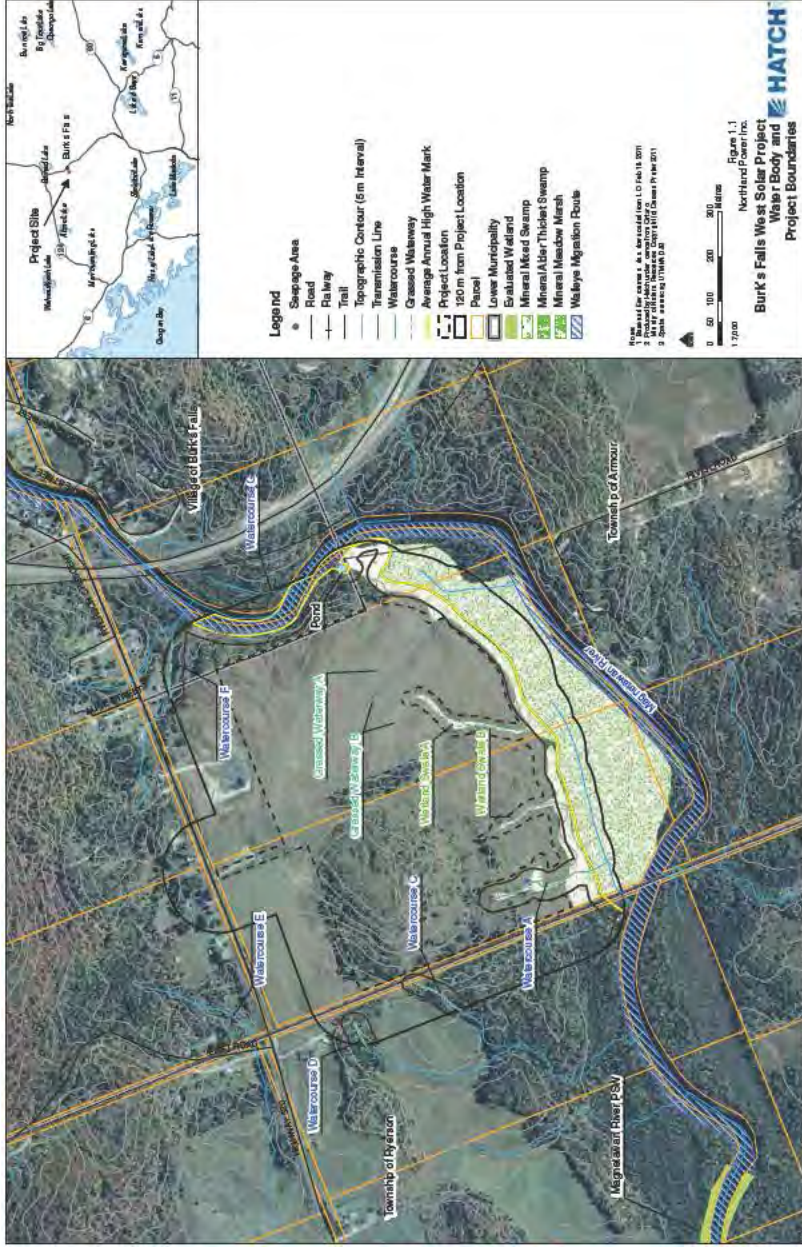
Existing Environment

There are seven (7) waterbodies on or within 120 m of the Project location.

Mitigation Measures for Environmental Protection

A variety of standard mitigation measures will be used to limit any impact on the aquatic environment. Examples of these include:

- No Project components will be installed within 30 m of the average annual high water mark of any water body
- Dense ground cover vegetation will be allowed to grow naturally within 30 m setback from waterbodies to improve runoff filtration and riparian habitat
- Erosion and sedimentation controls (e.g., silt fencing, site stabilization, construction phasing)
- Stormwater Management measures (e.g., site revegetation, enhanced vegetated swales)
- Spill Prevention and response measures (e.g., handling protocols, secured storage areas, clean-up materials on-hand)
- Dust control measures (e.g., watering of access roads, tarping of stock piles)



Decommissioning

It is anticipated that the Project will have a useful life of at least 20 years, the length of the existing FIT contract, which can be extended with proper maintenance, component replacement and repowering. Decommissioning will occur at the end of the useful life and consist of:

- *Equipment dismantling and removal*
- *Site restoration*

Equipment dismantling and removal will include the PV modules, electrical equipment, access roads and foundations as well as any other facility equipment. Equipment and material may be salvaged for resale, scrap value or disposal, depending on market conditions.

Site restoration will consist of the following, subject to environmental requirements and the wishes of the landowner:

- Any damage to existing tile drainage system, if applicable, will be repaired/restored
- Any excavation and/or trench will be backfilled and graded to existing contours
- Should the subsoil be negatively affected and compromise the future productive use of the land, the following will be implemented: first the topsoil will be removed and stockpiled; then the subsoil may be ripped and tilled prior to grading it; topsoil will then be replaced and revegetated
- Should the soil be negatively affected and compromise the future productive use of the land, nutrients may be added or fertilizers deployed
- Topsoil and compost will be blended where required, spread and replaced to original depth
- Hydroseeding with approved seed mixture and mulching during the appropriate seasonal conditions

For more information, please refer to the Project's *Decommissioning Plan Report*



Next Steps

- Following the completion of this Final Public Meeting, all comments and concerns will be incorporated into the REA Project Documents and the Project proposals. Then a submission to the Ministry of the Environment will be made to obtain a Renewable Energy Approval.
- Following the acceptance of the REA submission, the Ministry of the Environment will post on the Environmental Registry;
[\(http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/\)](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/) a proposal notice for public comment and review. Comments can then be submitted directly to the Ministry of the Environment.
- Lastly, the Ministry of the Environment provides a decision notice of the Projects. If no appeals are received, the Project can move forward with construction, pending any further required approvals.



**Thank you for attending this
Final Public Meeting**

*Your opinion is
important to us*

**Please Fill Out A
Comment Form**



Please Sign In
 (PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS)
 Northland Power – Public Meeting

Project: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Date: Wednesday November 9, 2011

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	Street	City	Postal Code	(Please include area code)
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Marty Corcoran	161 Ferguson Rd	B.F.	POA 1C0	705 382 3441
Nick Webb	832 Ciderway Rd	Burk's Falls	POA 1C0	705 382-3542

*Please note that all information provided will be publically available

3. Would you like to be on the mailing list for the Project?

Yes

No

If you answered yes to #3, please provide your name and full mailing address below:

Name: _____

Mailing Address (including your postal code):

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS COMMENT SHEET BEFORE LEAVING - THANK YOU

To speak with a Project representative at a later date, please contact:

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For more information regarding the Burk's Falls West Solar Project and for periodic Project updates in the future, please visit northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest

***Please note that all information provided will be publicly available**

Appendix E

Correspondence with Agencies

McRae, Elizabeth

From: Male, Sean
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Gibson, Melissa
Subject: FW: Northland Power Inc. - Revision to Project Location for Burk's Falls West Solar Project
Attachments: Burk's Falls West - PDR - Rev 0.pdf; 0042 - MOE Cover Letter - Burk's Falls West - PDR.PDF

Importance: High

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From: Male, Sean
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 3:00 PM
To: 'doris.dumais@ontario.ca'
Cc: Tom Hockin; Mike Lord; Arnold, Kimberley; 334844
Subject: Northland Power Inc. - Revision to Project Location for Burk's Falls West Solar Project
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Dumais,

Please find attached an electronic version of a cover letter and revised draft Project Description Report for Northland Power's proposed Burk's Falls West Solar Project.

As is discussed in the attached letter, due to circumstances beyond Northland's control, there has been a need to change the property on which the Project is situated. As a result, at this time we are requesting confirmation that the aboriginal community list sent for the previous Project location remains applicable for the new Project location.

Hard copies will be sent via courier in the near future.

Sincerely,

Sean

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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Male, Sean
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Gibson, Melissa
Subject: FW: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

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From: Santos, Narren (ENE) [mailto:Narren.Santos@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 10:39 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Guido, Sandra (ENE)
Subject: RE: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Hi Sean:

This is a follow up to your call to Sandra this morning regarding the status of the Aboriginal List for the proposed Burke's Falls West Solar Project. This email is to confirm that despite the 500 metre movement, the Section 14 list provided for the Burke's Falls West (and East) Projects on July 30, 2010 remains valid.

Regards,
Narren

From: Guido, Sandra (ENE)
Sent: July 21, 2011 1:40 PM
To: 'Male, Sean'
Cc: Santos, Narren (ENE); 'Tom Hockin'; 'Mike Lord'; 'Arnold, Kimberley'; '334844'
Subject: RE: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Hi Sean,

Thank you for your prompt response. As requested, please see the Ministry's response below:

Glendale Solar Project -

Given the nature of the change as described below, continuing to proceed under O. Reg. 359/09 as it read prior to Jan. 1, 2011 would appear to be reasonable. You have indicated that the proponent would like to hold a separate meeting to describe the changes to the project prior to the final public meeting being held. This is acceptable and at the proponent's discretion. If you choose to hold this additional meeting, the Ministry would recommend providing notice to the parties listed in para. 5 of 15(6) and publish it in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 4 at least thirty days in advance of the meeting where you will be discussing the change. In respect of the final public meeting, you will need to comply with the rules in O. Reg 359/09 as they read before January 1, 2011.

With respect to the question of municipal consultation, under the pre-Jan. 1, 2011 rules, the proponent must provide the municipality with the municipal consultation form at least 90 days before the final public meeting is held. Under the pre-Jan 1, 2011 rules, there is no obligation to provide the draft project reports directly to the municipality either 60 or 90 days in advance of the final public meeting; however, we strongly recommend that you do so. Instead, O. Reg. 359/09 requires the proponent to make available drafts of all project documents (including MTC and MNR written comments) to the public

and Aboriginal communities and post it on the proponent's website (if one exists) at least 60 days before the final public meeting.

Burk's Falls West Solar Project -

Given that the project location has changed to a new site as described below, the Ministry is of the view that Northland Power must commence the O. Reg. 359/09 process in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 as it currently reads. This will include distributing and publishing new notices, holding the minimum two public meetings and preparing the required project documentation. With respect to municipal consultation, Northland Power will be required to: (1) distribute the municipal consultation form and draft PDR to the municipality at least 30 days before the first public meeting; and (2) distribute drafts of all documents (with the exception of MTC and MNR written comments) to the municipality at least 90 days before the final public meeting (as per section 18 of O. Reg. 359/09).

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Sandra

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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 20, 2011 7:24 AM
To: Guido, Sandra (ENE)
Cc: Santos, Narren (ENE); Tom Hockin; Mike Lord; Arnold, Kimberley; 334844
Subject: RE: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Hi Sandra,

Things are well on my end and I hope your maternity leave went well also. Welcome back; you are certainly getting to dive back into the thick of the REA!

I've answered your questions in your e-mail below.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sean

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From: Guido, Sandra (ENE) [mailto:Sandra.Guido@ontario.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 5:36 PM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Santos, Narren (ENE)
Subject: FW: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation
Importance: High

Hi Sean,

Hope you're doing well. I've just returned back from maternity leave and Narren has forwarded me your questions below to respond to.

Before being able to provide you with a response, I do have some questions about the status of both solar projects.

1. Glendale Solar Project:

- a. How many public meetings have occurred? From your e-mail, it wasn't clear whether the meeting planned for early August is the final public meeting or an additional meeting to discuss the change in project location only? Please confirm. *There has been one public meeting to date, held last summer. The meeting in early August is an additional meeting for the purposes of advertising the change in Project location. We are expecting to get our final confirmation letter (MTC) this week and are therefore hoping to have the final public meeting at end of September.*
- b. If the final meeting is being planned for August, how much notice have you given the municipality? *n/a, however that is the intent of this question, how much notice do we need to give the municipality, 60 or 90 days?*
- c. Has the capacity of the project changed in any way as a result of removing the northern portion and adding 10 acres elsewhere? *No, the Project is still 10 MW*
- d. As a result of the shift in project location, does the NHA need to be revised or does it cover the entire project boundary? *No, the change was identified prior to the NHA being confirmed. We have received MNR confirmation on the NHA reports that reflect the revised Project location.*
- e. As a result of the shift in project location, does the cultural/heritage assessments need to be revised or does it cover the entire project boundary? *Yes, additional archaeological studies were required, these have been completed and we expect MTC confirmation this week. No additional heritage studies were required (the field is a corn field).*

2. Burk's Falls West Solar Project:

- a. Given that the project proposed is now in a completely new site, can you clarify whether the NMA or Cultural/heritage assessments have been completed to reflect the new project location? *NHA reports have been completed on the new Project location and are with MNR Parry Sound for review. We are hoping to get comments or a confirmation letter this week. The archaeological field work has been completed and we expect the report to be submitted to MTC this week or next.*

Thank you in advance for your response.

Regards,
Sandra

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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 18, 2011 1:33 PM
To: Santos, Narren (ENE)
Cc: Tom Hockin; Mike Lord; Arnold, Kimberley; 334844
Subject: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation
Importance: High

Hi Narren,

Thank you for returning my call last week. We are working on two projects for Northland Power where we are looking for some clarity on the requirements under the REA process, primarily around timelines prior to final public meeting for municipality review. I'll outline the situations below.

1. Glendale Solar Project – Through various studies during the REA process, it was decided that the Project location should be revised out of the northern portion of the original property, however in order to meet capacity requirements, an additional 10 acre agricultural field was added to the Project location (as shown in the attached mapping). We are having a public meeting early in August to advertise this change in the Project location, but we are wondering whether or not we need to have a 90 day municipal review period, or if the original Notice of Proposal submitted in 2010 still applies and we can stick to the 60 day municipal review period.
2. Burk's Falls West Solar Project – As a result of reasons beyond Northland Power's control, we have had to change properties on which the Project is situated (it is now approximately 0.5 km east of the original Project location). Similar to the above, we are intending on having another public meeting at the end of August to advertise this change in the Project location, but would like to confirm whether the original Notice of Proposal still applies, and therefore whether a 60 or 90 day municipal review period would be required. I have attached maps of the original and revised Project locations, and as indicated in my message, a revised Project Description Report has already been provided to Ms. Dumais in order to confirm that the aboriginal list previously provided for the Project remains applicable.

If possible, can you please provide a response to these questions this week as we will need to publish a notice around the Burk's Falls West project public meeting next week and we want to make sure we are meeting all requirements?

Thanks,

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July 26, 2011

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Subject: Notice of Public Meeting: Northland Power: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

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In accordance with Section 16 (3) of Ontario Reg. 359/09, an updated draft "Project Description Report" and associated information pertaining to this Project and about Northland Power can be found online at: www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Project.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

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Yours truly,



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Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

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July 26, 2011

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Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

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September 7, 2011

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McRae, Elizabeth

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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Tom Hockin; 334844
Subject: RE: Alternate BFW
Attachments: L.1-2 C.8 Armour Township.htm; photos Mag River Lots 12 Con 8 Armour.htm; Mag River wetland June 7 10 103.jpg; Mag River wetland June 7 10 095.jpg; Mag River wetland June 7 10 098.jpg; Mag River wetland June 7 10 100.jpg; contours.jpg

Hi Sean,

I have some comments to your questions...

a) We only have estimates based on the contour lines for this area. Please see the attached email response from Dorothy (L.1-2C.8 Armour Township.htm). I have also attached a map of the contour information that we have. Based on this information the wetland would be within the flood plain, but exact elevations are unknown.

b) It was decided at the time of the evaluation that these wetlands not be part of the assessments because the evaluation was done in response to development pressures related to the Ryerson Official Plan. As well, the evaluators found that along parts of the river these communities were becoming discontinuous and not clearly exhibiting some of the characteristics that are defined in the OWES procedure (as you say, there is the tree line between the river and the wetland). Also, the assessors did not have access to digital photography at the time and thus these wetlands were not flagged for evaluation. Another challenge may have been landowner permission.

c) These wetland communities should have been evaluated as part of the Magnetawan River PSW (including the wetland on the south part of Lot 1, Con 8 in Ryerson on the south side of the river). If it is decided that an OWES assessment be undertaken, these wetlands would be added to the Magnetawan PSW and the file would be amended, but for RE projects, you also have the option of assuming significance and using Appendix C to help determine impacts/mitigation. As for Species at Risk, the PSW file only found snapping turtles during their evaluation. We are lacking SAR information for these locations, so I would use the SAR Tool list for Armour twp to help screen SAR for this area.

In addition, our wetland biologist flew this area last year and she attached some photos that I think might be helpful for your evaluation (description of photos is in the other htm attachment).

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Cheers,
Phung

Phung Tran

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Parry Sound District MNR
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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: March 3, 2011 9:47 AM
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Subject: FW: Alternate BFW

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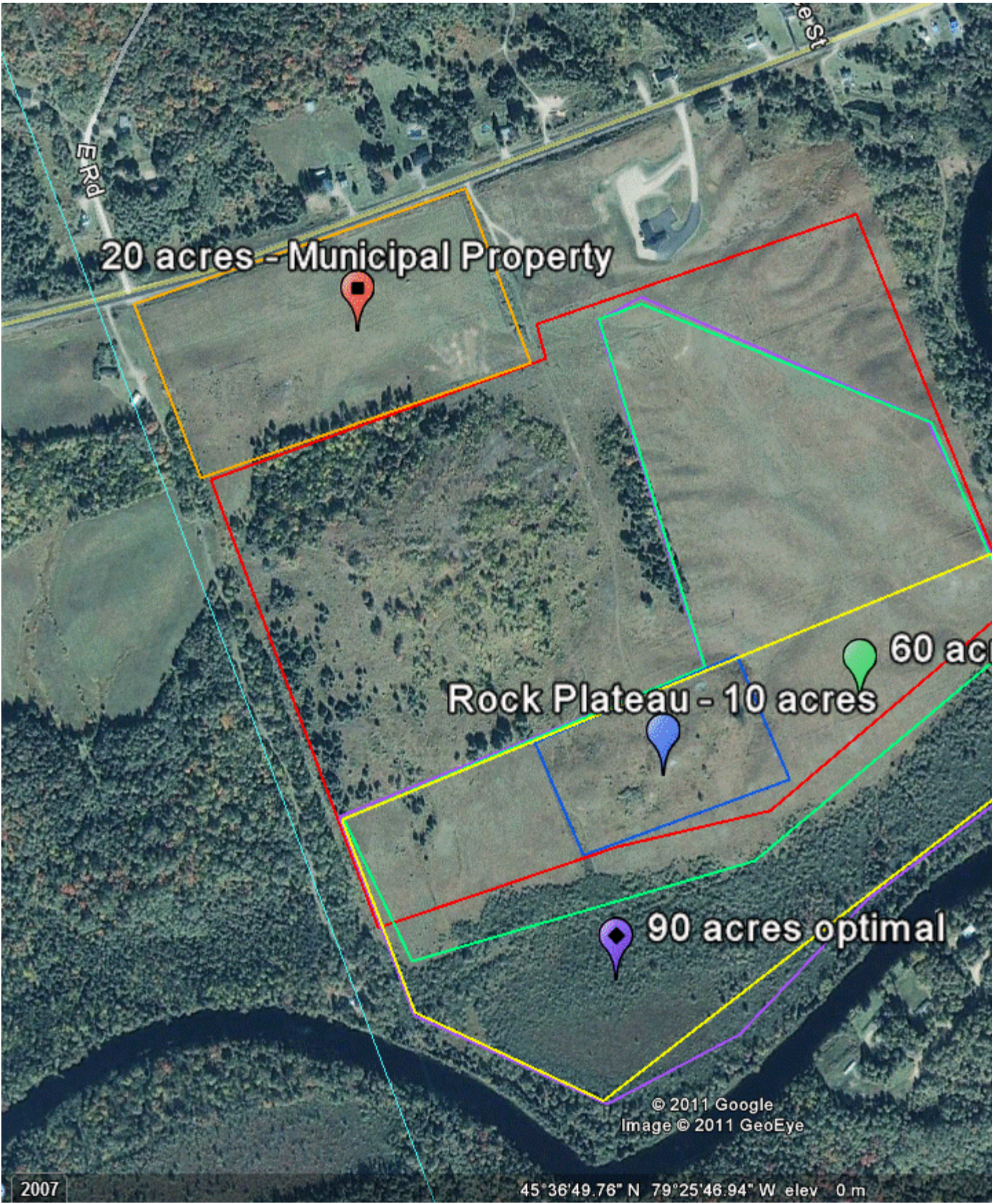
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Sent: March 3, 2011 2:02 PM
To: Tran, Phung (MNR)
Subject: L.1-2, C.8, Armour Township

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Hi Phung:

Further to your request to me about flood elevations along the Magnetawan River in this area I can advise that:

- Based on a 2009 engineered flood hazard assessment by MNR engineers in Ryerson Township (for the Magnetawan River between Stirling Creek and the hamlet of Magnetawan), MNR **estimated** that the 1:100 year flood elevation in Lot 1, Concession 1 in Ryerson Township is approximately 284.9 m. above Canadian Geodetic Datum. So the flood elevation on the subject property would be somewhat higher than that elevation.
- An older MNR conservative estimate of the 1:100 year flood elevation at the base of the dam in Burk's Falls was 286.5 m. above CGD, so the flood elevation at the subject property would be less than that elevation.
- The wetland would be within the 1:100 year flood plain, but beyond that the precise boundaries and elevation are not known.

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Dorothy

Dorothy Shaver

District Planner
Parry Sound District
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Telephone: 705-773-4231

From: McDonnell, Jan (MNR)

Sent: March 9, 2011 9:14 AM

To: Tran, Phung (MNR)

Subject: photos Mag River Lots 1&2, Con 8, Armour

Attachments: Mag River wetland June 7 10 103.jpg; Mag River wetland June 7 10 095.jpg; Mag River wetland June 7 10 098.jpg; Mag River wetland June 7 10 100.jpg

Hi Phung, here are a couple of the photos I took on June 7, 2010 of the Mag River in the vicinity of Lots 1&2, Con 8 in Armour. You can share these with the solar proponent.

Photo 95 looking east towards Burks Falls with Lots 1&2 on left side of photo

Photo 98 looking west with Lots 1&2 on right side of photo

Photo 100 looking northeast showing much of the property (Burks Falls visible in distance)

Photo 103 looking east with property on left side of photo

Jan









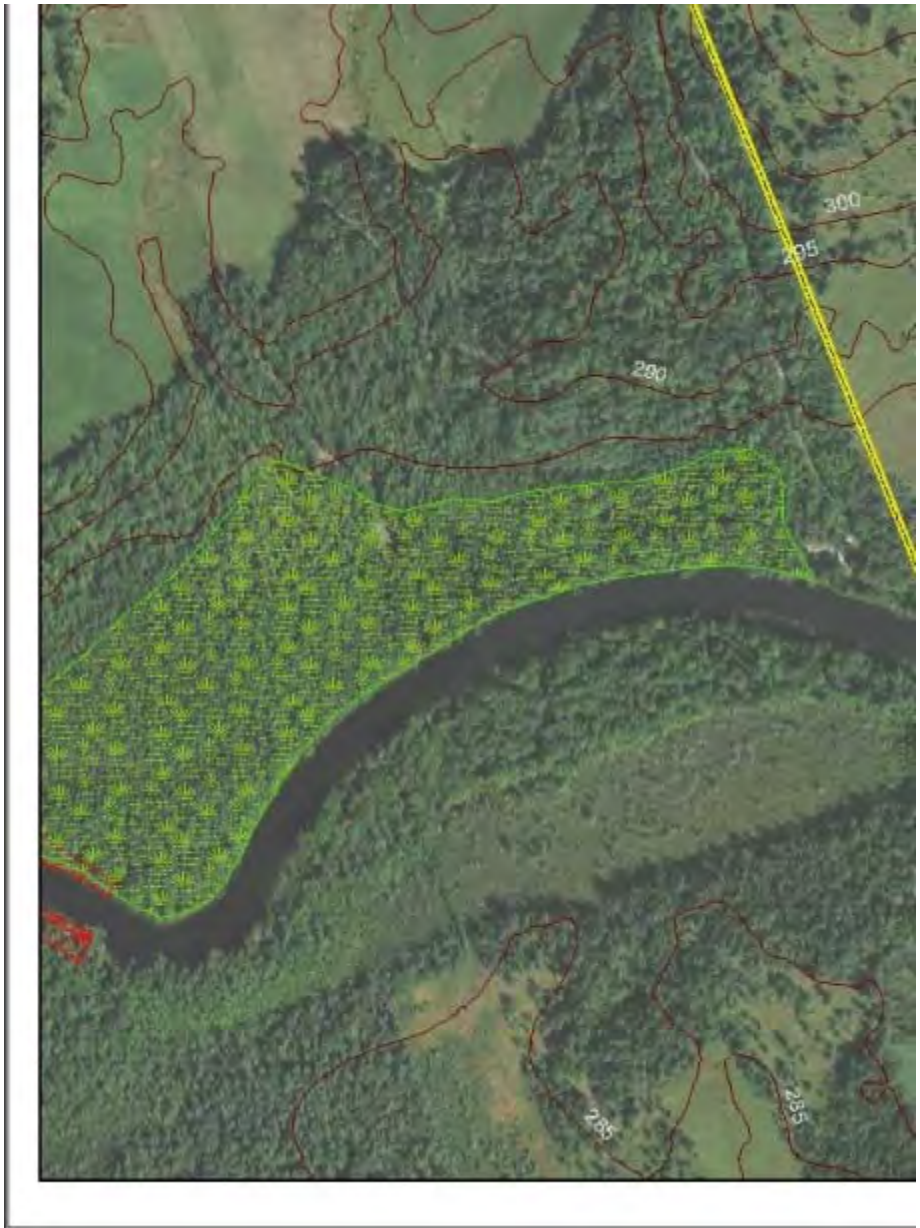






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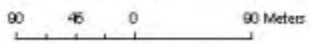


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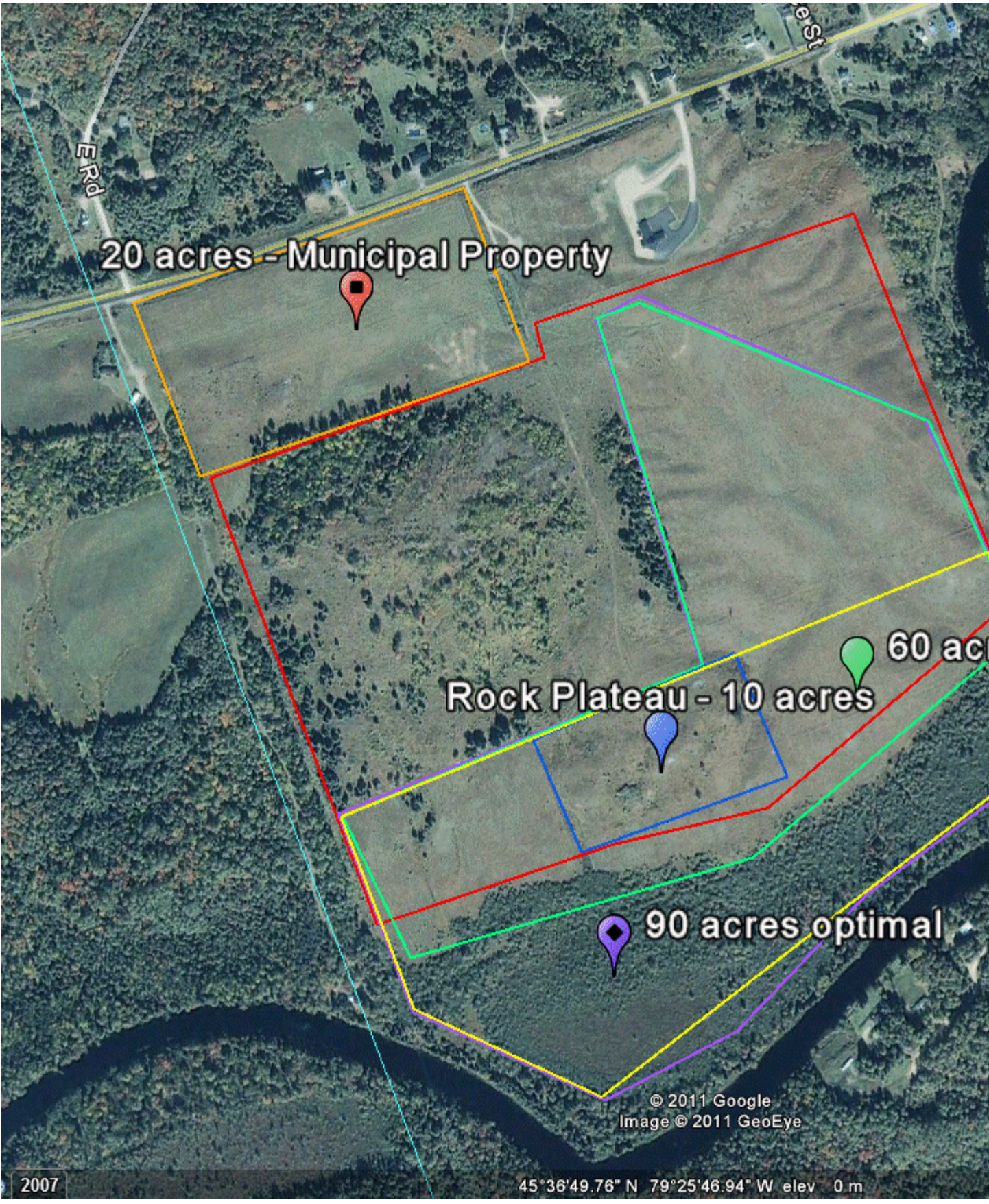
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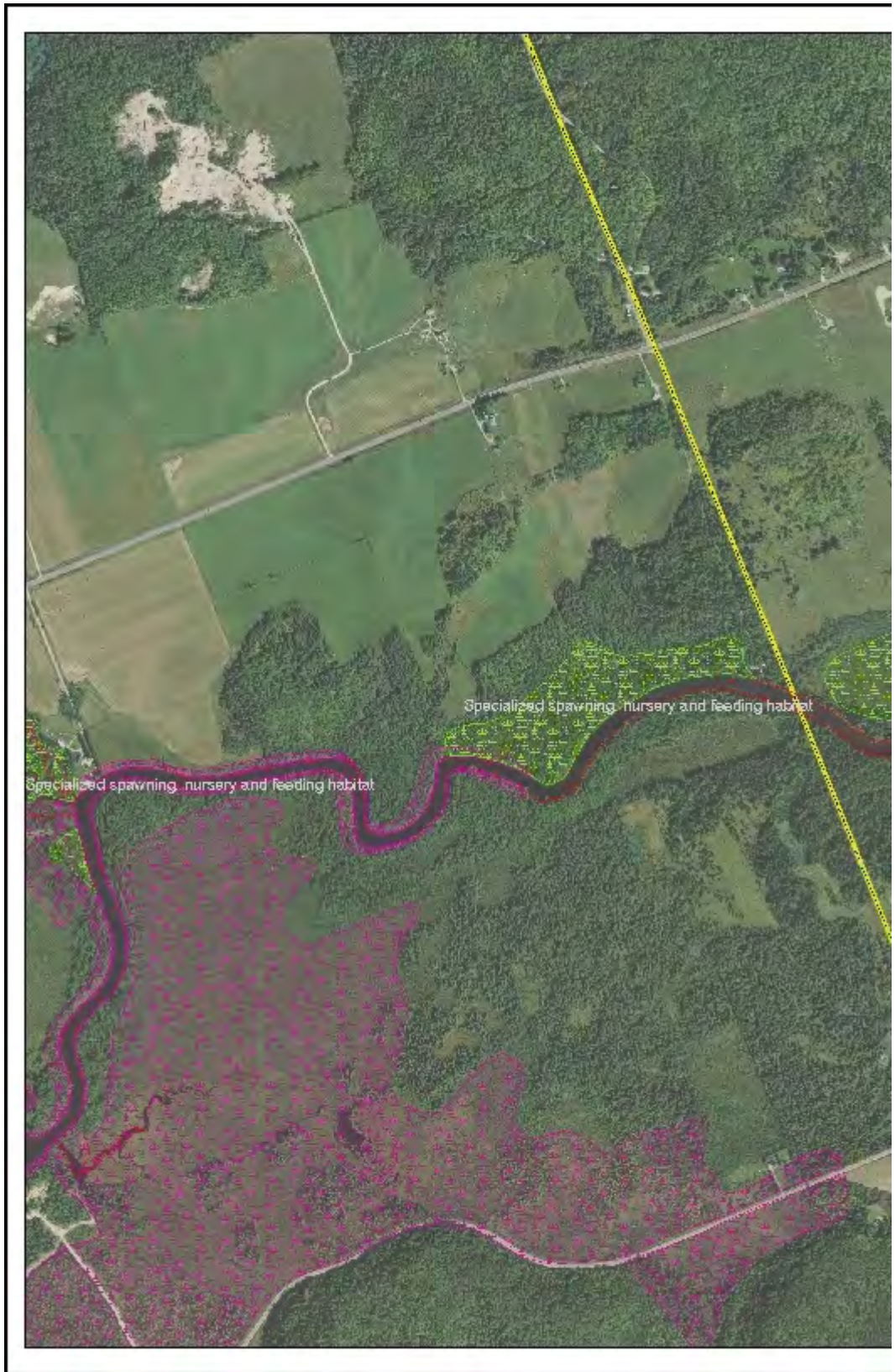
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


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To: 'Shaver, Dorothy (MNR)'
Cc: Tran, Phung (MNR); 'Tom Hockin'; 334844
Subject: Northland Power - Submission of Burk's Falls West NH Reports

Hi Dorothy,

I am pleased to be submitting the Natural Heritage reports in support of the Renewable Energy Approval application for the new Burk's Falls West Solar Project, hereafter and in the reports referred to as the Burk's Falls West Solar Project. I have uploaded the reports to our FTP site; login information for accessing the documents is provided below:

FTP site: <ftp.hatch.ca>
Login: 334844
Password: Crew87PoW!

At this point we would appreciate you reviewing this material as soon as you possibly can. If you have any questions or comments through your review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Sean

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July 21, 2011

Sean Male, REA Co-ordinator
HATCH
Niagara Falls, Ont.,

Dear Mr. Male:

SUBJECT: Burk's Falls West Solar Project: Natural Heritage Reports

We have reviewed the 3 NHA reports that you sent us on July 6, 2011 (Records Review Report, Site Investigation Report, and Evaluation of Significance Report) along with the accompanying Environmental Impact Study. We also reviewed the revised layout map (Appendix A to the EIS) which you sent on July 7. We provide the following comments and recommendations, which include both major concerns and some minor comments for your consideration. The major concerns preclude us issuing a confirmation letter at this point; the most significant of these is the proposed setback only 5 metres from the assumed provincially significant wetland.

A. RECORDS REVIEW REPORT:

1. **Section 2.1.1 (p.8):** We see that there is no mention that MNR provided advice that Eastern Hog-nosed Snake is known to occur in Armour Township and Blanding's Turtle is presumed to occur. This advice was provided in December 2010 and March 2011 (by e-mail from Phung Tran) as well as in our May 20, 2011 teleconference. We assume that these are not identified because they will be covered in the APRD document.

B. SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT:

1. **Figure 4.1:** We ask that the ELC boundaries be identified. While we are able to infer these for many of the communities, the clarity of boundaries is necessary to understand the extent of the CUT1 and FOD5-4 communities.
2. **Section 4.3.1.1 (p.23):** The text under "Reptile hibernacula" relates to the Burk's Falls East solar site not the subject site. This section should be replaced with the appropriate assessment for the Burk's Falls West site.
3. **Section 4.3.1.2 (p.24):** The justification regarding "Shrub/ Early Succession Bird Breeding Habitat" should be tightened. Although willow flycatchers were heard in the wetland, is there not a likelihood that they could be using shrub habitat in proximity to the wetland (either in the project location or on a nearby property)? This is an issue of clarity, since we agree that the shrub habitat that you have identified would not meet the 30 ha preferred size criteria and thus would not likely be significant wildlife habitat.
4. **Section 4.3.1.4:** We question why the wetland **adjacent to** the Magnetawan River is not identified as an "Animal Movement Corridor" in this and subsequent sections. The Evaluation of Significance Report (Section 4.1.4, p.14) implies that the "shoreline" of the

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river would be part of the animal movement corridor. We recommend that the animal movement corridor include the shoreline and the riparian vegetation adjacent to the river.

C. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE REPORT:

1. **Section 4.1.2.2 (p.11):** We suggest that the last sentence in this section be reworded for clarity.
2. **Sections 4.2 and 5.1:** It appears to us that these sections should also identify the June 15 site evaluation.
3. **Section 5.0:** We ask that the last sentence of this paragraph be revised to read "... *the wetland communities ... are **assumed to be complexed** ...*" since the report does not address the "Characterization Table" requirements. We do agree with your assumption.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY:

1. **Section 3:** Contrary to the last paragraph in this section, the Site Layout in Appendix A does not identify the inverter, transformer and fence locations as far as we can determine. We have inferred the depiction of the solar panels and roads.
2. **Section 3.1 (Table 3.1):**
 - a) The first bullet point under "Installation of Support Structures" indicates that there would be "*approximately 7100 piles*" created. It seems to us an unusual coincidence that this is exactly the same number of piles identified for the Burk's Falls East solar proposal, although it appears that the area proposed for panels for this site would be larger than the area at the BF East site.
 - b) It would seem appropriate for this table to reflect the intent to plant vegetation beneath the solar panels identified in Section 4.3.1.
3. **Sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2:** Daily visual monitoring may not be sufficient to avoid incidental take of milksnakes (and turtles). We recommend that a commitment be made that a person will specifically inspect the path in front of the equipment (as far ahead as it is safe to do so) to identify animals **immediately** before mowing and other activities that may negatively impact snakes and turtles is undertaken.
4. **Section 4.1.2:**
 - a) In the 2nd paragraph, the 3rd sentence should be clarified to be consistent with Section 3.2 which indicates that there will be "no regular on-site employees".
 - b) The time of year that vegetation management / mowing will occur should be identified. In particular, if feasible, it would be advantageous to milksnake if mowing could wait until sometime in the fall.
5. **Section 4.1.3:** The time of year that decommissioning will be carried out should be specified. That timing should be consistent with minimizing impacts on the various significant species identified, including milksnake.

6. Section 4.2.1:

- a) In the 1st paragraph, the last sentence should be more definitive as to the time of year that construction will occur. The current wording of “*primarily occur during the summer months*” does not justify the conclusion that there will be “*no impact to over-wintering turtles*”, including when turtles are emerging (and dispersing) in the spring and returning in the fall. We agree that summer would likely be the best time for construction work.
- b) In the 3rd paragraph, it seems to us that “*Activities*” should be replaced by “*Negative environmental effects*” to reflect the following subsections.

- 7. Section 4.2.1.1 and 4.2.2.1:** These sections should identify the grade of the slopes and further detail the over-all risk of erosion on these lands. It appears to us that the slopes are sufficiently steep to result in a high risk of erosion. It is our view that the orientation of the roads, with accompanying ditches would significantly add to that risk of erosion and subsequent sedimentation. Furthermore, Section 4.2.2.1 points out that “*Precipitation running off each solar panel face will be concentrated at the point where it intercepts the ground surface and therefore, could potentially have more erosive force than normal diffuse precipitation patterns*”. These risks should be more fully addressed, and the layout should ensure that erosion is minimized.

8. Section 4.2.1.1:

- a) On page 16, the 5th bullet point should clarify that erosion control matting will be of a mesh that does not have the potential to trap snakes and turtles etc. We will provide you with a size recommendation later this summer.
- b) On page 17, the bullet point about revegetation (and relevant other locations) should specify that **native** plant species will be planted to replace the vegetation that has been removed.

- 9. Section 4.2.2.1:** Regarding the 3rd sentence, we question the accuracy of the depiction of “*dense ground cover vegetation beneath the solar panels*”.

- 10. Section 4.3:** With the current rationale, we cannot accept a 5 metre setback from the boundary of the wetland that is assumed to be provincially significant. It is our position that a 5 m buffer would not mitigate negative impacts on the wetland animals that would be associated with this assumed PSW or ensure that the integrity of the wetland communities is maintained. Since the upland area will be covered in solar panels, it will no longer be suitable for much wildlife use, as well as decreasing the permeability of the upland area. The potential for erosion on the steep slopes, as discussed under comment D(7) above adds to our concerns. Furthermore, the potential for pumping of groundwater from the excavation for transformer inverter pads (as per Section 4.3.1.1) would result in discharge of the pumped liquid into the narrow buffer area and thence into the assumed PSW.

- 11. Section 4.3.1 (p.22):** The references to the Mattagami River should be corrected.

- 12. Section 4.3.1.3:** The precise watercourses where the “30m buffer” will be applied should be specified.

13. Appendix A:

- Further to our Comment D(1), the Site Layout should include a legend which identifies the symbolization for all components shown on the layout, including solar panels, inverter, transformer, fencing and access roads.
- The “Available Area Boundary” identified on the layout is not consistent with the “Project Location” shown in Figure 1.1. One of these should be revised so that they are consistent.
- We wonder about the intended uses of the lands in the area of the FOD5-4 community.
- The location of the proposed fencing should be identified.
- The layout inappropriately shows solar panels encroaching over the boundary of the “Available Area Boundary”.

We understand that your first public meeting is scheduled for August 29. Any natural heritage information provided through that process will need to be incorporated into the Evaluation of Significance Report, as well as the EIS if significant features are identified.

We look forward to resolution of the above comments and issuing a confirmation letter for your proposal. Please don't hesitate to contact either Phung or me to discuss any aspect of this letter. I note that I will be on vacation from July 22 to August 5 inclusive.

Sincerely,

Dorothy

Dorothy Shaver
District Planner
Parry Sound District

cc. Phung Tran, Landscape Planning Biologist, Parry Sound district, MNR;
Andrea Fleischhauer, Southern Region Planning Unit, MNR;

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Subject: RE: BFW - Wetland setback

Hi Sean,

I apologize for not returning your call yesterday. I ended up having to go to Parry Sound for the afternoon and I am technically on my holidays starting today!

What we would like to see in the report is a clear rationale as to why a 5 m setback is going to be adequate. As the wetland is assumed PSW, the rationale must be a strong one. I realize that you did not use the wetland characterization method to assume that the wetland is PSW, but the table does provide some details regarding impacts to consider for wetlands (i.e. hydrology, topography/slope). Also, it is not clear on the mapping where there will be a 5 m encroachment toward the PSW. As I understood from the report, 5 m is the closest but in other areas the setback is further? You may also want to include that the site is constrained for space since that is not apparent on the mapping, as you mentioned.

Please give me a call to discuss further. I am on holidays next week and returning on the 8th (although in a meeting from 10-2).

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Hi Phung,

I am working through the comments on BFW right now and just wanted to inquire as to the wetland setback. We have proposed and obtained confirmation letters for provincially significant wetland setbacks of 5m in other areas. Though this isn't a lot of untouched upland adjacent to the wetland, I consider it unlikely that wildlife communities in this wetland, given that it is primarily shrub thicket, are very reliant on those upland communities. Were there a waterfowl nesting area in the adjacent upland, I could see a greater dependency, but in this case that does not appear too evident to me. Can you provide me with some more rationale around what the potentially impacted wildlife support functions are so that I can this further?

Also, is there a setback that MNR is ultimately looking for? This Project, though it may not appear so on the layout, is ultimately constrained for space (there is an error our mapping whereby we had included the northwestern ag field in our Project location, however this is not available for the Project). Increasing the setback from the wetland community may have implications on the size of the Project and therefore the business case for this facility.

Thanks Phung,

Sean

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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Gibson, Melissa
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 3:53 PM
To: dorothy.shaver@ontario.ca; phung.tran@ontario.ca
Cc: Male, Sean; Tom Hockin; 334844
Subject: Northland - Burk's Falls West reports on FTP site

Hi Dorothy and Phung,

On behalf of Sean Male, the updated Burk's Falls West reports are now available on Northland FTP site, in a folder entitled " REA Reports for MNR Parry Sound." Let me know if you have any difficulties getting them off the site,

Thanks,

Melissa

Melissa Gibson B.Sc

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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Shaver, Dorothy (MNR) [dorothy.shaver@ontario.ca]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Tom Hockin; Tran, Phung (MNR); Fleischhauer, Andrea (MNR)
Subject: BurksFallsWest Solar_Aug.29 2011
Attachments: BurksFallsWest Solar_Aug.29 2011.doc

Hi Sean:

See our comments and recommendations, attached. Do call if you wish further discussion. I'll be in a telecon most of this afternoon, but otherwise available most of this week.

Dorothy

Dorothy Shaver

District Planner
Parry Sound District
Ministry of Natural Resources

Telephone: 705-773-4231

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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Shaver, Dorothy (MNR) [dorothy.shaver@ontario.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 4:45 PM
To: Male, Sean; Tran, Phung (MNR)
Cc: Tom Hockin; 334844; Fleischhauer, Andrea (MNR)
Subject: RE: BFW with 50 metres setbacks

Sean and Tom:

Thanks for providing this figure showing the location of the 50m and 30m setback options. Based on the same rationale identified in Section D.6 of our August 29 letter, we accept the following:

- Fence line to be located a minimum of:
 - 5 metres from the boundary of the meadow marsh community; and
 - 15 metres from the boundaries of the 2 finger wetlands; and
 - 50 metres from the boundary of the alder thicket swamp **west** of the eastern finger marsh and **east** of the easternmost drainage channel; and
 - 30 metres from the boundary of the alder thicket swamp **east** of the eastern finger marsh and **west** of the easternmost drainage channel.
- No roads to be located adjacent to the fence line; and
- Solar panels to be located a minimum 5 metres back from the fence line where the fence is based on a 30 metre setback from the thicket swamp.
- Sediment and erosion control plan to be prepared during the detailed design, and stamped by a qualified professional engineer, that will identify the mitigation measures that will be implemented to ensure erosion and sedimentation are controlled and that the wetland is protected.
- We modify our comment regarding the revegetation of the slopes, such that native vegetation will be used **to the extent feasible**, where consistent with protecting the slopes from erosion.

Let us know if this requires further discussion. Thanks for the telecon this afternoon.

Dorothy

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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 3:14 PM
To: Shaver, Dorothy (MNR); Tran, Phung (MNR)
Cc: Tom Hockin; 334844
Subject: BFW with 50 metres setbacks
Importance: High

Hi Dorothy and Phung,

Please see attached a figure showing various options. The black option was our original project location. The red option shows the Project location with a 30 m setback from the thicket swamp (or 5 m from the marsh) and a 15 m setback from the finger wetlands. The orange option shows the Project location with a 50 m setback from the thicket swamp (or

5 m from the marsh) and a 15 m setback from the finger wetlands. Northland has been considering things further, and they can commit to a 50 m setback in most areas, with the exception of a run across the middle of the southern portion of the site where a 30 m setback is really required for efficient design of the Project. This area, thankfully, corresponds with an area of more gradual topography which would support a reduced setback.

If you could please review the attached and consider this request, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further this afternoon. I unfortunately am about to get on a conference call that is scheduled to run until 5, though I am really hoping to be off of it sooner. Are you around later this afternoon to discuss? I can call you as soon as I am off the phone and we can jump on the conference call line again.

Thanks,

Sean

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September 2, 2011

Sean Male,
Terrestrial Ecologist, Environmental Assessment & Management
HATCH
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Dear Mr. Male:

SUBJECT: Burk's Falls West Solar Project: Natural Heritage Reports

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's (MOE's) Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study submitted by Northland Power for the Burk's Falls West Solar Project located in Armour Township. These reports are dated August 25, 2011 and submitted to MNR on August 31, 2011.

In accordance with Section 28(2) and 38(2)(b) of the Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) regulation, MNR provides the following confirmations following review of the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study reports:

1. The MNR confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
2. The MNR confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
3. The MNR confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
4. The MNR confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.
5. The MNR confirms that the environmental impact assessment report has been prepared in accordance with procedures established by the MNR.

In accordance with Sections 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c) of the REA regulation, MNR also offers the following comments in respect of the above reports:

- a) Figure 4.1 of the Site Investigation Report should be revised to reflect only the agreed upon setbacks identified on p.22 of the Environmental Impact Study.

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- b) The preliminary layout at the back of the Environmental Impact Study should be revised to reflect the agreed upon setbacks and road restrictions identified on p.22 of that report.

This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, dated August 25, 2011, including those sections describing the Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan and Construction Plan Report. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter these reports, MNR may need to undertake additional review of the reports.

Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNR expects that these commitments will be considered in MOE's Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

In accordance with S.12 (1) of the REA Regulation, this letter must be included as part of your application submitted to the MOE for a Renewable Energy Approval.

Please be aware that your project may be subject to additional legislative approvals as outlined in the Ministry of Natural Resources' *Approvals and Permitting Requirements Document*. These approvals are required prior to the construction of your renewable energy facility.

If you wish to discuss any part of this confirmation letter or the additional comments provided, please contact Dorothy Shaver, District Planner (telephone: 705-773-4231; or e-mail: dorothy.shaver@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

original signed by
A. Heerschap

Andy Heerschap
District Manager
Parry Sound District

cc. Jim Beal, Renewable Energy Provincial Field Program Coordinator, Regional Operations Division, MNR;
Andrea Fleischhauer, Southern Region Planning Unit, MNR;
Narren Santos, Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, MOE;
Tom Hockin, Northland Power, Toronto.

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August 31, 2011

Mr. Tom Hockin
Northland Power
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Toronto, ON M4V 3A1

RE: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Lots 1 - 3, Concession 8, Township of Armour, Parry Sound District.

FIT#: FIT-FUDV9JL

IRIMS: HD00640

PIFs: P007- 336-2011, P007-337-2011

Dear Proponent:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's written comments as required by s. 22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding archaeological assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report(s) you have submitted for this project, the Ministry believes the archaeological assessment complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the licence terms and conditions and the Ministry's 1993 Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines or the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (whichever apply). Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the Report(s).*

The report(s) recommends the following:

Report for PIF P083-085-2010, entitled "Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments Burk's Falls West Solar project, FIT-FUDV9JL, Town of Burk's Falls, Armour Township, Parry Sound District, Ontario" dated August 12, 2011, received by MTC Toronto Office August 15, 2011, recommends:

Findspot 1, located just east of the proposed access road in the north of the project lands, consist[s] of a scatter of 883 Euro-Canadian artifacts. This archaeological site, named Burk's Falls West 1, has been assigned Borden number BjGu-16. Based on the criteria set out in section 2.2 of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consulting Archaeologists*, this site was found to possess sufficient CHVI [cultural heritage value or interest] to warrant a Stage 3 Site-Specific Assessment or avoidance through appropriate setbacks.

Subsequent to ARA's Stage 2 assessment at Burk's Falls West, it was realized that the original project mapping had been revised. This revision involved the reduction and reconfiguration of the overall study area. Although all of the new project limits were included in the Stage 2 property assessment, the majority of Findspot 1 now extends beyond the limits of the project lands and will be free from impact. Only nine positive test pits (an area of approximately 220m²) of Findspot 1 remain within the project lands. Based on these findings, ARA recommends that the portion of Burk's Falls West 1 (BjGu-16) that falls within the revised project limits be subjected to a Stage 3 – Site Specific Assessment or avoidance through appropriate setbacks.

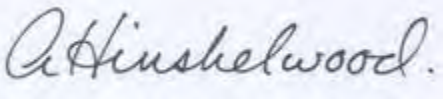
Implicit in the recommendations made is the understanding that there are no further archaeological concerns for the balance of the subject property, illustrated in Maps 19 and 20 of the report reviewed by the Ministry. The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the Ontario *Heritage Act*. A separate letter addressing archaeological licensing obligations under the Act will be sent to the archaeologist who completed the assessment and will be copied to you.

This letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals of the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary approvals or licences.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Andrew Hinshelwood
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Paul Racher
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Kitchener, ON N2M 4E3

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Appendix F

Correspondence with Municipalities

July 26, 2011

Wendy Whitwell, Clerk
Township of Armour
56 Ontario Street, P.O. Box 533
Burk's Falls, ON P0A 1C0

Dear Ms. Whitwell:

**Subject: Notice of Public Meeting
DRAFT Project Description Report for Public Review
Northland Power - Burk's Falls West Solar Project**

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A change in the Project location has occurred and Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of this new Project, and we are providing the attached documents to further this consultation. Please find attached a copy of the "Notice of Public Meeting". This Notice will be published in the *Almaguin News* on July 28, 2011 and August 4, 2011.

Also, please find enclosed a copy of the updated Draft "Project Description Report" for the proposed Project. The Project Description Report provides a summary of the proposed Project's design and of the preliminary findings of the environmental and associated studies. In accordance with the Ministry of Environment (MOE)'s requirements, can you please ensure that this copy is available for public review within your local municipal office. If you are unable to make this report available for public review, please notify us, so we can make alternate arrangements.

The Draft Project Description Report and further information about this Project and about Northland Power can also be found on-line at: www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-374-5200 or smale@hatch.ca.

Yours faithfully,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator
SKM:mg
Attachment:
Project Description Report: Burk's Falls West Solar Project
Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

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July 27, 2011

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Dear Ms. Whitwell:

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Please find enclosed a copy of the Draft Renewable Energy Approval supporting documents for the proposed Project. This includes the Construction Plan Report, Design and Operation Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report, Heritage Checklist, Water Body Assessment Reports and Natural Heritage Assessment Reports. In accordance with the Ministry of Environment (MOE)'s requirements, these documents are being provided for your review 90 days prior to the Final Public Meeting. These documents are not to be made available for public review at this time, additional copies will be sent at a later date for public review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-374-5200 or smale@hatch.ca.

Yours faithfully,



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Attachment:

Draft Construction Plan Report – Burk's Falls West Solar Project
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Draft Water Body Assessment Reports – Burk's Falls West Solar Project
Draft Heritage Checklist – Burk's Falls West Solar Project

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September 7, 2011

Wendy Whitwell, Clerk, Township of Armour
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September 8, 2011

Wendy Whitwell, Clerk
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Burk's Falls, Ontario
POA 1C0

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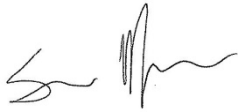
The final Public Meeting for this Project is occurring from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario. A Notice will be posted in *The Almaguin News* on September 8, 2011 and October 6, 2011. The Notice also indicates that the supporting documents required to be prepared under the REA process will be released for a 60-day review period, commencing on September 9, 2011.

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Additionally, please find enclosed an updated copy of the REA documents for the proposed Burk's Falls West Solar project for the Municipality's review. Please replace the copies previously provided to yourself on July 26, 2011 with these updated copies. We request that you provide any comments you may have and provide the completed Municipal Consultation Form, previously provided, by the end of the 60-day review period.

Additional copies of the supporting documents are available on line at www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-374-5200 or smale@hatch.ca.

Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator
SKM:mg

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cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

McRae, Elizabeth

From: Wendy Whitwell [clerk@armourtownship.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 12:13 PM
To: Male, Sean
Subject: RE: Requests for Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Hi Sean

Please be advised of the following:

Question 1. Yes, Magnetawan River. The area along the bank of the Mag in this location are a numbered wetland on an MNR Inventory. If you require assistance with getting this information from MNR we could possibly assist with that.

Question 2. No. As I am sure you are aware, archaeology clearance from Ministry of Culture regarding setback because of the close proximity to the River will be required.

Sean our planner does have detailed information regarding soils for this site, along with a map, if that information is helpful to you.

Thank you

Wendy

From: Male, Sean [<mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca>]
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:29 AM
To: wendy
Cc: Tom Hockin; Gibson, Melissa; 334844
Subject: Requests for Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Hi Wendy,

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me today. As I mentioned, we have two specific information requests for you:

1. Does the Township have any information regarding natural heritage features (wetlands, wildlife habitats) or waterbodies on or within 120 m of the property?
2. Does the Township have any information regarding heritage features or protected properties (such as easements, notices of intention to designate the property, etc.) associated with the property in question?

If you could please circulate the second request to any local heritage committee as well (or let me know their contact information), that would be great.

Thanks,

Sean

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July 26, 2011

Linda Meyer,
South East Parry Sound District Board
172 Ontario Street, PO Box 269
Burk's Falls, On
P0A 1C0

Dear Ms. Meyer:

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting
DRAFT Project Description Report for Public Review
Northland Power - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

As you are aware, Northland Power is proposing to construct a solar project within the Township of Armour. The proposed project is named the Burk's Falls West Solar Project (the "Project") and will have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. This Project requires 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.

A change in the Project location has occurred and Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of this new Project location, and we are providing the attached document to further this consultation. Please find attached a copy of the "Notice of Public Meeting". This Notice will be published in the *Almaguin News* on July 28, 2011 and August 4, 2011.

Also, please find enclosed a copy of the updated Draft "Project Description Report" for the proposed Project. The Project Description Report provides a summary of the proposed Project's design and of the preliminary findings of the environmental and associated studies.

The Draft Project Description Report and further information about this Project and about Northland Power can also be found on-line at: www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-374-5200 or smale@hatch.ca.

Yours faithfully,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator
SKM:mg
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Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
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H334844

July 26, 2011

Linda Mayer,
South East Parry Sound District Board
172 Ontario Street, PO Box 269
Burk's Falls, On P0A 1C0

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting: Northland Power: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

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A change in the Project location has occurred and Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of this new Project location, and we would like to invite you to the upcoming Public Meeting. 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 the *Almaguin News* on July 28, 2011 and August 4, 2011. The Public Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about our Project proposal and about Northland Power.

In accordance with Section 16 (3) of Ontario Reg. 359/09, an updated draft "Project Description Report" and associated information pertaining to this Project and about Northland Power can be found online at: www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Project.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

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Phone: 905-374-0701, Ext 5280 Fax: 905-374-1157
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Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
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SM:srg
Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

July 26, 2011

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South East Parry Sound District Board
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-374-5200 or smale@hatch.ca.

Yours faithfully,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
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cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

H334844

September 7, 2011

Linda Moyer, South East Parry Sound District Board
172 Ontario Street, PO Box 269
Burk's Falls, On P0A 1C0

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting - Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P (hereafter referred to as "Northland") is proposing to construct a solar project in Township of Armour, just west of the community of Burk's Falls. The proposed project is named the Burk's Falls West Solar Project (the "Project") and will have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. This Project requires 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 has retained Hatch to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the REA process.

As you are aware, Northland has initiated a public consultation program in support of the Project. This letter is inviting you to an upcoming Public Consultation Meeting. 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 the *Almaguin News* on September 8, 2011 and again on October 6, 2011.

Along with an invitation to a Public Consultation Meeting, this letter is to provide notice that the supporting documents, as per Section 16 (1) of Ontario Regulation 359/09 will be available for your review as of September 9, 2011. These documents include the Natural Heritage Reports, Water Body Reports, Construction Plan Report, Design and Operation Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Study and Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Report. As well, to aid in your review an executive summary is also provided. These reports are available on line at northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest and at the Township of Armour municipal office. Further, the information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Public Consultation Meeting from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on November 9, 2011 at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Project.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

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Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.

REA Coordinator

SM:mg

Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

H334844

September 8, 2011

Linda Moyer, Secretary-Treasurer
South-East Parry Sound District Board
172 Ontario Street, PO Box 269
Burk's Falls, Ontario
POA 1C0

Dear Ms. Moyer:

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting - Supporting Documents for Review - Northland Power - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

As you are aware, Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls West L.P is proposing to construct a solar project within the Township of Armour. The proposed project is named the Burk's Falls West Solar Project and will have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. This Project requires 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.

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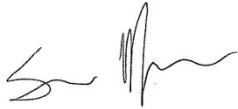
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We request that you provide any comments you may have and provide the completed Municipal Consultation Form, previously provided, by the end of the 60-day review period.

Linda Moyer
Secretary-Treasurer
South-East Parry Sound District Board
September 8, 2011

Additional copies of the supporting documents are available on line at www.northlandpower.ca/burksfallswest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-374-5200 or smale@hatch.ca.

Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
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cc: Mike Lord, Northland Power
Tom Hockin, Northland Power

Appendix G
List of Aboriginal Communities
from Ministry of the Environment

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July 30, 2010

MOE File #: NE-10-SF-0044

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

Dear Mr. Lord:

RE: Director's Aboriginal Communities List – Burks Falls Solar Projects East and West

The Ontario Ministry of Environment has reviewed the information provided in the draft of the Project Description Report (PDR) received for the Burks Falls Solar Projects East and West. We have reviewed the anticipated negative environmental effects of the project (as described in the PDR) relative to our current understanding of the interests of aboriginal communities in the area.

In accordance with section 14 of the *Renewable Energy Approval Regulation* (O.Reg. 359/09), please find below the list of Aboriginal Communities that:

- i) have or may have constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project; or*
- ii) otherwise may be interested in any negative environmental effects of the project. (O. Reg 359/09 s14(b)(i) and (ii))*

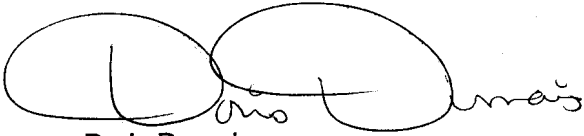
Aboriginal Community
Common Name: Reserve Name: Contact Information:
Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation Chippewas of Rama Mnjikaning First Nation 32 5884 Rama Road, Suite 200, Rama, ON L0K 1T0 Phone (705) 325-3611 Fax (705) 325-0879
Beausoleil Chippewas of Christian Island Christian Island 30, General Delivery Cedar Point, ON L0K 1C0 Phone (705) 247-2051 Fax (705) 247-2239

Chippewas of Georgina Island Chippewas of Georgina Islands First Nation RR 2, PO Box 13 Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0 Phone (705) 437-1337 Fax (705) 437-4597
Shawanaga First Nation Shawanaga 17 RR 1 Nobel, ON P0G 1G0 Phone (705) 366-2526 Fax (705) 366-2740
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Kawartha Nishnawbe Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation P.O. Box 1432 Lakefield, ON K0L 2H0

NOTE: None of the foregoing should be taken to imply approval of this project or the contents of the draft of the *Project Description Report*. This response only addresses the requirement of the Director to provide a list of aboriginal communities to you as required in s. 14 of *O. Reg. 359/09*. You should also be aware that information upon which the above comments are 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 might require additional 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 public consultation, we 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, rounded loops for the first few letters.

Doris Dumais
Director
Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch
Ministry of Environment

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

McRae, Elizabeth

From: Male, Sean
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Gibson, Melissa
Subject: FW: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.

Terrestrial Ecologist, Environmental Assessment & Management
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Niagara Falls, ON

From: Santos, Narren (ENE) [mailto:Narren.Santos@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 10:39 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Guido, Sandra (ENE)
Subject: RE: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Hi Sean:

This is a follow up to your call to Sandra this morning regarding the status of the Aboriginal List for the proposed Burke's Falls West Solar Project. This email is to confirm that despite the 500 metre movement, the Section 14 list provided for the Burke's Falls West (and East) Projects on July 30, 2010 remains valid.

Regards,
Narren

From: Guido, Sandra (ENE)
Sent: July 21, 2011 1:40 PM
To: 'Male, Sean'
Cc: Santos, Narren (ENE); 'Tom Hockin'; 'Mike Lord'; 'Arnold, Kimberley'; '334844'
Subject: RE: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Hi Sean,

Thank you for your prompt response. As requested, please see the Ministry's response below:

Glendale Solar Project -

Given the nature of the change as described below, continuing to proceed under O. Reg. 359/09 as it read prior to Jan. 1, 2011 would appear to be reasonable. You have indicated that the proponent would like to hold a separate meeting to describe the changes to the project prior to the final public meeting being held. This is acceptable and at the proponent's discretion. If you choose to hold this additional meeting, the Ministry would recommend providing notice to the parties listed in para. 5 of 15(6) and publish it in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 4 at least thirty days in advance of the meeting where you will be discussing the change. In respect of the final public meeting, you will need to comply with the rules in O. Reg 359/09 as they read before January 1, 2011.

With respect to the question of municipal consultation, under the pre-Jan. 1, 2011 rules, the proponent must provide the municipality with the municipal consultation form at least 90 days before the final public meeting is held. Under the pre-Jan 1, 2011 rules, there is no obligation to provide the draft project reports directly to the municipality either 60 or 90 days in advance of the final public meeting; however, we strongly recommend that you do so. Instead, O. Reg. 359/09 requires the proponent to make available drafts of all project documents (including MTC and MNR written comments) to the public

and Aboriginal communities and post it on the proponent's website (if one exists) at least 60 days before the final public meeting.

Burk's Falls West Solar Project -

Given that the project location has changed to a new site as described below, the Ministry is of the view that Northland Power must commence the O. Reg. 359/09 process in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 as it currently reads. This will include distributing and publishing new notices, holding the minimum two public meetings and preparing the required project documentation. With respect to municipal consultation, Northland Power will be required to: (1) distribute the municipal consultation form and draft PDR to the municipality at least 30 days before the first public meeting; and (2) distribute drafts of all documents (with the exception of MTC and MNR written comments) to the municipality at least 90 days before the final public meeting (as per section 18 of O. Reg. 359/09).

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Sandra

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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 20, 2011 7:24 AM
To: Guido, Sandra (ENE)
Cc: Santos, Narren (ENE); Tom Hockin; Mike Lord; Arnold, Kimberley; 334844
Subject: RE: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Hi Sandra,

Things are well on my end and I hope your maternity leave went well also. Welcome back; you are certainly getting to dive back into the thick of the REA!

I've answered your questions in your e-mail below.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sean

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.

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From: Guido, Sandra (ENE) [mailto:Sandra.Guido@ontario.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 5:36 PM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Santos, Narren (ENE)
Subject: FW: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation
Importance: High

Hi Sean,

Hope you're doing well. I've just returned back from maternity leave and Narren has forwarded me your questions below to respond to.

Before being able to provide you with a response, I do have some questions about the status of both solar projects.

1. Glendale Solar Project:

- a. How many public meetings have occurred? From your e-mail, it wasn't clear whether the meeting planned for early August is the final public meeting or an additional meeting to discuss the change in project location only? Please confirm. *There has been one public meeting to date, held last summer. The meeting in early August is an additional meeting for the purposes of advertising the change in Project location. We are expecting to get our final confirmation letter (MTC) this week and are therefore hoping to have the final public meeting at end of September.*
- b. If the final meeting is being planned for August, how much notice have you given the municipality? *n/a, however that is the intent of this question, how much notice do we need to give the municipality, 60 or 90 days?*
- c. Has the capacity of the project changed in any way as a result of removing the northern portion and adding 10 acres elsewhere? *No, the Project is still 10 MW*
- d. As a result of the shift in project location, does the NHA need to be revised or does it cover the entire project boundary? *No, the change was identified prior to the NHA being confirmed. We have received MNR confirmation on the NHA reports that reflect the revised Project location.*
- e. As a result of the shift in project location, does the cultural/heritage assessments need to be revised or does it cover the entire project boundary? *Yes, additional archaeological studies were required, these have been completed and we expect MTC confirmation this week. No additional heritage studies were required (the field is a corn field).*

2. Burk's Falls West Solar Project:

- a. Given that the project proposed is now in a completely new site, can you clarify whether the NMA or Cultural/heritage assessments have been completed to reflect the new project location? *NHA reports have been completed on the new Project location and are with MNR Parry Sound for review. We are hoping to get comments or a confirmation letter this week. The archaeological field work has been completed and we expect the report to be submitted to MTC this week or next.*

Thank you in advance for your response.

Regards,
Sandra

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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]

Sent: July 18, 2011 1:33 PM

To: Santos, Narren (ENE)

Cc: Tom Hockin; Mike Lord; Arnold, Kimberley; 334844

Subject: Northland Power - Revisions to Project Location and requirements under Amended REA Regulation

Importance: High

Hi Narren,

Thank you for returning my call last week. We are working on two projects for Northland Power where we are looking for some clarity on the requirements under the REA process, primarily around timelines prior to final public meeting for municipality review. I'll outline the situations below.

1. Glendale Solar Project – Through various studies during the REA process, it was decided that the Project location should be revised out of the northern portion of the original property, however in order to meet capacity requirements, an additional 10 acre agricultural field was added to the Project location (as shown in the attached mapping). We are having a public meeting early in August to advertise this change in the Project location, but we are wondering whether or not we need to have a 90 day municipal review period, or if the original Notice of Proposal submitted in 2010 still applies and we can stick to the 60 day municipal review period.
2. Burk's Falls West Solar Project – As a result of reasons beyond Northland Power's control, we have had to change properties on which the Project is situated (it is now approximately 0.5 km east of the original Project location). Similar to the above, we are intending on having another public meeting at the end of August to advertise this change in the Project location, but would like to confirm whether the original Notice of Proposal still applies, and therefore whether a 60 or 90 day municipal review period would be required. I have attached maps of the original and revised Project locations, and as indicated in my message, a revised Project Description Report has already been provided to Ms. Dumais in order to confirm that the aboriginal list previously provided for the Project remains applicable.

If possible, can you please provide a response to these questions this week as we will need to publish a notice around the Burk's Falls West project public meeting next week and we want to make sure we are meeting all requirements?

Thanks,

Sean

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Appendix H

Letters to Aboriginal Communities

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July 26, 2011

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We thank you for your interest in this Project and look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,

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Sean Male, MSc, Environmental Coordinator,
Hatch Ltd.
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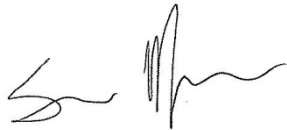
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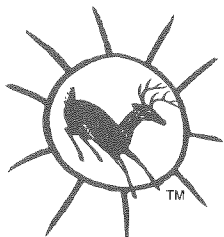
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August 8, 2011

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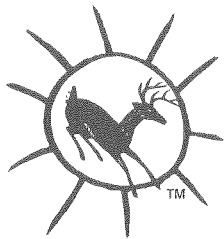
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We appreciate your taking the time to share this important information with us.

Sincerely,

Chief Sharon Stinson Henry

c: Council, Rama First Nation
Jeff Hewitt, General Counsel
Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Coordinator Williams Treaties First Nations
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October 17, 2011

Hatch Ltd.
500-4342 Queen Street
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Attention: Sean Male, REA Co-ordinator

**Re: Notice of Public Meeting and Documents for Review
Northland Power—Burk's Falls West Solar Project**

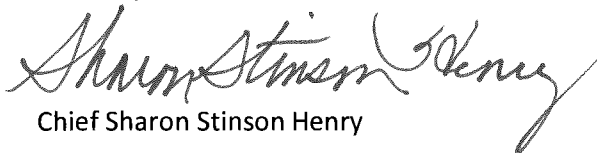
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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Marlene Stiles [mstiles@georginaisland.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Male, Sean
Subject: Re: Northland Power - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

It must have been Suzanne Howes, she is our community consultation worker. Here email is showes@georginaisland.com

----- Original Message -----

From: Male, Sean
To: mstiles@georginaisland.com
Cc: dbigcanoe@georginaisland.com ; Tom Hockin ; 334844
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 9:35 PM
Subject: Northland Power - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Dear Ms. Stiles,

Earlier in the year, you had provided an e-mail below to a representative of Northland Power indicating that your First Nation had no interest in Northland's proposed solar projects in the Burk's Falls area. Since that e-mail was sent, the location of the Burk's Falls West solar project has moved approximately 500 m to the east onto a new piece of private land in the Township of Armour. Would it be possible for you to confirm your First Nation's interest in the Project at this revised location?

As is required by the Ministry of the Environment , the various Project reports have been previously provided to the community.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sean

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.

Environmental Coordinator/Environmental Assessment & Management



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From: Marlene Stiles [<mailto:mstiles@georginaisland.com>]
Sent: January 13, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Art Krause
Cc: Donna Big Canoe
Subject: Re: Northland Power's Burk's Falls East and Burk's Fall's West Solar Power Projects

Art,
Can you please forward to Tom.

Thank you for the information for review, but as discussed in our telephone conversation that we are getting bogged down with materials on these projects that are not even close to our First Nation territories. This is to confirm that in discussion with our Chief, neither of these two projects of Hatch are of interest to our First Nation.

Marlene Stiles
EDO
Chippewas of Georgina Island

----- Original Message -----

From: [Art Krause](#)

To: [Marlene Stiles](#)

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 2:22 PM

Subject: Northland Power's Burk's Falls East and Burk's Fall's West Solar Power Projects

Marlene,

It was a pleasure talking with you earlier today. Further to our conversation, I am enclosing the original Project Description Reports for Northland Power's Burk's Falls East & Burk's Falls West solar power projects along with their respective cover letters, that were previously sent to Chief Donna Big Canoe and the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation Council.

As discussed, we would kindly ask that you review this material and confirm, in writing, whether your First Nation community does or does not have an interest in these two projects. If you could please address your reply to:

Tom Hockin
Development Manager, Renewables
Northland Power Inc.
30 St. Clair Avenue West, 17th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 3A1

If you prefer, you can forward your reply to Tom via email at tom.hockin@northlandpower.ca. If you have any questions, or, if you would like to discuss any aspects of this project, please don't hesitate to contact me by reply email.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Art Krause

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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Male, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 3:04 PM
To: 'showes@georginaisland.com'
Cc: 'Tom Hockin'; 'dbigcanoe@georginaisland.com'; 'mstiles@georginaisland.com'; 334844
Subject: FW: Northland Power - Burk's Falls West Solar Project

Dear Ms. Howes,

We had been previously in contact with the Georgina Island First Nation around Northland Power's proposed solar projects in the Burk's Falls area. At the time (January 2011), we had received a correspondence from the community, included below, which indicated that the First Nation had no interest in the proposed solar projects. Since that e-mail was sent, the location of the Burk's Falls West solar project has moved approximately 500 m to the east onto a new piece of private land in the Township of Armour. Would it be possible for you to confirm your First Nation's interest in the Project at this revised location?

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Art Krause

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January 5th, 2011

Tom Hockin
Development Manager, Renewables
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Dear Mr. Hockin

Re: Burk's Falls East & Burk's Falls West Solar Projects.

The Dokis First Nation presently has no interest in these projects, and feel confident that any Environmental Assessment will address all issues of concerns regarding the land, vegetation and all species at risk that could be impacted by the projects.

Sincerely yours,

Chief Denise Restoule

Telephone Conversation

DATE: November 15, 2011 TIME: 08:00 PROJECT NO.: H334844
BETWEEN: Chief Restoule AND: Sean Male, REA Coordinator
 Dokis First Nation
SUBJECT: Burk's Falls West Solar Project

KEYWORD(S): REF FILE:
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On November 2, 2011, Sean Male left a message with Chief Restoule indicating that previous correspondence on the Burk's Falls West Solar Project had been provided indicating that the Dokis First Nation presently has no interest in the Project. Sean Male indicated that previous written correspondence had been provided indicating that the Project location had moved approximately 500 m east. Sean Male requested confirmation as to whether the previous correspondence on the Project remained relevant.

On November 15, 2011, Sean Male received a voice message from Chief Restoule indicating that the previously provided correspondence remained applicable, and the First Nation presently has no interest in the Project.

SKM: