

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Principles and Goals of the Consultation Program

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"Consultation is a critical component of the Renewable Energy Approval process allowing for a two-way exchange of information between the REA applicant and interested or potentially affected local groups, Aboriginal communities, members of the public as well as municipalities and local boards. Consultation helps ensure that concerns are identified early and addressed where possible, in a transparent manner. Consultation also enables applicants to obtain and use local knowledge in their project designs and in the assessment of any potential negative environmental effects.

The main goals of consultation in the REA process are:

- *To ensure that relevant information about the renewable energy project proposed to be developed is provided to the relevant Aboriginal communities, members of the public, municipalities and local boards;*
- *To obtain/identify relevant information/local knowledge from the local community, municipalities and Aboriginal communities;*
- *To identify concerns that may arise from the proposed renewable energy project; and*
- *To address concerns by way of providing additional information, explanation, changing project design or making commitments in response to local input."*

Design Details of the Consultation Program

The design of the consultation program followed the requirements of O.Reg 359/09 – Renewable Energy Approvals (herein referred to as the REA Regulation), Under Part V.0.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*. It identifies the Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") requirements for renewable energy projects in Ontario, including consultation.

The flowchart below (reproduced from the MOE Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals, Figure 7, page 51) describes in general terms the design of the consultation process, as required by O.Reg 359/09 and the REA.

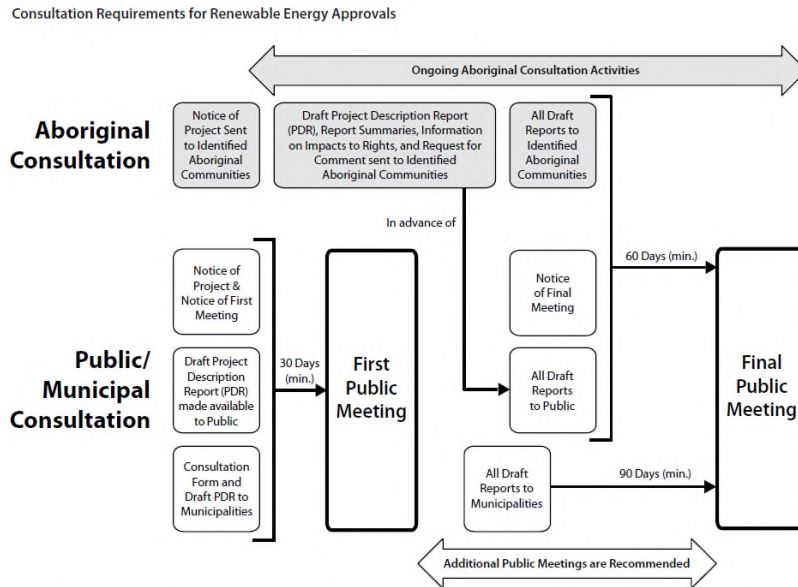


Figure 7. Overview of consultation requirements in the REA application

In support of the REA process, and in contemplation of the requirements of the OEB Leave to Construct application and approval process, three (3) Public Information Centres (“PIC’s”) were held. At each of the PIC’s the Applicants presented slides describing the Generation Projects and Transmission Facilities and solicited comments.

The Project is considered to be a Class 3 facility, as it is ground mounted and has a nameplate capacity greater than 10 kW, and therefore, requires a REA.

The REA Regulation details the required activities and reports to be completed and submitted in order to obtain the REA. The activities include Aboriginal, public, municipal and agency consultation in order to provide information on the Project to these groups and obtain feedback.

These activities were completed and documented in the Consultation Reports for the Transmission Facility and Generation Projects and submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) as part of the Applicant’s REA application.

The REA Regulation requires the preparation of reports, including:

- Project Description Report
- Construction Plan Report
- Design and Operations Report
- Decommissioning Plan Report
- Noise Report
- Natural Heritage Records Review, Site Investigations, Evaluation of Significance and Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study Reports

- Water Body Records Review, Site Investigation and Water Body Environmental Impact Study Reports
- Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports.

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the REA Regulation, these documents were made available to the Aboriginal communities greater than 60 days from the second Public Meeting and to the public at least 60 days from the second Public Meeting. In addition, a summary of each document was prepared and sent to any Aboriginal communities identified by the MOE as potentially having an interest in the Transmission Facility and Generation Projects.

Letters of Confirmation ("LOC's") were obtained from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources based on their review of the Natural Heritage Reports, and were provided to the same groups aforementioned, at the same time as other project related documents. Similarly, an LOC was obtained from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ("MTCS") based on their review of the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports, and provided to the same groups and at the same time as the other project documents.

Public Consultation and Public Information Centres

A first Public Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Hunta Mennonite Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, ON, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and at the Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton's Drive, Cochrane, ON from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A second Public Meeting was held on Tuesday August 21, 2012 at the Hunta Mennonite Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, ON, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and at the Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton's Drive, Cochrane, ON from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A third Public Meeting, dedicated almost entirely to the transmission line, was held on Wednesday October 4, 2012 at the at the Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton's Drive, Cochrane, ON from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and at the Hunta Mennonite Church, Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, ON, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

After the third, and Final Public Meeting, all the Reports and a REA Application Form were sent to MOE for review and processing. The MOE has 6 months to review and make a decision on the Project. The MOE's decision will be posted for a 15-day review period on the Environmental Registry.

The consultation program was initiated in June, 2011 and continues to date. Further consultations/ communications are planned through the proposed construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the project.

As part of the MOE REA process comprehensive and exhaustive Consultation Reports ("CR's") were prepared for each Generation Project, which included information and discussions pertaining to the Transmission Facilities.

The CRs accompany this Application as Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 2. The maps illustrating the proposed routing and location of the Transmission Facilities, as presented in the Public Information Centre, are attached as Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 2.

Several residents along the west Shore of Lower Deception Lake expressed concern with the project. A group formed and identified themselves as the Hunta Area Landowners Association ("HALA"). HALA raised concerns and wrote a letter about the transmission line, primarily along the southern shore of Lower Deception Lake. As a result of this letter, and to directly address the comments, questions, and concerns raised by the HALA group, the Applicants dedicated the majority of the third PIC to the transmission line. At PIC 3 the Applicants advised HALA that it had optioned the privately owned lands around the south shore of Lower Deception Lake specifically so it could avoid the road RoW and move the transmission line further south, well away from the lake shore, and to mitigate the visual impact. Furthermore, at PIC 3, the Applicants committed to putting a restrictive covenant on title that would control tree cutting along the south shore of Lower Deception Lake on these privately owned lands in order to mitigate any possible or potential visual impact that the transmission line might create. This explanation and these efforts were acknowledged by the local stakeholders and HALA. No further comments were received from local stakeholders or HALA in this regard.

No significant comments, questions, or concerns were submitted to the Applicant regarding the proposed Transmission Facilities following the third PIC. The Applicants believe that the current proposed route for the Transmission Facilities has addressed stakeholder concerns.

**Northland Power Solar Empire L.P., Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadows L.P.,
Northland Power Solar Abitibi L.P., Northland Power Solar Long Lake L.P.**
Exhibit G
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Schedule 2

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Consultation Reports



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Abitibi Solar Project Consultation Report

October 18, 2012



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Project Report

October 18, 2012

Northland Power Inc.
Abitibi Solar Project

Consultation Report

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1. Overview

1.1 Project Description

Northland Power Solar Abitibi L.P. (hereinafter referred to as “Northland”) is proposing to develop a Class 3 10-megawatt (MW) ground mounted solar photovoltaic (Solar PV) facility in the District of Cochrane. This Project, known as the Abitibi Solar Project, is hereafter referred to as “Abitibi” or the “Project.”

The Project Location is comprised of two primary components. The first part of the Project is the location of the solar panels, including access roads, inverters, transformers, fencing, etc., and is hereafter referred to as the “solar panel Project Location” The solar panel Project Location is approximately 98 hectares (ha) in size and located on Lots 14 and 15, Concession 8 of the Town of Cochrane. The solar panel Project location is situated on Glackmeyer Concession Road 9.

The second part of the Project is approximately 20 km transmission line from the solar panel Project Location to the connection point west of the Project Location near Hunta, Ontario, as well as associated transition structure and switching station. This portion of the project is referred to as the transmission line Project Location.

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 is 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 and provided in Appendix F.
	Communications with Aboriginal communities are summarized in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 and provided in Appendixes I and J.
	Communications with municipalities, road boards and other public agencies are summarized in Table 3.1 and found in Appendixes G and Appendix H.
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 K.
Evidence that a consultation form was distributed in accordance with Subsection 18(1).	Section 3

Requirements	Location Within the Consultation Report
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 H.
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 public meeting was held, and • 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. 	Table 2.1, Table 3.1, Tables 4.1 and 4.2.

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), Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCSS), MOE) etc), local municipalities, planning board, local road boards, 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 awareness of the Project and establish open and meaningful dialogue between the Project proponent and the stakeholders.

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 656 notices and covering letters were issued on June 2, 2011 for the first public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, June 2, 2011, and Thursday, June 9, 2011, in *Cochrane Times Post*, which has general circulation in the Project area. These notices are included in Appendix B.
 - ◆ 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 892 notices and covering letters were issued on June 21, 2011, for the re-scheduling of the first public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions on Thursday, June 23, 2011, in *Cochrane Times Post*, which has general circulation in the Project area. Though it was requested, the paper did not run the revised Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting an additional time on Thursday, June 30, 2011. This notice is included in Appendix B.
- Notice of Final (Second) Public Meeting
 - ◆ Direct mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location (a full list of landowners is provided in Appendix A), 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 731 notices were issued on May 24, 2012 for the public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions Thursday, May 24, 2012 and Thursday, July 26, 2012. The notice which was published is included in Appendix B.
- Notice of (Third) 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 711 notices were issued on September 18, 2012, for the public meeting.
 - ◆ Posting on two separate occasions Thursday, September 20, 2012, and Thursday, September 27, 2012. The notice which was published is included in Appendix B.
- a website (www.northlandpower.ca/abitibi) with Project and Northland information, Notices and Project documents posted and updated when available, throughout the consultation process

- hard copies of the Project Description Report and supporting Project documents available for review at the Town of Cochrane municipal office and at the Hunta Mennonite Church
- three 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 all public meetings and advertisement of phone numbers, fax and emails for the public to make comments
- one hard copy 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 and 115-kV transmission line public meeting
- a hard copy of the executive summary provided to the local roads boards that occur in the area of the transmission line
- handouts (printed copies of boards) 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 obtained from the Town of Cochrane. This list was added to as the proposed Project Location changed.

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. Additionally, a review of the stakeholder list prior to the distribution of covering letters and Notice of Public Meetings removed any duplicates present on the list, reducing the total number.

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 comment sheet, 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 *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday, June 2, 2011, and Thursday, June 9, 2011. The *Cochrane Times Post* is a local paper with weekly publication, circulating in the area around Cochrane and surrounding rural communities, including Hunta and Genier. Notices and covering letter were sent by regular mail to all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project Location. A total of 656 stakeholders were mailed a notification on June 2, 2011. The letters are contained in Appendix B along with the Notices published in the *Cochrane Times Post*.

Due to changes in the proposed transmission line at the time, the first public meeting was re-scheduled to take into consideration this new route and to provide notification to the landowners within the revised 120 m surrounding the Project Location. On June 21, 2011, a total of 892 notices and covering letters were provided to the identified landowners within 120 m of the proposed Project. A revised Notice of Proposal and Public Meeting were posted in the *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday, June 23, 2011. Though it was requested, the paper did not run the revised Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting an additional time on Thursday, June 30, 2011.

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

The first public meeting was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Tim Horton's Event Centre (7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, Ontario). The goals of the meeting were to:

- 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 22 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) either to the group, or in individual conversations.

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.

Two (2) comment sheets were received during or following the first public meeting (see Section 2.4 for comments and responses) as well as a written letter. A copy of the comment sheets and letter are found in Appendix C.

2.3.2 **Final (Second) Public Meeting and Notice**

The Notice for Final (Second) Public Meeting was published greater than 60 days prior to the event in the *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday, May 24, 2012, and Thursday, July 26, 2012. Prior to this meeting, the route of the transmission line was revised such that a portion of the Project transmission line now occurs within the unorganized townships of Calder and Clute. Through consultation with the MOE, it was determined that two public meetings would be held, one in the Town of Cochrane and another in Hunta, at the Hunta Mennonite Church, located on the border between the two unorganized townships.

An updated mailing list, including any newly identified names and contact details, was used for the mail out. This list was also reviewed to remove any duplicates, to reduce multiple letters being provided to landowners (see Appendix A). A total of 731 stakeholders were issued covering letters and the Notice of Public Meeting on May 24, 2012. A copy of this Notice as it appeared in the *Cochrane Times Post* and a copy of the letter that accompanied the Notice are provided in Appendix B. Additionally, a map showing the proposed transmission line as it compared to the original proposed transmission line was also provided to the stakeholders.

The purpose of the final (second) 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 identified in the Notice to be available no later than June 21, 2012. The draft copies of the reports were provided on June 8, 2012, to the Town of Cochrane municipal office as well as to Mr. Robert Landis in Hunta, to be made available for public review at the Hunta Mennonite Church by June 21, 2012. Electronic copies were posted on the Project website on June 20, 2012. 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 (second) public meetings were both held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. One public meeting was held at the Hunta Mennonite Church (Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, On) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and an additional public meeting was held at the Tim Horton Event Centre (7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, On) from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 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 22 people signed in for the public meeting located in Hunta, while a total of 15 people signed in at the public meeting in Cochrane.

The public meeting in Cochrane followed an open house format with project details presented on display boards and printed copies available to visitors. This approach allowed for one-on-one discussions between representatives of Northland, Hatch and the public.

At the request of the Hunta Local Roads Board, the public meeting in Hunta consisted of a PowerPoint presentation by Northland, followed by a question and answer session. A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix D. Display boards were also presented at the Hunta Mennonite Church throughout the meeting.

Notes on comments from the Public were taken by the representatives of Northland and Hatch present at the meeting.

Both display boards and the presentation provided general information on Northland and the Project, with an overview of the information found in the Project documents. A copy of the Project documents were available for review and discussion at the public meetings. Copies of the display boards can be found in Appendix D.

Comment sheets were available at the 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.

During the public meeting in Hunta, a total of 14 comment sheets were obtained. As well, a written letter summarizing concerns regarding the 115-kV transmission line and a petition regarding the location of the 115-kV transmission line was provided. Five comment sheets were completed at the Public Meeting, located in Cochrane; Appendix D contains a copy of the completed comment sheets and sign in sheets.

Direct responses were mailed on September 13, 2012, to those stakeholders that provided suitable contact information on the comment sheets. These response letters are provided in Appendix F.

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

2.3.3 (Third) Public Meeting - October 4, 2012

An additional (third) public meeting was held on Thursday, October 4, 2012, to provide greater information on the proposed 115-kV transmission line.

A Notice of Public Meeting was published in *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday, September 20, 2012, and Thursday, September 27, 2012. As with the previous meeting, two meetings were held; one in the Town of Cochrane and another in the community of Hunta.

An updated mailing list, including any newly identified names and contact details, was used for the mail out. This list was also reviewed to remove any duplicates, to reduce multiple letters being

provided to landowners (see Appendix A). A total of 711 stakeholders were issued covering letters and the Notice of Public Meeting on September 18, 2012. A copy of this Notice as it appeared in the *Cochrane Times Post* and a copy of the letter that accompanied the Notice are provided in Appendix B.

The purpose of this meeting was to address any and all concerns regarding the 115-kV transmission line, as was requested by members of the public. In addition, the opportunity was provided to discuss any aspects for any of the proposed Projects. Draft copies of the Project documents remained available at the Hunta Mennonite Church, the Town of Cochrane and online (www.norhtlandpower.ca/abitibi).

The public meetings were both held on Thursday, October 4, 2012. One public meeting was held at the Tim Horton Event Centre (7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, On) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and another at the Hunta Mennonite Church (Lot 28, Concession 6, Hunta, On) from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with a purpose to achieve the following:

- provide the community with detailed information regarding the proposed 115-kV transmission line
- solicit feedback on the proposal for the 115-kV transmission line
- answer any questions about the Project
- obtain any comments or concerns with respect to the Project.

A total of 24 people signed in for the public meeting located in Hunta, while a total of 7 people signed in at the public meeting in Cochrane.

Each of the public meetings commenced with a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question and answer period. Notes on comments from the Public were taken by the representatives of Northland, Hatch and Intrinsic present at the meeting. Intrinsic was available to provide responses to public health and safety related comments or concerns. Display boards were also available that provided general information on Northland and the Project, with an overview of the information found in the Project documents. A copy of the Project documents were available for review and discussion at the public meeting. Copies of the display boards can be found in Appendix E.

Comment sheets were available at the 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 Public Meeting in Hunta while a total of one comment sheet was completed at the Public Meeting in Cochrane; Appendix E contains a copy of the completed comment sheets.

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

2.3.4 Other Public Consultation

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

- email correspondence
- phone calls

- mail
- fax
- one-on-one meetings.

Full details on all correspondence received from the Public are provided in Appendix F, and summarized below:

- A letter was received, dated September 10, 2012, from the Hunta Area Landowner Association regarding a number of concerns from the proposed 115-kV transmission line. A response to a letter was provided on October 1, 2012, and sent by express post to ensure the response was received prior to the October 4, 2012, public meeting. Copies of both letters and attachments are provided in Appendix F.
- An email was received from an adjacent landowner on October 5, 2012, regarding potential concerns with respect to the adjacent Project. A response was provided on October 10, 2012. No further correspondence from these individuals has been received. Copies of the e-mails are provided in Appendix F.
- An email was received from an adjacent landowner on July 19, 2012, regarding potential concerns with respect to the adjacent Projects. A response was provided on July 30, 2012. A response was received back indicating that they would discuss their concerns further at the Final Public Meeting. Copies of the e-mails are provided in Appendix F.
- In addition, between the final public meeting, and the additional public meeting in October 2012, Northland met/attempted to meet with several landowners that had expressed concerns at the Final public meeting. This included visiting the south shore of Lower Deception Lake with some of the local residents to view the area of interest.

The purpose of these meetings was to gain a better understanding of, and address, where possible, the various concerns of the individuals. Part of these consultations helped to inform the design of the project.

2.4 Public Comments and Concerns

The comments and/or concerns that were obtained from the public (e.g., comment sheets, 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/Question Received at the Public Meeting on July 21, 2011		
Location of Transmission Line	Comment from Comment Sheet: Power line is on my property line, how far from a house can a line be installed? Concerned about the location of the power line location.	Unless permitted by the landowner, no aspect of the transmission line will be located on private property.
	Comment from Letter: The Cochrane Cross Country Ski Club strongly recommended alternate routes be explored, as the location of the transmission line would impact the use of the trails.	The location of the proposed transmission line has changed. Accordingly, no impacts the Cochrane Cross Country Ski Club are anticipated.
Location of Solar Panels	Comment from Comment Sheet: How far from the road will the panels be installed?	Currently, panels will be located no closer than 325 m from the road, as proposed in the Draft Site Plan (see the Construction Plan Report). However, panels may be placed up to 50 m from the road, to ensure that the required 10-MW capacity can be met.
Effect on Agricultural Land	Comment for Comment Sheet: The three Projects take valuable farmland out off of production. Plus, the transmission line will have added issues and costs. Would it be feasible to consider property in Fournier Twp? Close to the main hook up on the high voltage line. A lot of input costs would be saved e.g., transmission line very short, cheaper land.	The Project has met all of the eligibility or other requirements of the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program with respect to agricultural land classification. Given project schedules, OPA FIT Contract requirements, and permitting timelines, there is no time to consider alternative sites. Sites are suitable, viable, and the project economics are acceptable.
Comments/Question Received at the Public Meeting on August 21, 2012		
Location of Transmission Line	Comment from Comment Sheets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was the Algonquin Transmission Line not considered even if right of way needed to be extended? • Why was there a change in the location of the transmission line after the first public meeting? • This Project was not researched with the landowners of this area in mind. We at this meeting have given other options to this line. 	An additional public meeting was held on October 4, 2012, to provide greater information on the proposed 115-kV transmission line route. Details are provided in Section 2.3.3. Comments regarding suggested alternative locations for the Projects are noted. Following this public meeting, Northland investigated the possibility of following and/or connecting with the Algonquin Power transmission line. This option was determined to be neither technically nor commercially feasible.

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other options need to be considered – this will effect wildlife, our way of life and definitely affect the ecosystem. • A petition was presented to Rob Miller of Northland indicating the displeasures of the residences of the location of the transmission line. • A high voltage power line should not be through a cottage lot development area where it would affect many people, consider alternate routes (Algonquin Line or other proposal of going down Concession 6 and 7) • I disagree with the proposal to bring the transmission line along Concession 8 and 9. I urge that an alternative route (paralleling the Algonquin Power Line) be explored and • No power line through south end of Lake. Sensitive area – wetlands. Creek of Shier Lake meets Deception. Do not want the change in landscape (view). erosion into lake. Should follow Algonquin Power line less impact to wildlife etc. This is an area that I have “played,” enjoyed, hunted, fished for almost 40 years. I want to keep it the way it is, it is my lifestyle. • Feels like railroaded into this power line. Decision already made. • This Project should definitely consider twinning with the existing easement now utilized by Algonquin Power rather than running the line along the lower end of Deception Lake or the west end of Concession 8 and 9 Clute. 	<p>During the meeting on October 4, 2012, Northland outlined the rationale behind the identified preferred route for the transmission line. In general, the preferred option is of shorter distance, will allow a single connection point, will require fewer landowners, and can be located primarily within existing road right or ways.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Impacts on Wildlife	Comment from Comment Sheet: Wild life concerns – despite R. Martin’s sarcastic comments about this - conflict of interest???	Potential impacts to wildlife of the solar panel Project Location and transmission line Project Location have been assessed within the Construction Plan Report and the Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study for the Project. The transmission line is addressed within each of the reports associated with the Abitibi, Martin’s Meadows and Empire Solar Projects.
Health Concern	<p>Comments from Comment Sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health concerns from high voltage both in power lines and increased power at substation in Hunta Station with people living in close proximity. • As a landowner under the power line, I have 3 children that I do not want standing under the power line to wait for the bus as well as grow up under. It is a proven fact that power lines with high voltage cause cancer. Why should my children be exposed to this? 	<p>Northland Power was not involved in the design or construction of the Hunta Transformer Substation. Northland Power is working with Hydro One to ensure that the transformer substation is capable of appropriately managing the power that will be provided by the Projects. If you have further concerns about the transformer substations, toll-free electric and magnetic field (EMF) inquiries can be made of Hydro One at 1-800-728-9533. Hydro One also has information on EMF online at http://www.hydroone.com/OurCommitment/Environment/Pages/ElectricandMagneticFields.aspx.</p> <p>As is noted by Health Canada (2011); “There is no conclusive evidence of any harm caused by exposures at levels found in Canadian homes and schools, including those located just outside the boundaries of power line corridors.”</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Property Values	<p>Comments from Comment Sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our properties are going to be devalued. • Concerns that for the profit of a few, property devaluation for all others affected. • It seems only a couple of people are benefiting from the Project at the detriment of many others. Glackmeyer is the most populated rural area in the vicinity, with better agricultural lands. <p>Comments from Written Letter: We did not buy a cottage lot on a lake to look at transmission line. It was bought to look at trees, lakes and wildlife. We feel it would be difficult to sell a cottage with a view of a transmission line.</p>	<p>The transmission line will be located primarily within the municipal road right of way where transmission lines are a permitted use. This line will be comparable to other distribution lines present in the area. Northland will work with the community to mitigate potential effects to adjacent landowners to the greatest extent possible.</p>
Transmission Line Survey	<p>Comment from Comment Sheet: Would like to see topo survey as it relates to trans line immediately east of Fredrickhouse River. Also, how is transmission line going to affect my present service from transformer to my home, it is presently overhead?</p>	<p>Northland will not affect present electricity service.</p> <p>Northland will consider the landowners request for the results of the topographic survey.</p>
Notification	<p>Comments from Comment Sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My first notification is not (final). • Only given one letter in the mail as a landowner and we are at the final public meeting. • What final meeting, this was the first to my knowledge 	<p>The current proposed transmission line route was identified following completion of the initial public meetings. Following discussion with MOE, it was decided that the change in the transmission line route should be identified in subsequent correspondence with the public and no additional meeting, beyond the planned public meeting in August 2012, would be required.</p> <p>However, in response to public interest, an additional public meeting took place on October 4, 2012, to provide additional information regarding the proposed 115-kV transmission line.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Request for Additional Public Meeting	<p>Comments from Comment Sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I demand a second meeting with options. • We don't want this Project to go through. We need another meeting, tell us when that will be. • Would like to see another meeting held with to be made aware of the results of looking into other options routes. • Need one more meeting • I would like another meeting to further explore other options. Northland has not done their homework. • Another meeting is demanded. • It would be <u>very</u> good if you had another meeting after the August 21, 2012, meeting to explain the outcome of checking in with Algonquin Power and other issues. • Other meetings on these plans should be done. • There should at the very least be an additional meeting to discuss Algonquin Power line option. • We would like another meeting with regards to the transmission line to explore other options – mainly Algonquin Power line sharing. You assured us that our comments will be taken into consideration. • [I] request that another public meeting be held with the residences of the Hunta/Lower Deception area. • We require another public meeting to address all of the concerns surrounding the location of the transmission line. We demand a 2nd meeting of explanation. 	<p>An additional public meeting was held on October 4, 2012, to provide additional information on the proposed 115-kV transmission line and on the proposed Projects. To provide greater expertise at the public meeting, a health expert from Intrinsic Environmental was present to answer public health and safety questions, and a Northland Electrical Engineer was present to answer technical questions related to the 115-kV transmission line.</p> <p>Northland values the opinion of all members of the public and considers public consultation to be an integral part of the REA process.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considering that the first location of the transmission line was discussed and subsequently squashed at the first public meeting, this should not be considered the second meeting. Need more info. 	
In-effectual Public Meeting	<p>Comment in Comment Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It appears this meeting was an information session only – our comments and suggestions were effectively brushed off and 0 answers were provided to our questions – skirting many issues. Being misinformed. Poor presentation about the Project The questions asked were not answered or at least answered vaguely. 2nd meeting was in Cochrane with no meeting or presentation about the Project I was told by one of your vested landowners and employees to talk to my husband (as if I don't have an opinion). 	<p>The public meetings complied with all requirements of the REA process. Northland listened to and responded to all comments to the best of their ability at the time. Where responses could not be provided at that time, Northland committed to providing an answer at a later date.</p> <p>An additional public meeting occurred on October 4, 2012, to provide additional information on the proposed Projects and associated transmission line. The format of the October 4, 2012, meetings was a presentation followed by question and answer period.</p> <p>Northland values the opinion of all members of the public and considers public consultation to be an integral part of the REA process.</p>
Herbicide spraying on right of way	<p>Comment from Written Letter: Spraying around the lake and homes where children and adult live, fish and boat is not environmental friendly.</p>	<p>Herbicides will not be used on the solar panel Project Location. However, it is possible and where permissible, that herbicides could be used along sections of the transmission line, where it is not easily accessible. This would be consistent with standard practice and only approved herbicides would be used. Northland will avoid the use of herbicides or pesticides whenever/ wherever possible.</p>
Integrity of Business Practice	<p>Comment from Comment Sheet: I question the motives of who made this proposal...friends helping friends make a buck.</p>	<p>Northland conforms to its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics in regards to all of its business dealings.</p>

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Generation Hours	Comment from Written Letter: Considering that there are 8760 hours in a year, that solar power has an Achilles heel in that it can only generate when the sun shines and the transmission line is in view 100% of the time. How many generation hours will there be?	Generation hours are anticipated to be the sunlight hours of each year. This amount will vary due to weather patterns. Expected generation is on the order 1250 kWh/m ² , or 1230 kWh/kWp. A 10-MW AC solar development in Cochrane is expected to generate on the order of 14,000 MWh (in the first year), which is enough power for over 1200 homes. The capacity factor for a fixed tracker solar development is typically about 14% to 15%.
Height of Poles	Comment from Written Letter: How high will the poles be?	Poles will typically be 75 ft tall, of which, there will be 9 ft embedded in the ground. Therefore, typical height above ground surface will be 66 ft.
Width of Right of Way for Transmission Line	Comment from Written Letter: How wide is the right of way?	The road allowance proposed to be used for the majority of the transmission line is 21 m wide, and the transmission line must be placed at least 2.5 m from existing utilities.
Conductor Size for Transmission Line	Comment from Written Letter: What is the conductor size?	This information will be determined through detailed engineering. Northland has committed to sharing design detail, for example pole locations, conductor size, cable sway, etc., with HALA and other effected or interested residents.
Energy Prices	Comment from Written Letter: Will there be subsidies provided by the Federal and Provincial governments for these installations. If so, will those subsidies be reflected in the bill generation cost?	Northland has entered into a 20-yr FIT Contract with the Province of Ontario to provide 10 MW of renewable energy at a fixed price.
Project locations	Comment from Comment Sheet: The sites are too far from the existing junction in Hunta – There are many abandoned farmsteads that would have been better suited to the Project (less transmission required) \$\$\$.	Comment noted. Northland has assessed the Project from an economic standpoint and it is viable as proposed.

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Panel Origin	Comment from Written Letter: Who will be manufacturing the panels and what is the country of origin?	<p>Recognizing the opportunities provided by the OPA's FIT Program and the Ontario government's <i>Green Energy and Economy Act</i>, module manufacturers built their factories in Ontario some time ago. Northland is purchasing modules from MEMC, and the modules are being built locally, at the Flextronics factory in Newmarket and at the Celestica facility in Toronto.</p> <p>Also, the inverters for the projects, which convert the DC power generated by the modules into grid-compatible AC power, are being manufactured by SMA Canada at the Celestica facility in Toronto.</p>
Carbon Footprint	Comment from Written Letter: What is the carbon footprint?	The carbon footprint of this Project has not been determined.
Comments/Question Received at the Public Meeting on October 4, 2012		
Impacts to Wetland	Comment from Comment Sheet: Sensitive area (wetland) at south end of lake	<p>Potential impacts to wetlands from the transmission line Project Location have been assessed within the Construction Plan Report and the Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study for the Project. No significant impact on the wetland is anticipated. The transmission line is addressed within each of the reports associated with the Abitibi, Martin's Meadows and Empire Solar Projects.</p> <p>The Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study has been reviewed and approved by the MNR, based on the Letter of Confirmation (LoC) that was received for each project. These LoC's are found in the Executive Summary associated with each Project, available on the Project web sites and at the Hunta Mennonite Church and the Town of Cochrane municipal office.</p>

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Visual Impact	Comment from Comment Sheet: Visual – site of power line at south end of lake.	<p>While the exact location of the transmission line has yet to be determined, the intent is to place the transmission line beyond the line of sight from the cottage development area around Lower Deception Lake. A conceptual layout was presented at the public meeting on October 4, 2012.</p> <p>Northland will work with the community to mitigate potential effects to adjacent landowners to the greatest extent possible. To this end, Northland has indicated that they may place a restricted covenant on title, after the t-line easement is in place around the trees present at the south end of Lower Deception Lake between the lines and lake to prevent tree removal. Northland has an option to purchase this property.</p>
Location of Transmission Line	Comment from Comment Sheet: Follow Algonquin Power	Comment noted. As was described at the meeting, due to the additional distance required, extra land clearing, to follow the Algonquin Power line, the existing route is preferred.
Potential Impact on Telephone Services	Comment from Comment Sheet: Power influence of telephone lines will affect my service (internet speeds). Require fibre optic connection which is not affected.	Although Northland does not anticipate any impact to telephone service, the company is committed to addressing any impacts potentially caused by the Project. A sign will be erected during all phases of the Project at the gate of the facility which will include a Project phone number and website should the public have any questions, inquiries or complaints. All inquiries will be directed to the Northland Project Representative who will respond to the inquiry accordingly. All questions, inquiries and complaints will be logged electronically with the following information: date of question, inquiry or complaint, name, phone number, email address of the individual, response, date of response, and any follow-up issues.

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Health	Comment from attendee at public meeting: Concerns with respect to EMF	<p>In regards to health concerns, further information is available on line from Health Canada (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/radiation/fpt-radprotect/emf-cem-eng.php) and the World Health Organization (https://apps.who.int/inf/fs/en/fact205.html) provide greater information on the potential health concerns with power lines. Presently, the potential impacts of power lines and an impact on human health has not been confirmed.</p> <p>A precautionary principle, or limit on EMF has been set at 2000 mG. The EMF level directly underneath 115-kV transmission lines is typically 29.7 mG, or less. The IEE figure depicting EMF levels in a typical home was presented and it is possible/probable that people are exposed to more EMF from inside a home, than one would be from a 115-kV t-line.</p> <p>To address health concerns, Northland retained a health expert from Intrinsic Environmental to attend the October 4 public meeting.</p>
	Will the transmission line impact pacemakers?	A precautionary principle, or limit on EMF for those with pace makers has been set at 1000 mG. As noted above, this is far higher than anticipated levels from the 115-kV transmission line.
Transmission Line Design	Comment from attendee at public meeting: Why was this route chosen? Where will the poles be? Will you need to cut the trees in my front yard? Is there a benefit to connecting at the same junction point?	<p>Exact locations of all poles and requirements for clearing of trees remains to be determined.</p> <p>This route was chosen as it is the most direct, involves fewer landowners, and can be located primarily within municipal road right of ways There is a benefit to connecting a single junction point as only one connection point is required.</p>

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	<p>Comment from attendee at public meeting: Who gives permission to construct within municipal road right of ways?</p>	<p>Within the Town of Cochrane, permission is obtained from the Town, while in the Unorganized Township; permission is obtained from the MRN. Transmission line construction, and routes, is governed by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and what is called the "Leave to Construct", under Section 92 of the <i>Electricity Act</i>.</p> <p>Northland is pursuing Municipal and MOE approval.</p>
	<p>Comment from attendee at public meeting: What is the safe minimum working distance? What is the minimum sag above the ground?</p>	<p>Northland is currently investigating this distance.</p> <p>The 115-kV transmission line will be constructed in accordance with prescribed electrical safety codes in order to ensure the safety of workers and the public. Poles will be appropriately signed to make individuals aware of the electrical hazard associated with climbing the poles.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of any future contractors to follow appropriate work place safety guidelines and ensure that their staff are trained appropriately.</p> <p>Power lines are all around us, and heavy equipment operators (dump trucks and excavators) are trained to avoid power lines.</p> <p>With respect to EMF, information was provided from external sources that shows that there is no conclusive evidence of any harm caused by exposure, and that EMF fields would be equivalent to those found in the standard home.</p>
	<p>Comment from attendee at public meeting: Who does the final inspection of the transmission line?</p>	<p>The Electrical Safety Authority and Hydro One Networks Inc inspect various parts of the transmission line.</p>
	<p>Comment from attendee at public meeting: What would the cost difference be between the transmission line being above ground vs. below ground?</p>	<p>Estimated 10 – 15 times more expensive.</p>

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	Comment from attendee at public meeting: What is the induction effect on the buried phone line?	Northland is currently investigating this comment further.
	Comment from attendee at public meeting: Will the local roads board be responsible for maintaining any new roads beneath the transmission line?	No, any new access roads required will be the responsibility of Northland.
Road Access	Comment from attendee at public meeting: Will there be restricted road access during construction of the transmission line?	The Contractor will be responsible for traffic management.
Decommissioning	Comment from attendee at public meeting: How do you dispose of the solar panels?	Many of the components of the panels will be recycled.
Economy	Comment from attendee at public meeting: How many new jobs will be created? Will you use local contractors?	<p>Northland will request that the construction contractors source materials and supplies, and use local subcontractors (labour) where feasible. Typically, 1.5 to 2 jobs are created after construction per 10-MW solar farm. Northland may hire some additional employees and base them out of its Cochrane Co-generation facility to operate and maintain the solar developments. In addition, recognizing the opportunities provided by the OPA's FIT Program and the Ontario government's <i>Green Energy and Economy Act</i>, module manufacturers built their factories in Ontario some time ago, providing another source of jobs in the province.</p> <p>During construction there will be 100s of workers on site. Construction is expected to last approximately 6 months.</p>
Other	Comment from attendee at public meeting: Is Algonquin Power a shareholder of Northland Power?	The Project representatives cannot comment on whether Algonquin Power is a shareholder or not in Northland as this information is not readily available, nor is it common knowledge.
Other	Comment from Comment Sheet: Thank you for second meeting in Hunta @ 7:30 p.m.	Comment noted.

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Comments/Question Received Outside of Public Meetings		
Natural Heritage	<p>Comment from E-mail of July 19, 2012: I am gravely concerned about how this project will affect my quality of life not to mention the fact this area and Lauzon Lake should be sanctioned as a sanctuary for birds. My sole purpose in acquiring this property was for the serenity, wildlife and views. The surrounding fields are a bird sanctuary for migrating birds. I have witnessed a number of rare bird sightings on Lauzon Lake such as many types of cranes, herons, ducks, red wing black birds, cranes, and mud hens.</p>	<p>E-mailed response: As part of the REA for the Project, we are required to assess natural heritage features both on and within 120 m of our proposed Project site. Significant natural features were identified and mitigation measures have been proposed within the Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study. As Lauzon Lake is located more than 120 m from these Projects, it has not been assessed within these reports, however the distance between the Projects and Lauzon Lake, as well as the small environmental impacts of these Projects, will ensure that there is no impact on this feature, or its potential use by wildlife species.</p>
	<p>Comment from Submission through Website: are there Natural Heritage Assessment and Water Body reports that target the revised power line direction from Martin's Meadows (and the other two nearby sites) to Hunta, in particular where the proposed line would go around Lower Deception Lake? If so, I am not aware of their having been made available to residents and cottagers of this area within your stated time frame of 60 days.</p>	<p>E-mailed Response: Assessments of the power line are covered in the Natural Heritage and Water Body Assessment reports for each of the solar projects, which were provided for public review more than 60 days before the final public meeting.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter (see Appendix F for full text): Concerned about proposed impact to migratory birds and wetlands.</p>	<p>Letter Response: Potential impacts to wildlife of the transmission line have already been assessed in great detail within the Construction Plan Report and the Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The transmission line is addressed within each of the reports associated with the Abitibi, Martin's Meadows and Empire Solar Projects. Mitigation measures to address environmental impacts of the transmission line are provided within these reports. Overall, no significant impact to wildlife is anticipated. The Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study has been reviewed and approved by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, based on the Letter of Confirmation (LoC) that was received for each project. These LoC's are found in the Executive Summary associated with each Project, available on the Project web sites and at the Hunta Mennonite Church and the Town of Cochrane municipal office.</p> <p>Further, Northland Power is committed to conforming to all applicable legislation, including the Ontario <i>Endangered Species Act</i>, <i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i> and the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act</i>.</p>

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	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter (see Appendix F for full text):</p> <p>Concerned about potential impacts to local trappers as a result of clearing for transmission line.</p>	<p>Letter Response:</p> <p>We do not anticipate any impacts to local trappers. Northland has requested that the MNR notify registered trapline holders in the area of the upcoming public meeting. As the names of these individuals are confidential and not available to Northland to contact through any other means, should any of them come forward, Northland will work with them to resolve any concerns that they may have.</p> <p>The construction of the majority of the 115-kV transmission line will be primarily completed along existing access roads, which will, therefore, not result in additional open areas or clearing, as was incorrectly indicated in your correspondence. There are already existing open areas in the area between the Algonquin transmission line and Lower Deception Lake. Though these areas may be widened somewhat to accommodate the transmission line, a significant increase in predation pressure is not anticipated. Furthermore, though periodic vegetation management will be required to make sure that vegetation does not interfere with the line, shrubs and tall meadow vegetation will be allowed to develop. This vegetation will provide cover for wildlife as they move beneath the transmission line.</p>
Road Condition	<p>Comment from E-mail of October 9, 2012: The road condition (it's already a bumpy ride to our place).</p>	<p>E-mailed Response:</p> <p>Northland will assess the roadways prior to construction and will ensure that roadways are left in the same or better condition following the completion of construction. The Town of Cochrane Road Superintendent will also be consulted and the road condition prior to construction will be documented as a pre-existing baseline. After construction is complete the Road Superintendent will be consulted to sign off or approve that the road condition is acceptable.</p>

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Safety	Comment from E-mail of July 19, 2012: I have no idea what studies have been done concerning the safety aspects of your proposed solar project.	E-mailed Response: With respect to public safety, the Project will be constructed and operated in accordance with provincial guidelines and regulations with respect to electrical equipment and noise.
	Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter(see Appendix F for full text): Concerned about water bomber access to Lower Deception Lake in event of forest fire.	Letter Response: Northland contacted the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) with respect to the concern or question raised with respect to the potential impedance of water bomber planes landing on Deception Lake. The MNR responded and stated that the placement of an 115-kV transmission line near the south end of Lower Deception Lake would not hinder any firefighting efforts, and they did not identify any potential concerns with respect to the transmission line in this area.
Property Value	Comment from E-mail of October 9, 2012: The value of our property.	E-mailed Response: As property values are determined as a result of several factors beyond Northland's control, Northland cannot speculate on any potential impact on property values. There is no known literature indicating a reduction in property values near a solar Project. Further, as shown in the attached layouts of the Abitibi and Martin's Meadows Solar Projects, it is anticipated that the Project components will be more than 300 m from the roadway in front of your property. In addition, Northland has completed detailed acoustic modeling of the proposed Project, and all requirements of the Ministry of the Environment will be met.

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	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter (see Appendix F for full text): Concerned about impacts to property values</p>	<p>Letter Response: The transmission line will be located primarily within the municipal road right of way. Transmission lines are permitted uses of municipal road right of ways, and this line will be consistent with other distribution lines present in the area. Unless you provide your permission, no aspect of the transmission line will be located on your property, and the operation of the line will not prevent you from accessing or using any portion of your property. Further, while the exact location of the transmission line has yet to be determined, the intent is to place the transmission line beyond the line of sight from the cottage development area around Lower Deception Lake.</p> <p>Northland will work with the community to mitigate potential effects to adjacent landowners to the greatest extent possible.</p>
Visual Impact	<p>Comment from E-mail of October 9, 2012: The sights (big solar panels is what we will see) and sounds (when panels lift, descend, rotate).</p>	<p>E-mailed Response: As noted above, the Project will be located more than 300 m from the roadway in front of your property, and acoustic modeling of the proposed Project has shown that all MOE requirements will be met for your property. Further, the panels will sit on racking that is permanently fixed and tilted. Northland is not putting in a single or dual axis tracking system, therefore, there will be no sound or visual distraction associated with moving panels.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Health	<p>Comment from E-mail of October 9, 2012: Possible health effects (from the electromagnetic radiation).</p>	<p>E-mailed Response: There are no known potential health effects from solar projects. As noted above, the Project is located more than 300 m from your property, and any potential electromagnetic radiation from the Project would be less than that found in your own home. For your consideration, additional information on electromagnetic radiation can be found at http://www.hydroone.com/OurCommitment/Environment/Pages/ElectricandMagneticFields.aspx</p>
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter (see Appendix F for full text): Concerned about the safety of people living and working along the proposed transmission line. Concerned about negative health effects.</p>	<p>Letter Response (see Appendix F for full text): The 115-kV transmission line will be constructed in accordance with prescribed electrical safety codes in order to ensure the safety of workers and the public. Poles will be appropriately signed to make individuals aware of the electrical hazard associated with climbing the poles. With respect to EMF, information was provided from external sources that shows that there is no conclusive evidence of any harm caused by exposure, and that EMF fields would be equivalent to those found in the standard home.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Stray Voltage	<p>Comment from E-mail of March 19, 2012: We own a dairy farm next door to the proposed site. It has been brought to our attention that there is an increase in stray voltage associated with these sites. As stray voltage is very detrimental to the health of the animals, we are asking if Northland Power would do testing prior to installation. With the testing we would have a baseline for future reference. Could you get back to us on this matter?</p>	<p>E-mailed Response: With respect to your concerns around stray voltage, I have consulted with both Hydro One and our internal electrical engineers and there are no known expectations for increases in stray voltage as a result of installation of solar projects. Hydro One has not seen any instances of stray voltage from solar projects installed to date.</p> <p>However, Northland will agree to cover the expenses of baseline stray voltage testing should you desire. In our discussions with Hydro One, they indicated that standard practice is for the landowner to retain an electrician to conduct preliminary testing, and then if a problem is detected, Hydro One would complete additional testing and reimburse the cost of the electrician. Northland is proposing at this time that you go ahead and retain an electrician of your choosing, and then Northland will cover the electrician's costs to perform the baseline test. If possible, we would request that you provide the cost estimate for approval prior to completing the work. I have attached the Hydro One requirements for completing the baseline test. More information is also available at http://www.hydroone.com/MyBusiness/MyFarm/Pages/StrayVoltage.aspx.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Other	<p>Comment from E-mail of July 19, 2012: I have not been contacted in person about this project. The proposed solar project may directly impede my western views. I would appreciate being notified through email about whom I can contact with my concerns.</p>	<p>E-mailed Response: You likely did not receive notification since you recently purchased the property and our list of adjacent landowners would have been obtained prior to that time. For your information, these proposed Projects have been a matter of public record since early 2011, and a public meeting was held in July of last year. As Rob Miller of Northland mentioned in his last e-mail, he would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your concerns further. If this is not possible, we would certainly welcome further e-mail correspondence, or you can call me directly to discuss your concerns. Alternately, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at the upcoming public meeting at the end of August. As well, information regarding the Projects are available on line at www.northlandpower.ca</p>
	<p>Comment from Submission through Website: The revised project, i.e., building a power line from Martin's Meadows to Hunta, is not "located close to main power distribution system lines". A line from there to Cochrane, yes. A line from there to Hunta, no.</p>	<p>E-mailed Response: Northland is required to connect to the Hydro One circuit C2H in Hunta, and has a Hydro One CIA and IESO SIA supporting this connection point. It was important to only have one grid connection, as opposed to the two that were originally proposed. In addition, after Hydro One examined the proposed connection points, it was determined that Northland could not connect to the Cochrane West TS, or the line serving this TS because it was a tap line and it did not have enough capacity (conductor size was not big enough) to accept 30 MW of generation.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: Local farmers have livestock in the fields near the proposed transmission line and are concerned about negative effects on their livestock, through lightning strikes or other electrical hazards.</p>	<p>Letter Response (see Appendix F for full text): Stray voltage will not be a potential impact as the transmission line would have to be connected to your barn or out buildings. Though, if a stray voltage problem is suspected Northland is committed to working to resolve any potential issue.</p> <p>Further, research has shown that EMF associated with transmission lines does not negatively impact cows (Hydro Quebec, 1999).</p> <p>With respect to lightning strikes, no poles will be installed within a farmer's fields without that individual's permission. Poles are in 1) public road ROW, so no livestock or cows should be in this space. or 2) privately owned land</p> <p>It is not expected that the poles would serve to attract lightning. Further the system will be grounded, reducing any potential impacts of a lightning strike.</p>
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter (see Appendix F for full text): Concerned that the purchase of properties violates Northland's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics as properties originally belonged to an employee of Northland Power.</p>	<p>Letter Response: Northland conforms to its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics in regards to all of its business dealings. All of the land secured for the various projects was condoned through Northland Power to allow for the development of solar facilities.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: Should the public road allowance be allowed to be used as part of the right of way for a private utility transmission line of this size?</p>	<p>Letter Response: The use of public right of way for utilities, including transmission lines is standard practise. It is generally the least disruptive, most economical, and environmentally friendly way to install utilities, given the lands have typically been previously disturbed, and are linear in nature, which is well suited for utilities. The proposed transmission line within the Concession 8 and 9 corridor remains in compliance with the applicable and allowable use for this land. As well, this right of way will continue to remain open for other utilities, as only a portion of the land will be used for the proposed transmission line.</p>
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: Is the current road allowance wide enough for 115-KW lines?</p>	<p>Letter Response: Yes. The current road allowance is approximately 21 m, of which the transmission line will need to be placed 2.5 m away from one of the existing boundaries. The edges of road right of ways (ROW's) are commonly used for utilities.</p>
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: Would this be a precedents setting installation i.e., would other private businesses elsewhere be allowed to construct transmission lines of this size on public road allowances?</p>	<p>Letter Response: The use of public road allowances for the construction of transmission lines is not precedent setting and it remains consistent with potential land uses. Similar uses are permitted in other jurisdictions on a regular basis.</p>
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: Shouldn't the road allowance be set aside for use of utilities that provide distribution services to local residents?</p>	<p>Letter Response: The use of the road allowance for the proposed transmission corridor will not conflict with any future use of this road allowance, as land will remain available for future development of other utilities, be it gas, phone, cable, electricity, etc.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: What would be the induction effect on existing utilities? Could there be voltage surges during storms caused by an 115-kV line close to a distribution line?</p>	<p>Letter Response: The proposed 115-kV transmission line will be located on the opposite side of the road allowance from an existing distribution line and on a private easement around the south shore of Deception Lake. If the proposed 115-kV transmission line is required to parallel the line, for example a Hydro One distribution line, there is a code regulated separation distance, which is 15 m or more. The 115-kV transmission line will have little induction effect on the local distribution line. An induction study will be carried out to ensure no adverse effects on the on local distribution line.</p> <p>The proposed 115-kV transmission line along the route is not integrated with the existing local distribution line, and therefore there is not anticipated effect to the existing line during storms as a result of the proposed 115-kV transmission line.</p>
	<p>Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: What if the 115 kV line comes in contact with the distribution line? Would there be damages to private property and should damages occur, who will pay for those damages?</p>	<p>Letter Response: The proposed 115-kV transmission line will be designed and constructed to meet and exceed all relevant codes and regulations for public safety. The proposed line will be designed to withstand 1 in 50-yr period combined wind and icing weather conditions, and 1 in 100-yr gust wind conditions, to ensure public and adjacent property safety. If Northland's (proposed) privately owned transmission line was to somehow cause property damage to another party, then Northland's insurance would be used.</p> <p>Where there are crossings between the proposed 115-kV transmission line and the existing local distribution line, the clearance between the two lines will be sufficient to ensure no contact will occur under the most severe conditions.</p>

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
		Further, Northland will work with the community to mitigate potential effects to adjacent landowners to the greatest extent possible.
	Comment from Hunta Area Landowner's Association Letter: Identified concerns with respect to site selection.	Letter Response (see Appendix F for full text): Several options for transmission line routing were considered; however, the identified option represents the most direct route that will involve the fewest landowners and can be located within municipal road right of ways.

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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, Culture and Sport
- Town of Cochrane
- Cochrane and Suburban Planning Board
- Hunta Local Road Board
- Fredrickhouse Local Road Board.

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

3.1.1 *Ontario Ministry of Environment*

- A draft Project Description Report was sent to the MOE in November 10, 2010, in order to commence the REA process. This step kicks off the REA process by requesting from the MOE the list of Aboriginal communities with whom Northland will be required to consult.
- On March 10, 2011, the MOE provided a list of Aboriginal communities for consultation purposes.
- On June 2, 2011, the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent to MOE. A further Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent on June 21, 2011. The Notice of Final Public Meeting was sent on May 24, 2012.
- On May 4, 2012, Hatch discussed with MOE the change in the transmission line, and the requirements for public consultation as a result of that change.
- On September 18, 2012, a Notice of Public Meeting and covering letter regarding the public meeting on October 4, 2012, was provided.

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

3.1.2 *Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources*

- On July 27, 2011, Hatch met with representatives of MNR Cochrane District to discuss the proposed Projects. A follow-up call was held on August 30, 2011, to discuss the proposed transmission line for the Project.
- On March 18, 2012, the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study reports were provided to MNR for review.

- On May 4, 2012, comments were received on the draft natural heritage assessment reports from MNR.
- MNR provided their confirmation letter of the Natural Heritage Reports on May 25, 2012, for the solar panel Project Location and on June 12, 2012, for the transmission line Project Location.
- On September 20, 2012, Hatch provided the MNR a letter regarding the public meeting on October 4, 2012, to deliver to any potential resource users along the transmission route.

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

3.1.3 Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

- Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) submitted an Archaeological Assessment Report entitled 'Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Abitibi Solar Project' to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) on November 25, 2010. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report recommended that the Project be allowed to continue without any further archaeological concerns.
- On December 8 and 9, 2010, the MTCS responded that the archaeological assessment undertaken for the solar panel Project location complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the license terms and conditions and the Ministry's 1993 Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines for the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Abitibi Solar Project. This letter is included in Appendix G.
- On December 6, 2011, Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) submitted an Archaeological Assessment Report entitled 'Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments 115-kV Transmission Line Geo. Township of Glackmeyer, Clute and Calder, District of Cochrane, Ontario' to the MTCS.
- On June 15, 2012, the MTCS 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 for the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment 115-kV Transmission Line. This letter is included in Appendix G.

3.1.4 Town of Cochrane

- On June 2, 2011, the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent to the Town of Cochrane. A further Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent on June 21, 2011. The Notice of Final (Second) Public Meeting was sent on May 24, 2012.
- REA supporting documents, excluding the summary reports and confirmation letters, and the Municipal Consultation Form were provided on May 16, 2012, for the Town's review.
- A second copy of the REA supporting documents on June 8, 2012, to be made available for public review. Within this package, a copy of the executive summary was also provided, including the summaries of each of the REA supporting documents and the available confirmation letters.

- On September 18, 2012, a Notice of Public Meeting and covering letter regarding the public meeting on October 4, 2012, was provided.
- On September 28, 2012, a copy of the municipal consultation forms for the Project was provided, as upon discussion with the planning department, these forms had yet to be provided for completion.
- Northland is currently negotiating a road user agreement with the Town of Cochrane.
- At the time of this report a completed Municipal Consultation Form has not been provided.

Appendix H contains copies of correspondence from the Town of Cochrane.

3.1.5 Cochrane and Suburban Planning Board

- On June 2, 2011, the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was provided. A further Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting was sent on June 21, 2011. The Notice of Final (Second) Public Meeting was sent on May 24, 2012.
- The available REA supporting documents and the Municipal Consultation Form were provided on May 16, 2012, for the Board's review.
- On June 8, 2012, copies of the executive summaries, which includes the summary reports of each of the REA supporting documents and the available confirmation letters was provide for review.
- On September 18, 2012, a Notice of Public Meeting and covering letter regarding the public meeting on October 4, 2012, was provided.
- At the time of this report a completed Municipal Consultation Form has not been provided.

Appendix H contains any correspondence with the Cochrane and Suburban Planning Board.

3.1.6 Hunta Local Roads Board

- The Notice of Final (Second) Public Meeting was sent on May 24, 2012.
- The available REA supporting documents and the Municipal Consultation Form were provided on May 16, 2012, for the Board's review.
- On June 3, 2012, an e-mail was received requesting that the Final Public Meeting involve a presentation and question/answer session. Northland agreed to this request in a response on June 5, 2012.
- On June 8, 2012, copies of the executive summaries, which includes the summary reports of each of the REA supporting documents and the available confirmation letters was provide for review.
- On September 18, 2012, a Notice of Public Meeting and covering letter regarding the public meeting on October 4, 2012, was provided.
- On September 28, 2012, a copy of the municipal consultation form for the Project was provided to the secretary treasurer for the Hunta Local Road's Board.

- At the time of this report a completed Municipal Consultation Form has not been provided.

Appendix H contains any correspondence with Hunta Local Road Board.

3.1.7 *Fredrickhouse Local Road Board*

- The Notice of Final Public Meeting was sent on May 24, 2012.
- The available REA supporting documents and the Municipal Consultation Form were provided on May 16, 2012, for the Board's review.
- On June 8, 2012, copies of the executive summaries, which includes the summary reports of each of the REA supporting documents and the available confirmation letters was provide for review.
- On September 18, 2012, a Notice of Public Meeting and covering letter regarding the public meeting on October 4, 2012, was provided.
- At the time of this report a completed Municipal Consultation Form has not been provided.

Appendix H contains any correspondence with Fredrickhouse Local Roads Board.

3.2 Agency Comments and Concerns

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

Table 3.1 Comments/Concerns from Agencies and Responses

Agency	Comment/Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Ontario Ministry of the Environment	None to date.	None required.
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Various comments were provided regarding the Natural Heritage reports.	All comments were addressed by revising the Natural Heritage Reports.
Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	In consultation with the MTCS, it was recommended that the project proceed without further archaeological concerns.	None required.
Town of Cochrane	None to date.	None required.
Cochrane and Suburban Planning Board	None to date.	None required.
Hunta Local Road Board	Requested Final (Second) Public Meeting involve a presentation and question/answer session.	Final (Second) Public Meeting in Hunta involved a presentation followed by a question and answer session.
Fredrickhouse Local Road Board	None to date.	None required

4. Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

It is the Crown's fiduciary obligation to conduct meaningful consultation in good faith with First Nation and Aboriginal communities. The Crown has delegated some of the consultation to the Proponent of renewable energy projects as per the REA Regulation. Pursuant to 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

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

On March 10, 2011, MOE provided the list of Aboriginal communities, which is included in Appendix I.

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 May 31, 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 J contains a copy of the letters.

Due to changes in the Project Location, a revised Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Project and Notice of Public Meeting was sent to Aboriginal communities on June 21, 2011.

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

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

4.2.2 *Final (Second) Public Meeting and Notice*

On May 24, 2012, a letter and Notice of Public Meeting was provided. The letter advised that the REA supporting documents are to follow. On August 2, 2012, a copy of the Notice of Public Meeting was placed in the *Wawatay* newspaper. On June 8, 2012, copies of the draft REA

supporting documents were provide for each communities review. Appendix J 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.

4.2.3 (Third) Public Meeting

On September 18, 2012, a letter and Notice of (third) Public Meeting was provided. The letter advised that the REA supporting documents are to follow. On September 27, 2012, a copy of the Notice of Public Meeting was placed in the *Wawatay* newspaper. Appendix J contains copies of the Notice and the letters.

Section 2.3.2 provides the details of the final public meeting. No attendees at the 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 K contains any correspondence with the Aboriginal communities.

Table 4.1 Details of Additional Consultation Activities

Community/Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities
Taykwa Tagamou Nation (TTN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 19, 2012, Northland spoke with a representative on to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. A representative was identified and they participated in the archaeological site investigations later that month. • On July 25, 2012, Hatch received a call and follow-up e-mail from a representative of the Takwa Tagamou First Nation, providing their consultation protocol. • On September 18, 2012, Northland attended a meeting with representatives of the Takwa Tagamou First Nation. At that time, it was requested that a public meeting be held in the community. Follow-up e-mails have been issued on September 24 and October 10, 2012. Northland agreed to the meeting in a follow-up e-mail and the meeting is tentatively planned for late November 2012.
Wahgoshig First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 12, 2011, Hatch left a message with a representative to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. No response was received. • On August 1, 2012, Hatch left a message requesting any information or comments they may have on the proposed Project.

Community/Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities
Flying Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 12, 2011, Hatch spoke with Chief Murray to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. He requested that they just be kept informed. • On August 1, 2012, Hatch spoke with a representative of the Flying Post First Nation. They indicated that the reports had been received and that they expected they would not be providing any comments.
Matachewan First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 12, 2011, Hatch left a message with a representative to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. No response was received. • On August 1, 2012, Hatch left a message requesting any information or comments they may have on the proposed Project.
Northern Lights Métis Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 12, 2011, Hatch spoke with a representative to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. A representative was identified and they participated in the archaeological site investigations later that month. • On August 1, 2012, Hatch left a message requesting any information or comments they may have on the proposed Project.
Métis Nation of Ontario – Timmins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 12, 2011, Hatch left a message with a representative to inquire as to whether any archaeological monitors would be interested in participating in the upcoming surveys for the transmission line. No response was received. • On August 1, 2012, Hatch left a message requesting any information or comments they may have on the proposed Project. • On October 2, 2012, it was determined the incorrect mailing address had been used to notify of the upcoming Public Meeting on October 4, 2012. On October 3, 2012, contact information for the appropriate individual was determined and an email providing the letter and Notice of Public Meeting was provided.

4.4 Aboriginal Comments and Concerns

Northland 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
Taykwa Tagamou Nation	Taykwa Tagamou Nation requested further consultation as per their consultation protocol.	Representatives of Northland attended a meeting with representatives of the First Nation. Northland is currently attempting to schedule a public information centre in the community for late November.
Wahgoshig First Nation	None to date.	None required.
Flying Post	None to date.	None required.
Matachewan First Nation Northern Lights Métis Council	None to date.	None required.
Métis Nation of Ontario – Timmins	None to date.	None required.
Métis Nation of Ontario - Ottawa	None to date.	None required.

5. Conclusions

Since November 2010, the consultation program for the Abitibi Solar Project has been active. There has been open dialogue with immediate neighbours of the project, public, agencies, Aboriginal groups and the local municipalities and road boards regarding the Project. In addition to communications via email, letters, in person meetings and phone calls, there have been three public meetings for the Project. 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 B

Notices and Letters

June 1, 2011

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Subject: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting - Northland Power - Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project

Northland Power is proposing to construct three solar projects in the Town of Cochrane, just southeast of the community of Genier. The proposed projects are named the Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project (the "Projects") and will each have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. These Projects require a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) issued in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 as amended by Ontario Regulation 521/10. Northland Power has retained Hatch to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the REA process.

Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of the Projects and we would like to invite you to the upcoming Public Meeting. Please find attached a "Notice of a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting", which details the time and date of the planned meeting. This Notice will also be published in *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday June 2, 2011 and Thursday June 9, 2011. The Public Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the Project proposals and about Northland Power.

In accordance with Section 16 (3) of Ontario Reg. 359/09, a draft "Project Description Report" and associated information pertaining to these Projects and about Northland Power can be found online at: northlandpower.ca/abitibi, www.northlandpower.ca/empire and www.northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows. As well, hardcopies are available at the Town of Cochrane municipal office. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Projects.

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Attachment: Notice of a Proposal/Notice of Public Meeting: Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project

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

NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

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

Project Name: Abitibi Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Abitibi L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 8, 9 Glackmeyer Road northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 2nd of June, 2011

Project Name: Empire Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Empire L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 6, 7 Glackmeyer Road northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 2nd of June, 2011

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Martins Meadows L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 8, 9 Glackmeyer Road northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 2nd of June, 2011

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

This Public Meeting is being held to provide information on the proposed Projects. The Public Meeting will be an open house format.

Meeting Location:

Date: Tuesday July 5, 2011
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Place: Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

Project Description:

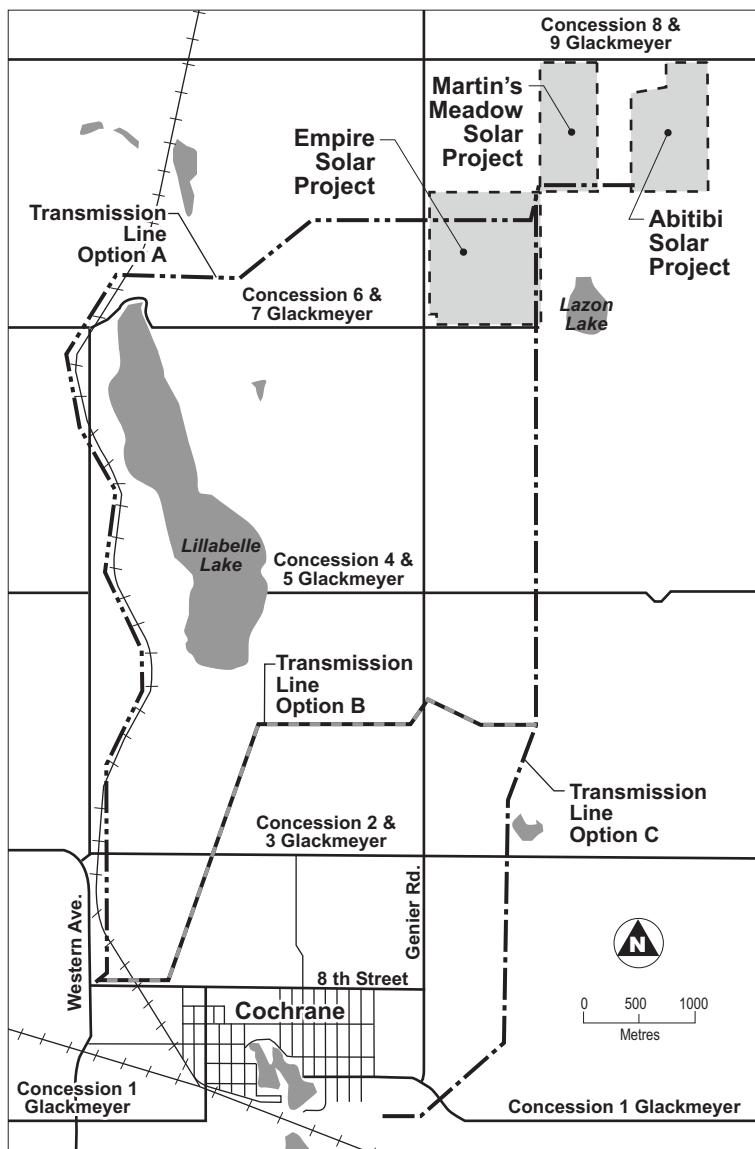
Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facilities, in respect of which these Projects are to be engaged in, are Class 3 Solar Facilities. If approved, these facilities would each have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW. The Project locations are shown in the map below.

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Project Contact and Information:

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

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Students see 'ghosts'

Mark Prior
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Does every action have a consequence? How about drinking or texting while driving?

Being in a police car, ambulance or a hearse may be a high-schooler's worst nightmare – in this case it was an educational experience only, as all three of these vehicles were positioned in front of Cochrane High School's main entrance for all to see on May 25, as part of a 'Day of Consequences'.

The occasion was to bring awareness to the consequences of drinking and/or texting while driving a vehicle. Throughout the day, over a dozen students left their classrooms every 22 minutes and came back dressed in black with white face paint on their faces to represent how often someone dies due to drinking and/or texting while driving.

Students attended an assembly where a graphic awareness video was presented and personal speeches were given by several people including Josette Morin of the Porcupine Health Unit, local OPP officer Jack Hawryluk and Irvine & Irvine funeral director and owner Jamie Rheault.

Anne Tremblay, Cochrane High's French teacher and Student Success teacher explained that the PHU had called her about putting on the event. Ms Tremblay said she realizes the importance of the message and gladly cooperated to arrange the event.

Darius Dumoulin, one of several students who participated as a 'ghost', was approached by his teacher with the idea and he was more than willing to take part in due to personal reasons. These "ghosts" represented someone who had died to due distracted or impaired driving.

"I know a couple people whose family members have died from that," he said intently. "The statistic is that every 22 minutes a person dies from drunk driving, so every 22 minutes there would be a car crash on the announcements, we would come down here and get our faces painted, be given a t-shirt and go back to class and we weren't allowed to talk because we were 'ghosts'."

After the assembly students were welcomed by Officer Jack Hawryluk was personally affected by drinking and driving because a close friend was involved in a related tragedy.



Mark Prior / Times-Post photo
Jack Hawryluk, Jamie Rheault, Anne Tremblay, Victor Wright, Bryan Kydd, Josette Morin, Cassandra Beaudoin and Darius Dumoulin pose in front of Cochrane High during the 'Day of Consequences' event, May 25.

"In the Trois-Rivières area about six or seven years ago or so, a transport and pickup truck collided head-on," he said with visible emotion. "We have reasons to believe that the pickup truck driver was contemplating suicide and actually meant to strike the transport truck deliberately to end his life."

Const. Hawryluk mentioned that he believes education is key for the message to get across and that could prevent kids from making bad choices along on the road.

"We can talk until we're blue in the face but when we bring our personal and professional experience as well with a graphic video, it hits home a little more," he said.

Paramedics Victor Wright and Bryan Kydd were on site answering questions students had. They both expressed their concerns about drinking and driving.

"Every day there's always somebody drinking and driving, or on their cell phones and driving," Mr. Wright said. "I've been doing this for 30-something years and I haven't seen a change yet."

Irvine & Irvine Owner and Funeral Director Jamie Rheault said that when someone dies there is no best scenario and young adults need to learn this message.

Josette Morin of the Porcupine Health Unit was observing the reactions students gave during the assembly and afterwards.

Principal of Cochrane High, Kristi-Layne Berthiaume, found the event to be successful and evident in its importance.

"I think that it's great for the kids to experience this and see it firsthand.

Sometimes the students may think that they are invincible to this and it won't happen to them, this helps them get a touch of reality," she said. "I would like this to affect all of our students but if it could affect just one student, hopefully after seeing and remembering this, they'll decide not to take that chance."

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NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL By Norbord Power to Engage in Three Renewable Energy Projects AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Project Name: Abitibi Solar Project
Project Applicant: Norbord Power Solar Abitibi LP
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 6, 9 Gladwyer Road northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Filed at the Town of Cochrane this 2nd day of June, 2011

Project Name: Empire Solar Project
Project Applicant: Norbord Power Solar Empire LP
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 5, 7 Gladwyer Road northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Filed at the Town of Cochrane this 2nd day of June, 2011

Project Name: Martin's Meadow Solar Project
Project Applicant: Norbord Power Solar Martin's Meadow LP
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 5, 9 Gladwyer Road northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Filed at the Town of Cochrane this 2nd day of June, 2011

Notice of Power's planning to engage in three renewable energy projects in respect of which the issuance of renewable energy approvals is required. The proposal to engage in these Projects and the Projects themselves are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act/Part V.0.1) and Ontario Regulation 269/03 (Regulation). The notice must be displayed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to applications being submitted and assessed for completion by the Ministry of Environment.

The Public Meeting is a public hearing to receive information on the proposed Projects. The Public Meeting will be held as follows:

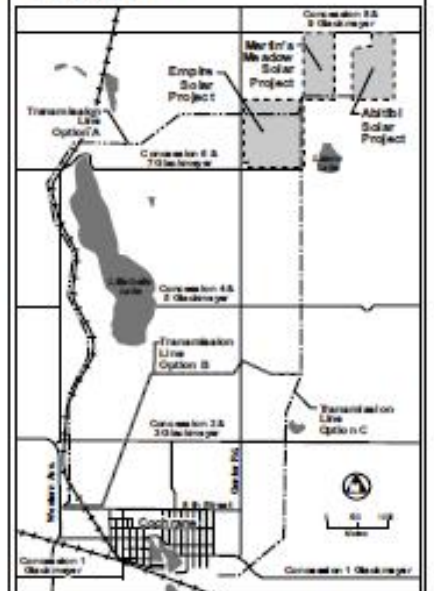
Meeting Location:
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2011
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Place: 2nd Floor, 2nd Street, 7 To The North Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

Project Description:
Respect to the Act and Regulation, the following is proposed which these Projects to be engaged in, an Class 2 Solar Facility. Proposed these facilities would each have a total maximum renewable capacity of 10 MW. The Project locations are shown in the map below.

The Draft Project Description Reports, the Draft Project Description Report Norbord Power Solar Abitibi, Project Description Report Norbord Power Solar Empire and Project Description Report Norbord Power Solar Martin's Meadow, describe the Project as a distributed generation facility that will store photovoltaic (PV) panels in order to generate electricity. 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 voltage by means of transformers. With the copies of the Draft Project Description Reports are being made available for public inspection at www.norbordpower.ca/2011, www.norbordpower.ca/2011, and www.norbordpower.ca/2011, and the Town of Cochrane municipal office, on June 2, 2011.

Project Contact and Information:
To learn more about the project proposal, public meetings or to comment on your views, please contact:

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Depending on vote, new cub could arrive in new year

Tanja Ingram-Paquette
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With Council reviewing a proposal from the Polar Bear Habitat Transition Committee toward becoming a self-sufficient organization, there is a bear that could call Cochrane home if the Habitat remains open.

"There is a polar bear cub on hand at a zoo in Quebec that is owned by the Toronto Zoo," stated mayor Peter Politis. "Our understanding is that the cub is still too young to wean from it's mother but could be available in six months. There are some conditions that would apply, such as the Habitat getting zoo certification, but this seems key to get the plan moving."

Members of board and committee working for Habitat

Mark Price
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Renee Vezeau, Vice president of the Cochrane and Area Community Development Corp. (CACDC), clarified the roles and positions of the board and the transition committee.

"The committee is more focused on the education aspect as well, people would be able to tap into the habitat."

She stated that the committee is completely volunteer run, with various members from the CDC board. Both Vezeau, and Simon Leonard, the President of the CDC, chose to be non-title members of the committee to solely represent the CDC.

The committee is made up of Chairman Robert Manseau, CDC Economic Development Officer Terry Vachon, Paul Latoadress, Simon Leonard, Patricia Morin and herself.

"We had an ad in the paper for people to send in a submission to be a part of the new committee," Ms Vezeau said.

She then explained that the committee asked to have business oriented people, Manseau and Cousins were accepted after applying to the committee, because of this. Cousins applied to represent the community.

"The CDC actually approved the committee then asked 'who wants to be a part of the committee', representing the board."

Ms Vezeau clarified that Patricia Morin director of conservation, with the town is the only employee working at the habitat.

Terry Vachon, manager of the Polar Bear Habitat, said there is a male cub in Quebec that is owned by the Toronto Zoo and that the Zoo has expressed interest in loaning the bear to the Habitat.

"Acquiring a new bear is one of the key parts of the transition committee's proposal," said Mr. Vachon. "If the Habitat does move forward then we will need to work on the contract with the Toronto Zoo and then once the cub has been weaned, he could be loaned to Cochrane. It is like any other contract and there will need to be discussions, but the Zoo has shown interest."

Mayor Politis added that he will be heading to Science North, the Toronto Zoo and to speak with the David Sza-



zaki Foundation in regards to getting them involved with the Habitat and with the possibility of them taking over the management.

Ward Two continued

DAWN MONROE

My main platform will always be: "I work for you!" Will work for your specific ward 2 concerns. As well, I will work to enhance industrial park development to encourage business and jobs, I will work to make sure we are ready for the new growth and that Ward Two does have a place in this prospective growth; I will work to make sure that council recognizes the value of our agricultural community; I will work to nurture our volunteers.

I am a fluently bilingual retired civil servant with 33 years in the Federal Government, 30 of which are at managerial level. She has had a life long interest and involvement in Municipal Politics where she has lived.

She is an active volunteer in her community. Married for 37 years, she is a proud mother and grandmother with

family in Cochrane. When you vote for Dawn Monroe on the June 27 you will see that she. Will be a new strong voice for your concerns in Ward 2; Will listen to, and follow-up, your needs and concerns; Will work to ensure Cochrane is ready to move forward and expand; Will nurture Cochrane's volunteers; Will push for improved seasonal road care.

Will be sure that Council recognized the value of our agricultural community. Believes in sound communications with working groups in our community. Since relocating to Cochrane Dan Monroe has been a STAUNCH supporter and promoter of our town.

Dawn has worked with several committees, some of which are: Cochrane Centennial Quilt Show, Cochrane Board of Trade, Cochrane Agriculture Society, Community Representative, Cochrane High School, Student Parent Council (2008) St. Paul's United church council.

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NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL By Northland Power to Engage in Three Renewable Energy Projects AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Project Name: A&B Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar A&B L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 6, 5 Gadsdenway Road (west side) of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the: Town of Cochrane on the 2nd of June, 2011

Project Name: Empire Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Empire L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 6, 7 Gadsdenway Road (west side) of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the: Town of Cochrane on the 2nd of June, 2011

Project Name: Martin's Meadow Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadow L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Concession 6, 9 Gadsdenway Road (west side) of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the: Town of Cochrane on the 2nd of June, 2011

Northland Power is planning to engage in three renewable energy projects in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in these Projects and the Project themselves are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Part VI.1 and Ontario Regulation 35/09 (Regulation)). This notice is made pursuant to section 15(1) of the Regulation prior to application being submitted and no such application has been submitted.

The Public Meeting is being held to provide information on the proposed Projects. The Public Meeting will be open to the public.

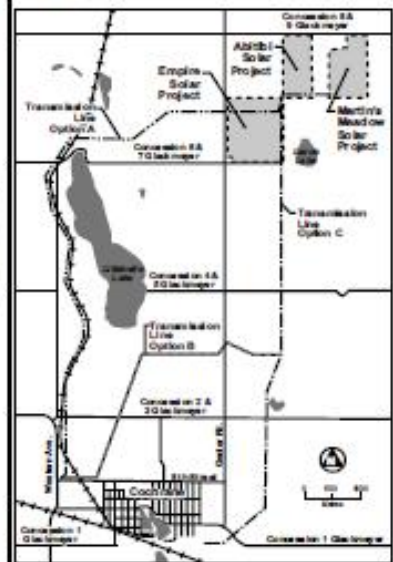
Meeting Location:
Date: Tuesday July 5, 2011
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Place: Tin Hat's Sports Centre, 7 Tin Hat Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act of Regulation, the holder, in respect of which the Project are to be developed, is a Class 2 Solar Facility. If approved, the facilities would each have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10MW. The Project locations are shown in the map below.

The Draft Project Description Reports, the Project Description Report for Northland Power Solar A&B Project Description Report for Northland Power Solar Empire and Project Description Report for Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadow, describe the Project as solar electric generating facilities that will utilize photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on existing or new DC electricly generated from PV panels a converted AC electricly by an inverter. The voltage level of the AC electricly produced by the inverter is stepped up to distribution level voltages by a bank of transformers. Written copies of the Draft Project Description Reports are being made available for public inspection at www.northlandpower.ca/1600; www.northlandpower.ca/1601; www.northlandpower.ca/1602; www.northlandpower.ca/1603; and at the Town of Cochrane municipal office, on June 2, 2011.

Project Contact and Information:
To learn more about the project, please contact the project manager or to communicate concerns, please contact:

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June 27, 2011

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Subject: Notice of Change of Date for Public Meeting - Northland Power - Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project

Northland Power is proposing to construct three solar projects in the Town of Cochrane, just southeast of the community of Genier. The proposed projects are named the Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project (the "Projects") and will each have an installed nominal capacity of 10 MW. These Projects require a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) issued in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 as amended by Ontario Regulation 521/10. Northland Power has retained Hatch to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the REA process.

As previously notified in a letter dated, June 1, 2011, Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of the Projects. Due to a change in Project location, the previously notified date of Tuesday July 5, 2011 for the Public Meeting is changed to Wednesday July 27, 2011. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please find attached a "Notice of Public Meeting", which details the time and date of the planned meeting. This Notice will also be published in *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday June 23, 2011 and Thursday June 30, 2011. The Public Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the Project proposals 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 these Projects and about Northland Power can be found online at: northlandpower.ca/abitibi, www.northlandpower.ca/empire and www.northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows. As well, hardcopies are available at the Town of Cochrane municipal office. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Projects.

Please direct any correspondence(s) to:

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Yours truly,



Sean Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator

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Attachment: Notice of a Proposal/Notice of Public Meeting: Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project

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

UPDATED NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

By Northland Power to Engage in Three Renewable Energy Projects

AND UPDATED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Project Name: Abitibi Solar Project **Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Abitibi L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 14, 15 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 23rd of June, 2011

Project Name: Empire Solar Project **Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Empire L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 17, 18 Concession 7 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 23rd of June, 2011

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project **Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Martins Meadows L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 16 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 23rd of June, 2011

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This Public Meeting is being held to provide information on the proposed Projects. A new date has been scheduled for the Public Meeting. The Public Meeting will be an open house format.

Meeting Location:

Date: Wednesday July 27, 2011
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Place: Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

Project Description:

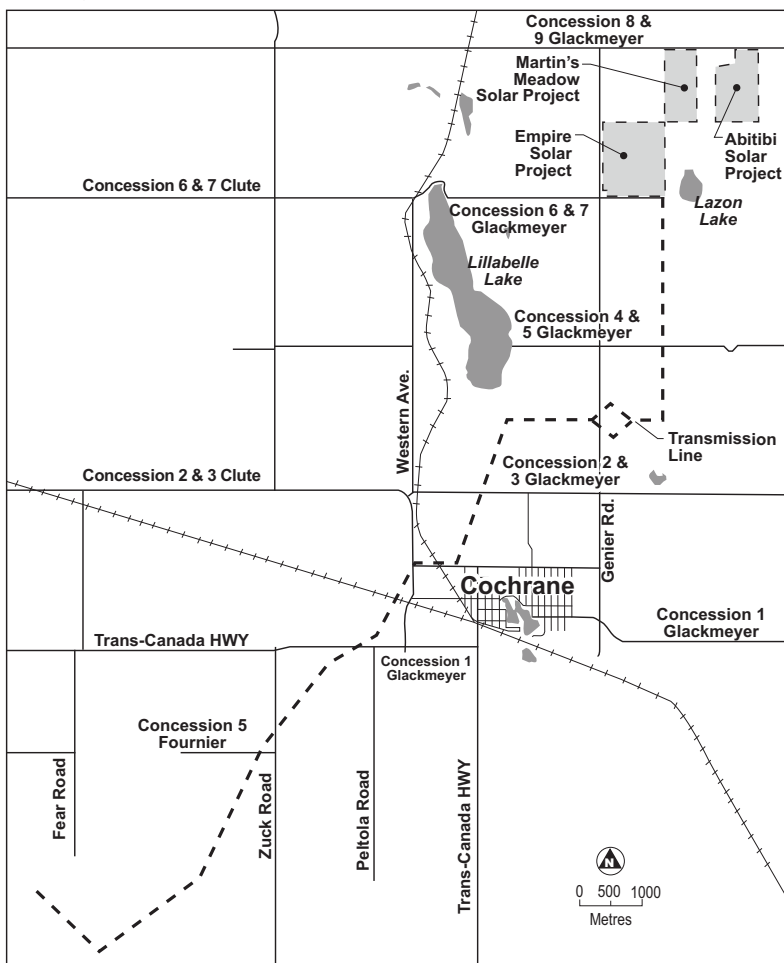
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Project Contact and Information:

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Team Noah Project / Times-Post photo
 Cochrane showed its support last weekend when both the Richelieu Club and the Colombe donated \$250 toward Noah Côté (left). Noah's father Sylvain Côté was born and raised in Cochrane and his grandmother Elise Côté still resides there. Noah was diagnosed with diabetes type 1 and participated in the annual Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes in North Bay on Father's Day. When Elise did her fundraising for "Team Noah", she was honoured when both the clubs in her hometown decided to assist her.

New pilot project clinic first in north

The Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) and four First Nations organizations have joined together to create a new one-of-a-kind pilot project clinic for children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

The new clinic is the first clinic in Northern Ontario to offer assessment and diagnosis of FASD.

The creation of the FASD Diag-

nostic Clinic is a partnership between the HRSRH, the Anishinabek Nation, Mamaweswen North Shore Tribal Council, the Shikagami-kwe Health Centre (Greater Sudbury), and the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (Manitoulin Island).

Funding provided by the HRSRH, the Anishinabek Nation, and the First Nations, Inuit and Aboriginal Health Branch of Health Canada.



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DATED at Cochrane, Ontario this 20th day of June, 2011.

By: **ANNE LAMBERT**
LEE ANN BOUCHER
 By their solicitor:
 Dominique Boucher
 Beauclair Boucher
 Barristers & Solicitors
 174-4th Avenue, P.O. Box 1898
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UPDATED NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL By Northland Power to Engage in Three Renewable Energy Projects AND UPDATED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Project Name: Abibi Solar Project **Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Abibi L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 14, 15 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 23rd of June, 2011

Project Name: Empire Solar Project **Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Empire L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 17, 18 Concession 7 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 23rd of June, 2011

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project **Project Applicant:** Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadows L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 16 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 23rd of June, 2011

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This Public Meeting is being held to provide information on the proposed Projects. A new date has been scheduled for the Public Meeting. The Public Meeting will be an open house format.

Meeting Location:

Date: Wednesday July 27, 2011
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Place: Tim Horton's Event Centre, 7 Tim Horton Drive, Cochrane, Ontario

Project Description:

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

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May 24, 2012

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

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

Northland Power is undertaking a public consultation program in support of the Projects and has planned a public meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, as outlined in the enclosed Notice of Public Meeting. This Notice will also be published in *Cochrane Times Post* on Thursday, May 24, 2012 and Thursday, July 26, 2012. The Public Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the Project proposals and about Northland Power. Please note a change has occurred in the proposed transmission line route and the attached map outlines both the previous proposed transmission line route, as shown at the last public meeting, and the revised proposed transmission line route.

In accordance with Section 16 (3) of Ontario Reg. 359/09, draft supporting documents, including the Project Description Report, Executive Summary, Design and Operations Report, Construction Plan Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Report, Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report, Natural Heritage Assessment Reports and Water Body Assessment Reports, are to follow and will be made available by Thursday, June 21, 2012 at (i) the Town of Cochrane Municipal Office and at (ii) the Hunta Mennonite Church (please contact Robert Landis at 705-272-6306 for a viewing) or (iii) on-line at northlandpower.ca/abitibi, www.northlandpower.ca/empire and www.northlandpower.ca/martinsmeadows. We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Projects.



May 24, 2012

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Sincerely,

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

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.
REA Coordinator

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Attachment(s)/Enclosure

Notice of Public Meeting – Abitibi Solar Project, Empire Solar Project and Martin's Meadows Solar Project
Comparison Map of Transmission Line Route

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

NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

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

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

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

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadows L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 16 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.2
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 24th of May, 2012

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

Project Description:

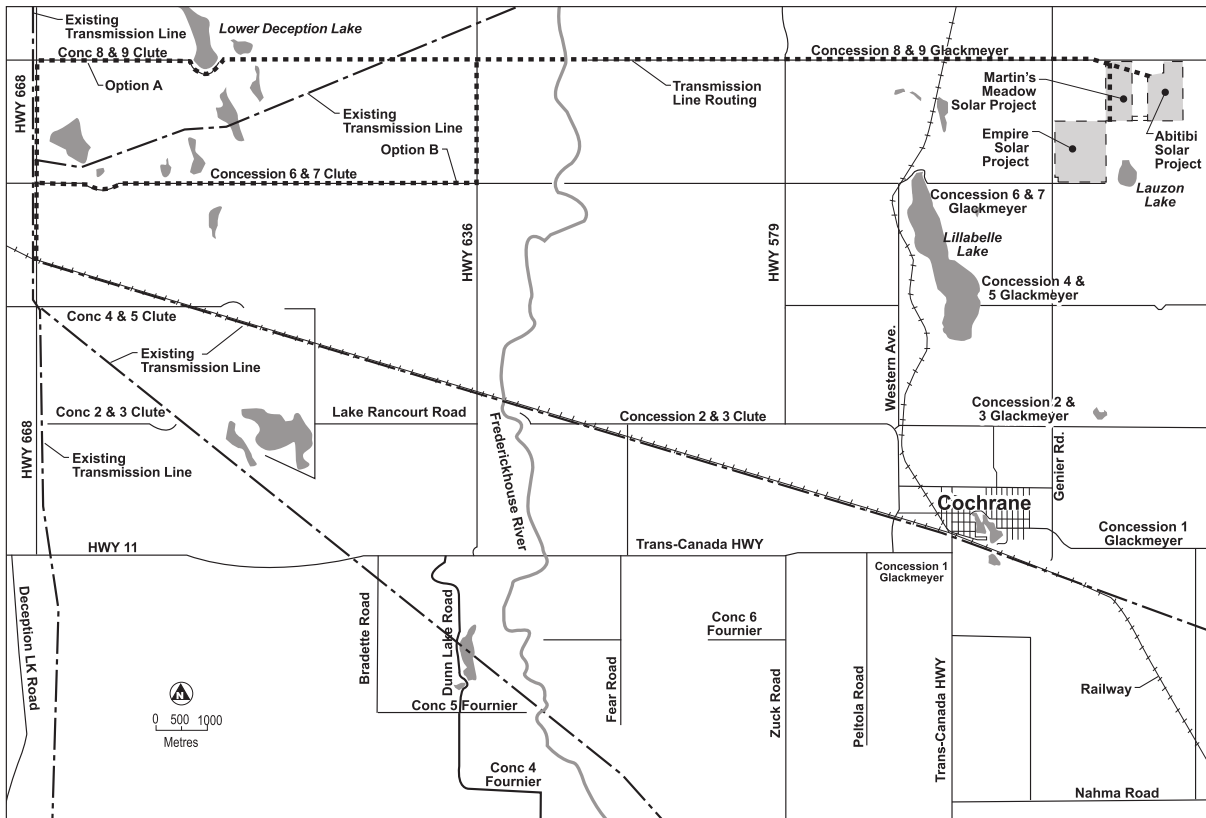
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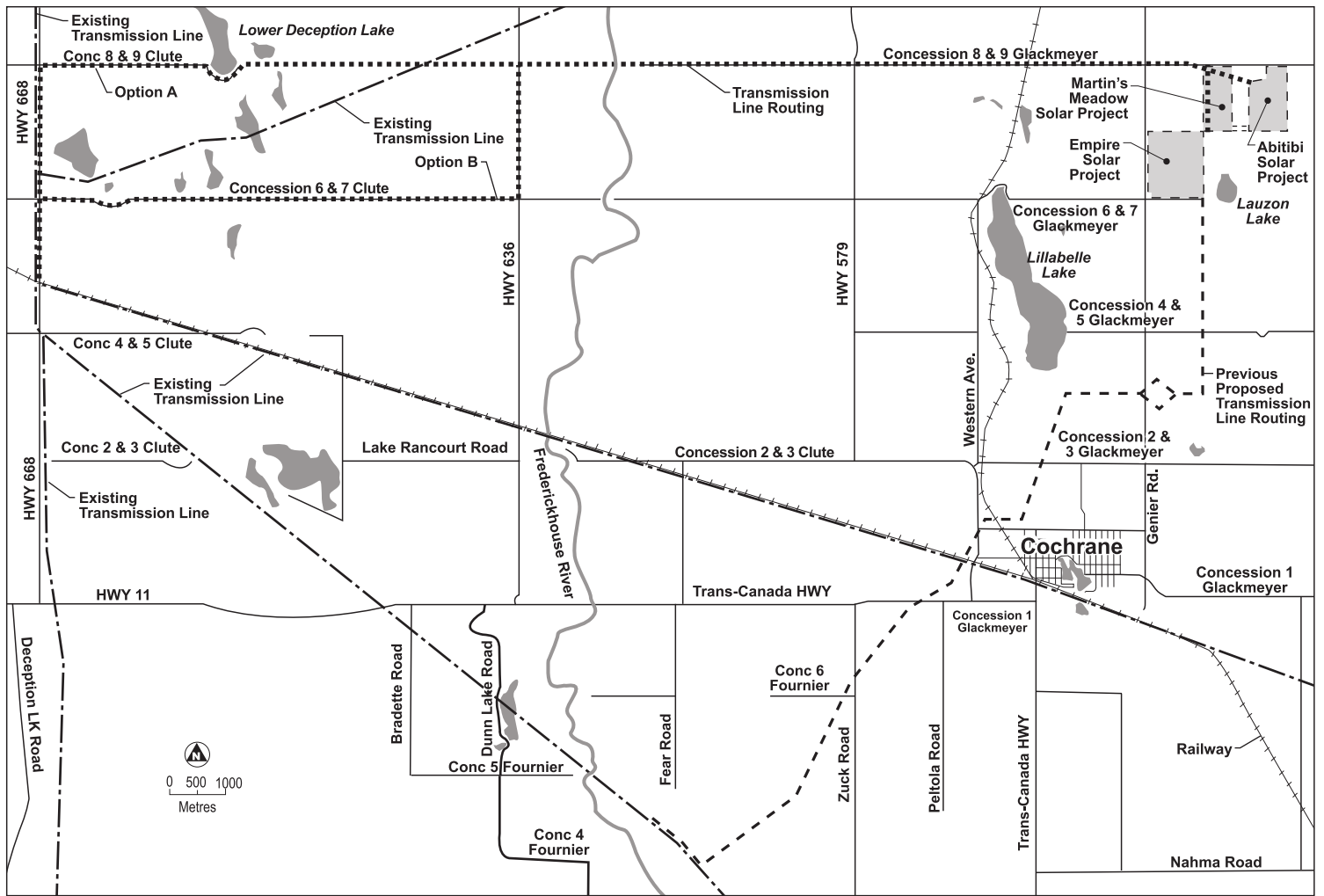
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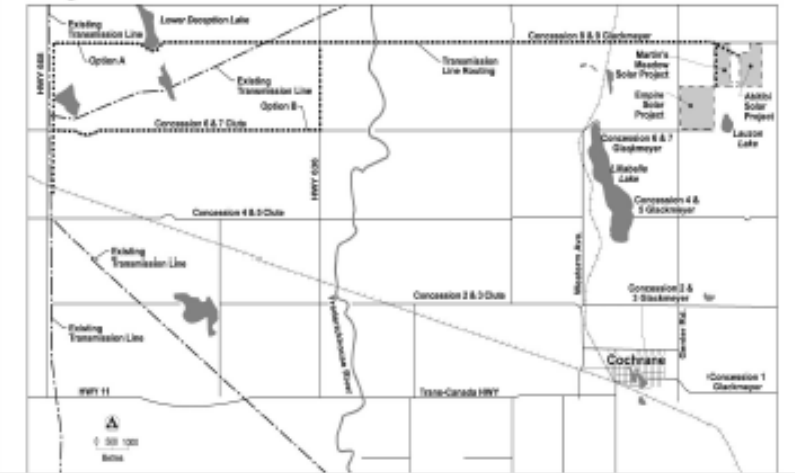
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New LHIN regional group meets

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On the first day of Mental Health Week, Monday, the North East LHIN hosted the inaugural meeting of its Regional Mental Health and Addiction Consultation Group.

The NE LHIN received excellent responses to its nomination process, and the chief executive officer, Louise Paquette, is pleased with the expertise of the consultation group members from across Northeastern Ontario.

"Each member brings a very rich perspective to the advisory table – including that of consumer, educator, and health service provider," said Ms Paquette. "Most importantly, each member is committed to working to improve the quality of services delivered to people with mental health and addiction on both the clinical and personal supports."

The group will advise the NE LHIN on the implementation of the province's 10-year strategy *Open Minds, Healthy Minds*, and on important regional mental health and addiction issues.

Members of the new group are Sandra Barbieri of North Bay, Christine Blake of Manitoulin Island, Diane Brown Demarco, Madeleine Finley of Cochrane, Dr. Jean-Guy Gagnon of North Bay, Sylvie Guenther of Cochrane District, Karen Rebeiro Gruhl, Dr. Aail Joseph, Elizabeth Laroque of Algoma, Dr. David Marsh of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Karen Rowe from Haileybury, and Mary Ellen Szadkowski and Mary Tasz, both of Sault Ste. Marie.

Meeting not what expected

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On Tuesday afternoon Al Spacek, president of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Tom Laughren, vice president of FONOM, led a delegation to Toronto to meet with senior government officials directly responsible for the divestiture process of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC).

The group's main question was going to be "what is the plan", but Spacek said the government had other things in mind.

"When we walked into the meeting, we were told that no questions would be asked, that it was just a technical meeting," said Spacek. "It was made clear however that they are in the very beginning stages and have yet to create a plan or process. For that it is good news that things are not being rushed and we may be able to convince them to include stakeholders in the process."

Spacek added that they did ask those present to remind the Minister that they would like for northern leaders and industry to be included in the process.

Afterwards, the group was asked to return in June for another meeting.



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Concession 8 northwest of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 24th of May, 2012

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Martin's Meadows LP
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 18
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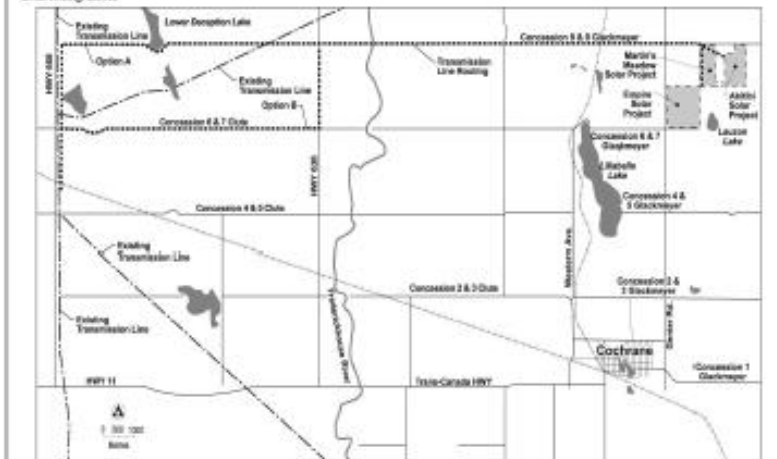
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Timmins couple surpasses air hockey world record

Kyle Gannings
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After 34 hours, couple Jesse Fontaine and Breanna Broughton realized a dream.

The duo stood at either end of an air hockey table after their successful attempt to break the Guinness World Record for longest air hockey game.

The original record was set at 20 hours.

By 8 a.m. on Friday they achieved their goal of 24 hours of continuous play.

But the puck didn't stop there and neither did Fontaine or Broughton.

"We are definitely going to keep going," Fontaine said during a break, permitted in the rules. "I don't know if 48 hours is going to happen, but we're shooting for 36 hours right now."

Working through exhaustion and lapses in motivation, the endurance game was easier than anticipated, but not without struggle.

"Watching the puck makes you motion sick, the whole thing has been very mind numbing. I am just exhausted at this point," he said. "I feel like I've accomplished something very great."

Hand in hand with the record attempt, Fontaine and Broughton hosted a fundraiser, hoping to raise \$10,000 for one of World Vision's drop in centres in Ft. Wadhai, Pakistan.

Common words: 'The' has staying power

OMI Agency

The most commonly used word in the English language has been "the" since at least 1520, according to a new study that analyzed 5.2 million books published over five centuries.

But while many of the most popular words have remained the same over the centuries — the top five has almost always included "the," "of," "and," "to" and "in" — everything else has changed dramatically, becoming a lot less religious and a lot more American.

In the 1500s, words like "baptized," "God," "Christ" and "tyrann" littered the top 100 lists. By the late 1700s, those Christian words were mostly absent.

According to the study by Matjaz Perc at the University of Maribor in Slovenia, the top 100 four-word phrases between 1520 and 1575 included things like "of the Pope and," "the Word of God," "Pope and his followers," "baptized in the name," "the name of Jesus" and "the pardon of sins," among others.

By contrast, in 2008 the top five four-word phrases were "at the same time," "the end of the," "in the United States," "at the end of" and "of the United States."

In his study, published in the Royal Society Interface, Perc credits some of these changes to the way publishing has evolved. Once, only certain institutions, many of them Church-affiliated, could publish literature. Now anyone can.

While it may seem as though English is constantly changing, especially with new technology and Internet-based words entering the vernacular, Perc said English has actually reached a mature state.

A full list of the most common words and phrases from 1520 to 2008 can be found on Perc's website, www.matjazperc.com.

September 18, 2012

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

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

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

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

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



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We would appreciate any comments, queries or information you may have that are relevant to the proposed Projects.

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Sincerely,



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Attachment(s)/Enclosure
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Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012

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Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Empire L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lots 17, 18 Concession 7 northeast of the Town Concession
 of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012

Project Name: Martin's Meadows Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Martins Meadows L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 16
 Concession 8 northeast of the Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012

Project Name: Long Lake Solar Project
Project Applicant: Northland Power Solar Long Lake L.P.
Project Location: The Project is located on Lot 2 and 3, Concession 8, Calder, northwest of the
 Town of Cochrane.
Dated at the Town of Cochrane this the 20th of September, 2012

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

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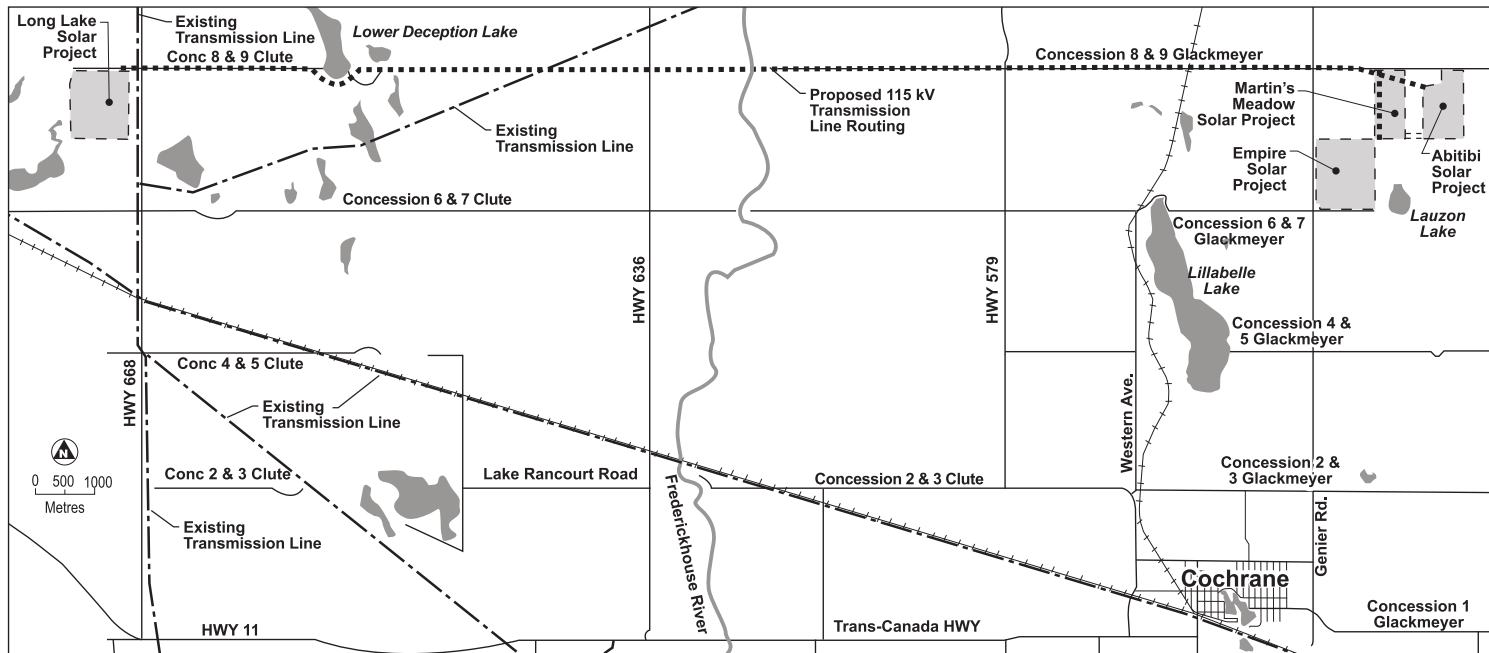
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OPP says community satisfaction surveys will help with better service

A community satisfaction survey is scheduled in the North East Region to solicit public opinions about the services the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachments deliver to communities throughout the region.

The voluntary survey is a telephone survey that randomly selects members of the public (16 years or older) who live in Ontario and takes about five to seven minutes to complete. Those contacted and willing to participate are asked about issues such as community security, perceptions of crime and youth issues in the community, OPP presence in the community, service delivery and even how the OPP investigates crime and enforces the law.

The information provided by those surveyed is being collected by a research consultant, R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. that has been retained by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The information is treated confidentially and the names, telephone numbers, and addresses of those surveyed will not be included in the survey results provided to the OPP.

Once the survey is complete, the results will be used in the OPP Business Plan and Annual Report. The information will be useful in helping the OPP set out goals and objectives to improve on the services it delivers to communities throughout Ontario.

These surveys are done throughout the province on a rolling three year schedule.

The North East Region detachment surveys will start in early October and are expected to be completed by Nov. 30.

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Project Description:
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