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1. Overview

1.1 Project Description

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to develop and operate a 6.5-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (Solar PV) facility, on an approximately 15-hectare (ha) parcel of land located about 7 km west-southwest of Orillia in the Township of Oro-Medonte in County of Simcoe; herein referred to as "RE Orillia 3" or the "Project".

Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 359/09 – Renewable Energy Approvals Under Part V.O.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 name plate 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 the 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 the consultation process. The information provided 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. The information presented in this guide is incorporated into this report, where required.

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

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





- comments from the members of the public, Aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and Local Service Boards were considered by the person who is engaging in the project
- the documents that were made available under subsection 16(5) were amended after the final public meeting was held
- the proposal to engage in the project was altered in response to comments made from members of the public, Aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and Local Service Boards.

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

Table 1.1 Legislative Requirements – Concordance Table

Requirements	Location within the Consultation Report
A summary of communications with public, Aboriginal communities, and municipalities	Communications with the public are summarized in Table 2.1 and provided in Appendix E Communications with Aboriginal communities are summarized in Table 4.2 and provided in Appendixes J and K Communications with municipalities and other public Agencies are summarized in
Evidence that the information required to be distributed to Aboriginal communities under Subsection 17 (1) was distributed	Table 3.1 and found in Appendixes J and K 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
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 G
 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 b the 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 and Table 4.2







1.2 The Consultation Process

Pursuant to O. Reg. 359/09, consultation conducted for the Project has included adjacent landowners, government agencies (e.g. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), MOE, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, etc.), local municipalities (upper and lower tier), 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. As well, the consultation process has been used to identify specific stakeholders as a means to establish open and meaningful dialogue between the project Proponent and the stakeholders.

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

The following report sections provide:

- 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.









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 additional measures deemed necessary to ensure adequate consultation. A wide variety of consultation methods increases the amount of public awareness and participation. The methods of consultation for this Project included:

- Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project/Notice of Public Meeting
 - Direct mail to all identified landowners within 120 meters of the Project location (a full list of landowners is provided in Appendix A). A total of 9 notices were issued on May 27, 2010 in advance of the first public meeting.
 - Postings on Friday May 28, 2010 and Friday June 4, 2010 in the Orillia Packet and Times
 which has a general circulation in the Project area. These notices are included in
 Appendix B.
- Notice of Final Public Meeting
 - Direct mail to all identified landowners within 1 kilometre of the Project location (a full list of landowners is provided in Appendix A). A total of 96 notices were issued on May 12, 2011, for the final public meeting.
 - Postings on Friday May 13, 2011, and Friday June 17, 2011 in the *Orillia Packet and Times*. These notices are included in Appendix B.
- A website (<u>www.ontariosolarfuture.ca</u>) with Project and proponent information, Notices and Project documents posted when available.
- Hard copies of the draft Project Description Report and draft REA supporting documents available for review at the Township of Oro-Medonte office.
- First and final public meetings.
- Means to obtain comments on the Project by having comment sheets available at first and final
 public meetings and advertisement of phone numbers, fax and emails for the public to make
 comments.
- One hardcopy of draft Project Description Report available at the first public meeting and all the draft REA supporting documents available for review at the final public meeting.
- Handouts (printed copies of display boards, 1-page information sheet) available at the public meetings.

Through these methods, information, questions, comments, feedback and concerns regarding the Project were obtained and then utilized and addressed.







2.2 List of Stakeholders

Initially, per the requirement of the REA Regulation, a list of property owners within 120 m of the Project location was determined through consultation with the Township of Oro-Medonte and these were included on the stakeholder list used for distribution of the Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project/Notice of Public Meeting. At the first public meeting, several property owners greater than 120 m away from the Project location requested that they be included on the mailing list as well. As a result, the mailing list was expanded to include all landowners within a 1-km radius surrounding the Project location.

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 the Project. For example, during the first public meeting, if any attendees provided their mailing address on the sign-in sheet, this address was added to the mailing list. Project information (e.g., notification of an upcoming public meeting) was distributed to the identified property owners or interested parties.

Appendix A contains a copy of the 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 stakeholder list that was used for distribution of the Notice of Final Public Meeting.

2.3 Details and Results of Consultation

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

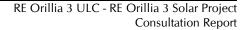
It should be noted that between the formalized consultation activities, all stakeholders were encouraged to provide comments or questions via telephone, fax, email or mail at any time during the consultation process. Stakeholders were also encouraged to provide any concerns early in the process. Where relevant, a response was provided for each question or comment received, either directly (i.e., at the public meeting) 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 *Orillia Packet and Times* on Friday, May 28, 2010 and again on Friday, June 4, 2010. These published notices are included in Appendix B. This local paper has general circulation in the area around the Project location. The Notice and a covering letter were also sent by regular mail to all members of the stakeholder list, including all identified landowners within 120 m of the Project location. A total of nine (9) stakeholders were mailed a notification on Thursday, May 27, 2010. A copy of the Notice and a sample letter are contained in Appendix B.

A copy of the first Notice along with the draft Project Description Report (PDR) were posted on the Project website, www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, on May 28, 2011.







The first public meeting was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Hawkestone Community Hall, 3 Allen Street, Hawkestone, within the Township of Oro-Medonte, with a purpose to:

- introduce the proponent 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 37 people signed in at the first public meeting. All individuals that provided contact information were added to the Project stakeholder list for future communications.

The draft PDR was made available for public review on the Project's website, and at The Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office, 148 Line 7 South, Oro, Ontario, 30-days prior to the meeting. Paper copies of the draft PDR were made available for review at the event. Further information was provided on the display boards presented at the first public meeting. Appendix C contains a copy of the display boards, comment sheet that was distributed to attendees, completed sign in sheets and one-page handout provided at the meeting.

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

Feedback obtained from the first public meeting was intended 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 meetings to all attendees as means to obtain and record comments and concerns as well as pertinent background information about the Project location.

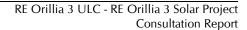
Six (6) comment sheets were obtained at the first public meeting. An additional comment sheet was filled in during a public meeting held for the RE Waubaushene 4 and RE Waubaushene 5 Solar Projects and was submitted for the RE Orillia 1, RE Orillia 2 and RE Orillia 3 Solar Projects. Appendix C contains a copy of the comment sheets that were submitted. Comments from these comment sheets are identified in Table 2.1. The response from RE Orillia 3 ULC and the way in which the REA reports or the Project were altered to address the comment (where applicable) are also identified in Table 2.1.

2.3.2 Final Public Meeting and Notice

The Notice of Final Public Meeting was published 60 days prior to the event in the *Orillia Packet* and *Times* on Friday, May 13,2011 and again on Friday June 17, 2011. These notices are included in Appendix B. Notices were sent to stakeholders by regular mail accompanied by a covering letter. The mailing list included the expanded adjacent property owner list (1km from the Project location) and any other individuals who provided their mailing information during the first public meeting for the final public meeting. A copy of this Notice and a sample letter are provided in Appendix B.

The purpose of the final public meeting was to solicit feedback on the content and the findings of the draft REA supporting documents prepared for the Project. Draft copies of the Project documents required to be prepared under the REA process were made available for public review on May 13, 2011, at the Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office, 148 Line 7 South, Oro, Ontario and on the







Project website. Hard copies were also available for review at the final public meeting. These Project documents included the

- 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
- Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report
- Water Body Assessment Reports
- Natural Heritage Assessment Reports.

A copy of the Notice of Final Public Meeting, drafts of the Project supporting documents and summaries were posted on the Project website at the same time as the Notice was published.

The final public meeting was held on Tuesday July 12, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Hall, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte Township, Ontario, with a purpose to:

- provide the community with detailed information about the Project
- answer any questions about the Project
- obtain any comments or concerns with respect to the Project.

A total of 17 people signed in at the final public meeting.

Information provided to all attendees at the final public meeting included a copy of the display boards, a one-page handout summary and a comment sheet to be completed and returned. Copies of this information can be found in Appendix D. Display boards provided general information on the proponent and Project, including the main concerns noted by attendees at the first public meeting and specific information provided in the Project supporting documents.

Questions at the final public meeting were answered by representatives from the Proponent, Hatch and H.B. White Canada, the construction firm retained by RE Orillia 3 ULC to provide advisory services. No written comment sheets were received during the final public meeting or within the 2-week period following the final public meeting. Project representatives also made notes regarding verbal discussions that were held with attendees at the final public meeting. The summary of the verbal discussions held at the meeting and topics/questions/concerns discussed are paraphrased in Table 2.1. The response from RE Orillia 3 ULC and the way in which the REA reports or the Project were altered to address the comment (where applicable) are also identified in Table 2.1.







2.3.3 Other Public Consultation

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

- email correspondence
- phone calls
- mail
- fax.

A total of four emails have been received from the public throughout the duration of the consultation process (copies of these are provided in Appendix E). Where direct responses were provided to the person who submitted the email, these responses are included in Appendix E. Comments not addressed by a direct response from RE Orillia 3 ULC were incorporated into Table 2.1.

On January 13, 2011, Hatch called the President of the Big Cedar Estates Ratepayers Association to discuss the proposed Project and inquire if representatives from Big Cedar Estates would be interested in meeting directly with representatives from RE Orillia 3 ULC. The President indicated that residents of the Estates were primarily concerned about noise from the Project and traffic along Line 13 N and Bass Lake Sideroad during construction. Hatch indicated that the Draft Noise Assessment Study available on the Project website provided additional information on noise and confirmed that sound levels from the facility would meet MOE requirements. Hatch indicated additional information on construction, including traffic was present in the Draft Construction Plan Report. The President indicated that the Directors were meeting on January 20, 2011 and would discuss if they wanted to hold a meeting with RE Orillia 3 ULC to discuss the Project in more detail. The President of the Estates called Hatch on January 24, 2011 and indicated that they were not interested in having a meeting with RE Orillia 3 ULC. The President indicated that some members of the Estates would likely attend the final public meeting.

In early July 2011, RE Orillia 3 ULC called all landowners located immediately adjacent to the Project location to see if they had any concerns with the Project and confirm if they were interested in meeting directly with RE Orillia 3 ULC prior to the final public meeting. A total of three landowners were contacted and no concerns were indicated and none of the landowners were interested in meeting with RE Orillia 3 ULC.

2.4 Public Comments and Concerns

The comments and/or concerns that were obtained from the public (e.g., comment sheets, emails, etc.) during the Project consultation process. The Project has responded to and taken action to concerns in a multitude of ways. The responses are provided in Table 2.1. Where applicable, the Project 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 (where applicable) are included in Table 2.1.





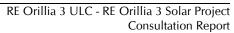




 Table 2.1
 Summary of Public Comments and Responses

Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project	Amendments to Project or Project Reports
	 Verbal Comments from First and Final Public Meetings Concern about level of noise from inverters. Concern about potential humming noises at night. Concern about lack of field readings for noise. Concern about lack of noise mitigation measures, and potential noise impacts from cumulative sites in community. Questions about how loud 40 dBA really is, and what is recourse if noise exceeds 40 dBA? Was a survey conducted for the noise model? Concern that RE Orillia 1, 2 and 3 facilities may act cumulatively and produce louder noise emissions than just one facility by itself. Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: Define noise mitigation. Your modeling is theoretical and assumes that the countryside is typically 40 db. Your noise studies don't appear 		
	to show any actual field readings. Why is this not important, when the residents have been happy with noise levels that are much lower than the accepted standard? What is the preconstruction design for the mitigation and how are the accumulating factors of multiple site factored into the community?"		
	"With regard to the large facilities, your noise models have not presented the actual effect of multiple facilities in a close proximity. How can you expect the public to bear the result of that lack of engineering? What steps are you taking to ensure that the hills around Big Cedar will not amplify the sound of your proposed facilities down to that quiet community?"		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Where are the inverter locations in relation to Big Cedar Estates?	The Hatch representative responding to the question identified the approximate location of Big Cedar Estates on the Noise Assessment Display Board and showed that it was a significant distance away and was not even shown on the Project mapping. The closest residence at Big Cedar Estates will be approximately 1.2 km away from the closest part of the Project location.	n/a
Safety and Security	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting How are the panels grounded? 	The grounding design has not been finalized at the present time but it will be determined during the detailed design stage for the Project. Grounding will be conducted in accordance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (OESC) and all grounding works will be inspected by the Ontario Electrical Safety Authority (OESA).	n/a

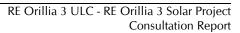






Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project	Amendments to Project or Project Reports
or Concern	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	A traffic plan will be prepared in consultation with the Township of Oro-Medonte and Simcoe County prior to construction. The plan will specify	n/a
	verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting		II/a
	a Mark is the traffic plan for the project?	the haul routes to be utilized, seasonal load restrictions, timing restrictions on deliveries, mitigation required for oversized deliveries and other	
	What is the traffic plan for the project? You had a second a	measures deemed necessary by the Township and County.	,
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	RE Orillia 3 ULC will develop a detailed Emergency Response Plan for the facility and review the plan with the Township of Oro-Medonte Fire Department. Plan will include provisions for access, training, fire prevention and emergency response.	n/a
	 Concern about potential for fires at the facility 		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Further information regarding the emergency response plan is available in the Design and Operations Report. The plan will be finalized in	n/a
	 What is the official emergency/fire response plan? 	coordination with the Township of Oro-Medonte prior to commencement of construction at the site.	
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to providing training to the fire department staff and will work with the fire department to ensure that training requirements are met.	n/a
	• How will we ensure the proper information is told to all the fire fighters not just the Chief?		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	While covering a panel will cause the module to stop generate power, doing so on a large scale as part of an emergency response is not expected to be practical. RE Orillia 1 ULC will develop an emergency response plan prior to commencement of commercial operation of the	n/a
	Can the modules be covered to cut power?	facility as a guideline for emergency response personnel.	
Water – Surface, Ground, Storm	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Only water will be used for panel washing. No materials from the panels will leach into the water used for washing. The wash water will run off the panels onto the ground surface, where it will be subject to normal runoff patterns. The ground cover vegetation to be planted throughout the	n/a
	What are the impacts of panel washing?	solar field will prevent erosion and mitigation such as enhanced vegetated swales and ditch check dams will further prevent erosion and mitigate changes in surface water runoff. Therefore, no erosion or contamination will occur as a result of panel washing.	
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Groundwater will be withdrawn from a new well constructed on site. Withdrawals will be around 10,000 litres per day during construction and will not exceed 45,000 litres per day. During operations, panel cleaning will be conducted approximately 3 times per year, using 25,700 litres of	n/a
	 Concern that groundwater withdrawals for the Project would have adverse effects on adjacent wells 	water over a 4-5 day period. Other periodic uses of water may occur during operations. The low volumes of water required are not anticipated to affect adjacent wells.	
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The attendee at the final public meeting noted that there are two areas within the proposed Project location that are seepage areas, which are	n/a
	Two seepage areas are located in the middle of the Project location and these should have	protected under the REA Regulation, and these areas should have at least 30-m setbacks. The attendee noted that these areas are very wet in the spring and are not farmed like the rest of the field.	
	setbacks associated with them.	Hatch reviewed the water body site and natural heritage site investigation notes to assess these areas, which were not noted as seepage areas in the draft supporting documents. Given that these two areas do contain natural vegetation that is not farmed and are slightly lower lying compared to the surrounding farmed areas, it appears likely that they are poorly drained areas and do accumulate water during precipitation and	
		snow melt events, typically during the spring. However, there is no outflow channel connecting these areas with the adjacent wetland areas and they appear hydraulically isolated from other surface water supplies. Given that there is no outflow from the area, it appeared unlikely to the field investigators that this area would constitute an actual seepage area, since there is no evidence of groundwater emergence into a surface	
		water supply. Based on this assessment, these areas do not meet the definition of a seepage area under the REA Regulation, and therefore, do not require any setback.	
Vetlands	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The Natural Heritage Assessment methodology was discussed with the member of the public asking this question. It was indicated that if the Project location was within 120 m of a wetland, it would have to be assessed for significance. RE Orillia 3 is within 120 m of a wetland;	n/a
	How were effects on wetlands assessed?	therefore mitigation measures as identified in the Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study will be implemented to reduce/mitigate any potential impacts.	
Wildlife and vegetation	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The wildlife sanctuary of Langman Marsh is located approximately 100 m northeast of the Project location.	n/a
	How far away is the Wildlife Sanctuary?		





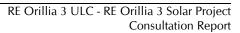


Category of Comment or Concern	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project	Amendments to Project or Project Reports
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Concern that rodent populations will increase within the solar field. 	Rodent populations within the solar field area may experience less pressure due to restriction of access to coyotes and decreased accessibility to birds of prey. However, snakes will continue to have access to the site to help control rodent populations and normal predator-prey relationships will exist immediately outside the project location. Overall, no adverse effects resulting from rodent populations are anticipated to occur on adjacent properties.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting • Concern about tree removal	Tree removal will be minimized to the extent possible, with only clearing within the hedgerow along the southern border of the Project location proposed. No clearing is proposed within the significant woodland north and east of the Project location.	n/a
Restoration/Revegetation & Decommissioning	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting What is the impact if Project is not successful? Who will be responsible for closure and site remediation? Are funds being allocated to this? Written Comment from First Public Meeting	RE Orillia 3 ULC will be responsible for decommissioning the site in accordance with the requirements of the contract with the landowner, the procedures noted in the Decommissioning Plan Report, as well as any Terms and Conditions of the REA Approval (if obtained). No funds are required to be allocated for remediation since the financial residual value of the facility is expected to exceed any cost of decommissioning.	n/a
	"What happens if the projects don't work out? My guess is that the USA people will pick up and trot off back home and leave their mess behind for us to clean up."		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public MeetingHow will restoration be completed?	The restoration process will be conducted in accordance with the agreement with the landowner. This general process is documented within the Decommissioning Plan Report.	n/a
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Who should stakeholders contact if there are problems at decommissioning stage? 	Contact information for RE Orillia 3 ULC will be provided at the site during the decommissioning process.	n/a
Agricultural land use	Written Comment from First Public Meeting	RE Orillia 3 ULC will not be planting an annual cash crop under or between the panels. A grass mix will be planted to minimize erosion, reduce weeds, and protect the long term health of the soil. This grass mixture will cover the large majority of the site. A study by several consulting Soil Scientists and the University of Guelph Turfgrass Institute was commissioned by RE Orillia 3 ULC to determine vegetation species that would be able to grow under the solar panels to maintain soil productivity, provide wildlife habitat, prevent erosion, maintain aesthetics and prevent weed growth, while ensuring that the height of growth would not adversely affect solar generation. The study concluded that a mix of grasses and a legume species would meet these requirements.	n/a
	What will grow beneath the panels?Will the panels have adverse effects on the soil and its future agricultural capability.		





Category of Comment	Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution	Amendments to Project or Project
or Concern	Comment of Concern	and/or Amendment to Project	Reports
	Verbal Comment from First Public Meeting	Comments noted. RE Orillia 3 ULC has met all requirements of the OPA with respect to protection of prime agricultural land.	n/a
	• Farmland should not be used for this project.		
	Written Comments from First Public Meeting		
	• "NOT ON FARMLAND"		
1	• "Suggestions: Old mines, gravel pits, quarries		
	abandoned buildings, - any roofs, on a smaller		
	more dispersed scale such as one per farm		
	along the concession, along the 1000s of km		
	of huge hydro lines that don't have farmland under them!!! "		
	 "Ontarians will not allow our farmlands – 		
	source of food - to be stolen out from under us!"		
	 "Do not put panels on farmland!! No matter 		
	what government authority or map states the		
	class of land is, people will resist these solar		
	projects when put on our source of food !!!"		
	• "Loss of farmland"		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The study conducted to determine an appropriate vegetation mix to be planted throughout the solar field concluded that the specified vegetation species will maintain soil productivity throughout the life of the Project by maintaining natural nutrient cycling processes.	n/a
	 Concern that soil productivity can't be maintained if not continually cropped. 		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Top soil will only be removed on a small percentage of the overall Project area for access roads, inverter and transformer locations and parking areas. Stripped topsoil will be spread or stockpiled on site. If stockpiled, it will be covered to protect from erosion, for use during post-	n/a
	 Concern about loss of stripped top soil. 	construction restoration in other areas of the Project location.	
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Soil studies were conducted in accordance with the OPA and the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) requirements. The OPA confirmed that soil classifications	n/a
		were properly assessed prior to issuance of the conditional FIT contract to the project. Soil classifications are documented in the Project	
	Where are the soil study reports?	Description Report.	,
Socio-economic	Comment from Letter Following First Public	The size of the transformer pads was estimated during the first Public Meeting for discussion purposes, but after more than 6 months additional	n/a
	Meeting:	design information was available for the final public meeting to provide a better indication of the size of the pads. This resulted in some	
	• "In your first presentations, you stated that any	discrepancy in the size of the pads between the first and second public meetings. RE Orillia 3 ULC has endeavoured to provide the public with	
	transformers would sit on pad, giving us the	the most up-to-date information possible.	
	impression of a small size. Now we read		
	about the structures that are 6m x 9m x 3.5 m high needing footings and foundations. Why		
	have you been so deceptive to the public, or		
	do you clearly not know the scope of your		
	work?"		





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	Written Comment from First Public Meeting "Because of the sightlines and closeness to neighbours property values will drop extremely low"	Members of the public asking about impact on property values were told that RE Orillia 3 ULC is aware of the public's concerns regarding potential adverse effects on adjacent property values. The Project mitigates potential effects by specifying improvements such as acoustical barriers (ensuring sound level guidelines are met) and visually screening the frontage of the facility with dense, native shrubs to maintain local aesthetics.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting		
	Concern the Project will have a negative impact on property values.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Concern that solar energy will have cause	The goals of the Green Energy Act are to advance the use of renewable energy sources and promote jobs in the province. Solar energy initiatives represent a very low percentage of the overall energy generation mix and electricity costs are increasing due to a wide variety of factors other (e.g., costs to refurbish aging generators and transmission infrastructure).	n/a
	 electricity rates to increase Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Concern about adverse effects of nightlighting on adjacent properties 	Lights are not proposed for continuous use around the facility at night. A light will be available at the substation for maintenance purposes, but use after dark is anticipated to be minimal. Motion-sensitive lights may be used for security. These lights will be directional and trained inward, but again, use of these lights should be minimal.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Commenter indicated that there was a First Nations land claim in the area within the woodland at the eastern side of the property [outside the Project location] and indicated that he was surprised that permission was obtained to access the area.	The property referred to is privately owned by the landowner leasing the portion of the property for development by RE Orillia 3 ULC. Permission was obtained from this landowner to access all portions of his property. RE Orillia 3 ULC is not aware of any ongoing First Nations land claims in the area. Consultation is being conducted with all Aboriginal Communities indicated by MOE.	n/a
Site Selection	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Concern regarding the use of agricultural land for the Project, and the loss of farmland.	RE Orillia 3 ULC has met all requirements of the OPA with respect to protection of prime agricultural land.	n/a
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "According to the Ontario Power Authority, you are to be guided by the Canadian Land Inventory Maps. When you have multiple land classes, you are required to do field specific soil studies. What is shown on the summary sheets is land classifications. Where are the reports of those studies?"	Soil studies were conducted in accordance with the OPA and the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) requirements. The OPA confirmed that soil classifications were properly assessed prior to issuance of the conditional FIT contract to the project. Soil classifications are documented in the Project Description Report.	n/a





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	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "The Land Classification maps don't show the soil improvements that have been done. i.e.: tile drainage, soil building, erosion control, stone removal. Therefore the actual soil would be better than the maps indicate. Will you grant trespass to peer review your claims? How is a challenge presented to the OPA if trespass is not granted?"		n/a
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "How far would you place any of the structures from property lines?. How close to a residence would you allow any structures to be located?"	The setbacks from property lines or residences for structures on the property that qualify as buildings will adhere to all applicable regulations. With respect to the panels, this varies from site to site. For sites with nearby neighbours, a visual screen of shrubs and trees has been proposed on the border of the project. This will supply additional setback as well as improve neighbour's views.	n/a
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "Without field specific soil studies, how will you determine the limits of construction and who will monitoring the encroachment you will attempt? If you are to stay off of restricted soils, how can you say that there will be temporary loss of use of that land? If in fact you build on restricted land, what mechanism is available to have the structures removed?"	The Project will avoid Class 1 and 2 soils and other areas with setbacks from Natural Heritage features as shown in the figures throughout the REA Reports. The site will be surveyed to delineate the limits of construction to ensure no encroachment occurs.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Would prefer non-agricultural land to be considered	Recurrent Energy (the parent company of RE Orillia 3 ULC) is interested in pursuing solar power developments on all types of properties, but certain conditions (e.g., distance from transformer station, topography, site conditions, landowner agreements, etc.) must be met. The RE Orillia 3 site met those conditions and is therefore being proposed for development.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting How far away will any structures be from the adjacent property lines?	The setbacks from property lines or residences for structures on the property that qualify as buildings will adhere to all applicable regulations. With respect to the panels, this varies from site to site. For sites with nearby neighbours, a visual screen of shrubs and trees has been proposed on the border of the project. This will supply additional setback as well as improve neighbour's views.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public MeetingWhy is the land leased and not purchased?	Property purchase was discussed with the landowner, but a long-term leasing agreement was determined to be the preferred strategy.	n/a
Visual	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Are berms to be installed as a method of visual screening?	Berms are not being considered as a visual screening method. Visual screening through planting of dense, native shrub species along the road frontage is being proposed, and shown in the conceptual landscaping plans presented at the final public meeting and in the draft Design and Operations Report that was made available for public review during the 60-day period prior to the final public meeting.	n/a
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting What are the types of trees to be planted for the visual screening? 	The species to be utilized will be determined during the detailed design process when landscaping measures are finalized. Generally, a mix of conifers of varying heights (with full growth generally < 5 m in height) will be planted. Conceptual landscaping information has been added to the Design and Operations Report.	n/a







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	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "At the Township of Severn council presentation [Note: this was in regards to a different Project proposed by Recurrent Energy], you said you would plant trees around a site if the project was approved. What species and size would you direct planted and where in any report is that stated?"	The species to be utilized will be determined during the detailed design process when landscaping measures are finalized. Generally, a mix of conifers of varying heights (with full growth generally < 5 m in height) will be planted. Conceptual landscaping information is provided in the Design and Operations Report.	n/a
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "At any of the gravel pits, there are berms built to mitigate noise and sight. If your project is granted, how large would the berms be, built around the property?"	Visual screening through planting vegetation is being proposed, and shown in the conceptual landscaping plans at the final public meeting. The Design and Operations Report includes these conceptual plans. The extent of any berming, if any, will be determined during final detailed designs.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting • How tall will the inverter block be?	The final design for the inverters has not been determined at this stage in the process.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting How tall will the fence be? Will the fence be behind the visual screen?	The fence will be 2.7-m (9') high, with the provision for barb wire, as stated in the Design and Operations Report. The fence will be situated behind the visual screening.	n/a
Other	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Concern about lack of transparency regarding this Project. 	RE Orillia 3 ULC has met all REA and OPA requirements regarding this project as it relates to provision of information to agencies and the public.	n/a
	 Written Comment from First Public Meeting " snow removal from bottom edge of panels. This is not California, we get lots of snow" 	Clearing snow from the panels is not planned. The tilt of the panels and sunlight will cause the snow to eventually slide off on its own. It is expected that there will be a reduction in solar production during this time.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting		
	 Concern about snow removal from bottom edge of panels. 		
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Concern that insufficient information being provided on the Project. 	RE Orillia 3 ULC has met all REA and OPA requirements regarding this project as it relates to provision of information to agencies and the public.	n/a
	Written Comment from First Public Meeting	A hard copy of the draft Project Description Report was mailed to the commenter following the First Public Meeting.	n/a
	 "I would be interested in a hard copy of the report with the large coloured maps – Project Description Report – Orillia 3" 		





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	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The foundation types may include screw piles, steel piles, concrete piers or a foundation on bedrock, as discussed in the draft Construction Plan Report that was available for public review.	n/a
	What is the foundation type?		
	 Written Comment from First Public Meeting "Get meeting date and time info to everyone within 30 km of all sites by going door to door – a personal level will get an appropriate response". 	The REA Regulation specifies that notices of public meetings should be distributed to all landowners within 120 m of the Project location and published in a local newspaper. This was done for the First Public Meeting. In response to these requests made at the First Public Meeting, the stakeholder mailing list was expanded to include all landowners within 1 km of the Project location and this list was used for subsequent mailouts.	n/a
	Verbal Comment from First Public Meeting	This request was made at the first public meeting. In response, RE Orillia 3 ULC ensured that experts in noise, construction, environmental	n/a
	• Request to have technical experts attending information sessions (ex. engineers, designers, electricians, scientists, etc.)	impacts, mitigation and other areas were present at the final public meeting in order to adequately respond to particular questions from members of the public.	
	Written Comment for First Public Meeting		
	"Bring knowledgeable parties (ie. Engineers, designers, electricians and scientists)"		
	Written Comment from First Public Meeting	Discussions held with members of the public at the public meetings are documented within this Consultation Report.	n/a
	"Record Minutes – Hire a secretary for these meetings!"		
	 Written Comment from First Public Meeting "Because of the massive size of these projects and the very little information to the surrounding area of people affected by them, things need to slow down. Study's need to be 	The project is progressing in accordance with the timelines dictated by the REA Regulation. RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to considering the concerns of the local stakeholders and mitigating to the extent possible. RE Orillia 3 ULC has met all REA and OPA requirements regarding this project as it relates to provision of information to agencies and the public.	
	done locally on a case by case / Project by project basis."		
	Verbal Comment from First Public Meeting Set up internet/email for further comment on the Project.	The project documents and notices have been posted on the project website (www.ontariosolarfuture.ca), as per the requirements of the REA Regulation. Email has been used as an information distribution methodology if specifically requested by members of the public.	n/a
	Written Comment from First Public Meeting • "Set up internet facility to receive email, blog type comments, requests etc. and post replies on-line"		
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "Tell us where you have built a solar electrical generating facility on agricultural land?	RE Orillia 3 ULC (and parent company Recurrent Energy) do not have any operating solar projects on agricultural land, but are pursuing a number of developments in Ontario and California at the present time.	n/a







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	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "Recurrent was copied on a letter to the Premier from our group [see letter referenced to in Appendix E]. We received a letter saying that a complete response was forthcoming. When are we to receive that response?"	RE Orillia 3 ULC did respond by letter on February 15, 2011, a copy is included in Appendix E.	n/a	
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "The community was not impressed by seeing the document from October 2010 with Sussex on the cover. We have been told that in fact Sussex Strategy Group was the originator of that work and that various people at Sussex have admitted the same." [See actual letter in Appendix E for additional quotations as part of this comment that have not been reproduced here]. "The public can not at all be welcoming of a company coming into their community by displaying that sort of tact. It can only mean that the benefit will only flow to the developer at the expense of the general population."	Recurrent Energy's corporate vision and philosophy is to develop clean energy facilities while operating at the highest levels of integrity and honesty. We fully embrace the REA process in Ontario to deliver to the public, municipalities, and First Nations all the information needed to make informed decisions and provide valuable feedback for these projects. The Sussex document referenced was a draft document developed internally for other clients. Recurrent Energy was not involved and it has no relevance on our projects. For our part, we have provided, and will continue to provide, all the information required under the program and continue to answer all questions from the public to the best of our ability.	n/a	
	Comment from Letter Following First Public Meeting: "We are asking Recurrent Energy for the following: Present to the public exact schedule with dates of the application process	It is not possible to present the exact schedule for projects in the REA process. Most key dates are dependent on reviews completed by provincial ministries over which developers have no control or visibility into those timelines. Recurrent Energy will continue to notify the public as required under the REA process.	n/a	
	Present to the public the names, addresses, email addresses of all parties involved with the application process	Contacts are as follows: RE Orillia 3 ULC C/o Recurrent Energy 300 California Street, 8th Floor San Francisco, CA 94104 Tel: 415-675-1500 Fax: 415-675-1501 www.recurrentenergy.ca Hatch Ltd. Attn: Noel Boucher, B.Sc. Environmental Coordinator 4342 Queen Street, Suite 500 Niagara Falls, ON, Canada L2E 7J7 Tel: 905-374-0701 ext. 5757 Email: nboucher@hatch.ca		





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or Concern		and/or Amendment to Project	Reports
		Ontario Ministry of the Environment	n/a
		Barrie District Office	
		54 Cedar Pointe Dr.	
		Unit 1203	
		Barrie ON L4N 5R7	
		Toll free: 1-800-890-8511	
		Tel: (705) 739-6441	
		Fax: (705) 739-6440	
		Ontario Ministry of the Environment	
		Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch	
		2 St. Clair Ave. West, 12A Flr	
		Toronto, ON M4V 1L5	
		Phone: 416-314-8001	
		Outorio Bourge Authority	
		Ontario Power Authority	
		Suite 1600	
		120 Adelaide Street West	
		Toronto, ON M5H 1T1	
		Main Telephone: 416-967-7474	
		Fax: 416-967-1947	
		Toll Free: 1-800-797-9604	
		www.powerauthority.on.ca	
		General Email Inquiries:	
		info@powerauthority.on.ca	
		Feed-in Tariff Program	
	Durant to the multipate of amount that is to be	FIT@powerauthority.on.ca	I-
	Present to the public the format that is to be	General information regarding the REA appeal process is available on the MOE's website	n/a
	followed for a public appeal of your application	(http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/subject/renewable_energy/index.htm).	
		Detailed information regarding the appeal process is available on the Ontario Government's Environmental Review Tribunal website	
		(http://www.ert.gov.on.ca/english/home.html)	
	Present to the public all reports, scientifically	RE Orillia 3 ULC has provided all reports and studies required under Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Renewable Energy Approvals under Part V.0.1	n/a
	based that supports your application	of the Act). These are available at <u>www.ontariosolarfuture.ca</u> .	
	Allow trespass on all ten sites that you have	Each site is privately owned and Recurrent Energy has provided access to sites for qualified expert contractors and scientists and appropriate	n/a
	under application, for the purpose of peer	ministry personnel. We will continue to do so as required under the Renewable Energy Approval process.	
	review		
	Comment from Letter Following First Public	RE Orillia 3 ULC will continue to provide all the information to the public as required by the REA process and the rules of the FIT program. We	n/a
	Meeting:	will continue to answer the public's questions to the very best of our ability.	
	"If Recurrent complies with this request, the		
	public will see that there is transparency and		
	the desire to move forward in a democratic		
	process. Conversely, if Recurrent chooses to		
	continue these applications in the clandestine		
	manner that has been witnessed to date, the		
	public will understand that it has to stand		
	together to battle your applications"		







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	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The REA process, as regulated by the Ministry of the Environment, requires communications with the public throughout the approvals process. RE Orillia 1 ULC is has been committed to exceeding the minimum public communications required, and provides updated information, as available, on its website www.ontariosolarfuture.ca for public consumption.	n/a	
	 A member of the Big Cedar Estates community requested that Project status reports be provided to the community as the project proceeds. 	information, as available, on its website www.ontariosolariuture.ca for public consumption.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	RE Orillia 3 ULC (and parent company Recurrent Energy) do not have any operating solar projects on agricultural land, but are pursuing a number of developments in Ontario and California at the present time. The closest operating solar facilities owned by other companies, are	n/a	
	• Is there a solar facility close by to look at?	located in Eastern Ontario (i.e., Nappanee and Ottawa areas) and in Sarnia.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Where required, vegetation will likely be cleared by chainsaw (larger trees), brush hog (shrubs) or bulldozer (ground cover). It will likely be taken off site and disposed of in accordance with waste disposal requirements. Trees removed could be chipped and processed on site for use as	n/a	
	 How is vegetation which has been cleared removed? Is it disposed off-site? 	temporary erosion control.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The firm that will be retained to construct the facility has not been determined at this time.	n/a	
	Who will be constructing the facility?			
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Increased construction traffic is anticipated during the construction phase of the Project. Traffic routes will be selected to limit the impact on the local community. A Traffic Management Plan will be developed as necessary in coordination with the Township.	n/a	
	• How will construction traffic be mitigated?			
	Verbal Comment from First Public Meeting	RE Orillia 3 ULC is owned by Recurrent Energy, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sharp Corp.	n/a	
	Who owns RE Orillia 3 ULC?			
	Verbal Comment from First Public Meeting	The FIT program was established to promote private investment in green energy generation in the province.	n/a	
	• Why does Hydro One not own the Project vs. RE Orillia 3 ULC?			
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	Construction will take approximately 8 months, though construction time can vary significantly due to weather and other variables.	n/a	
	How long will construction take?			
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The rack anchoring system will be determined during detailed design following geotechnical studies, but it will likely involve straight or screw piles. Concrete sleeve anchors could also be used depending on soil conditions.	n/a	
	What kind of rack support will be used?	priest concrete steere unenots could also be used depending on son conditions.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The FIT contract requires 60% Ontario content. Source materials will be sourced from local suppliers to the extent possible.	n/a	
	Concern about local content for project materials.			
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The REA process is a provincial initiative that must be followed by all developers of renewable energy in Ontario. The process for municipal consultation is defined in the REA Regulation. RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to working with the Township and County to address their	n/a	
	Concern that REA process takes control away from the municipalities	concerns through the REA and subsequent permitting processes.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The Project representative responded that review and approval by the Ministry of the Environment is still required under the REA process. In addition, the Project must obtain any permits and approvals necessary from other regulatory authorities including the Township of Oro-Medonte.	n/a	
	• Is this a done deal?	addition, the froject must obtain any permits and approvals necessary from other regulatory authorities including the rownship of Oro-Medonie.		
	Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting	The Hatch staff member to which this question was asked responded by indicating he was not aware of any additional solar projects being proposed by Recurrent Energy in the Simcoe County area.	n/a	
	 Are there any more additional Projects proposed for Simcoe County? 	proposed by recurrent Energy in the sinicoe County area.		







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	Comment from Email Prior to final Public Meeting: "This is to let you know that we will not be at the final meeting. It is a waste of our time and gasoline. You do not care for the people or our concerns as far as I think. We will have to buy earplugs to block out the sound of the convertors and blinders so we do not have to look at the field of solar panels that used to be grass or crops."	Comment noted. RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to being a good neighbour in the community and will be ensuring that all noise emissions meet MOE requirements (as per the Noise Assessment Study) and will be installing visual screening along the property frontage to minimize visual impacts of the proposed facility (as shown in the Design and Operations Report).	n/a
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Will the facility access roads be ploughed in the winter? 	Currently there are no plans for extensive snow removal during the winter months. The Emergency Response Plan will outline any requirement for snow removal to critical equipment if needed.	
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting What is a meander belt [which was shown on the mapping on the display boards at the final public meeting]. 	The Hatch representative responded that a meander belt is a term used by the Conservation Authority to identify the long-term potential location of a watercourse channel due to erosion of the channel. The meander belt is a Regulated Area in which development is generally not allowed. This Project is not located within 120 m of the any identified meander belt feature.	n/a
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Will the zoning of the property change after the facility is constructed? 	The municipal zoning designation for the property will not change as a result of the Project.	n/a
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting Who can we contact if the facility falls into disrepair during the operations period and what maintenance is undertaken? 	Contact information for RE Orillia 3 ULC will be clearly posted on signage at the front of the facility. The exact points of contact have not been determined at this time. Maintenance will include regular facility inspections and upkeep such as grass cutting and landscaping. The facility will also be remotely monitored and if issues with power generation are observed, local maintenance staff will be mobilized to the site to conduct an inspection.	n/a
	 Verbal Comment from Final Public Meeting The commenter indicated that she thought a well had already been installed on the RE Orillia 2 Project location. 	The RE Orillia 3 ULC and Hatch representatives responded that no wells have been installed on the site for the purposes of water taking for the Project. The RE Orillia 2 project is still undergoing review under the REA process and permission has not been obtained to install a well for this purpose. The commenter was informed that she may have observed the geotechnical drilling equipment on the site, which was there to provide information on soil and bedrock conditions for use during the detailed design process.	n/a



3. Consultation with Agencies

3.1 Agencies

Consultation with relevant government agencies including provincial ministries, local municipalities and conservation authorities were completed as per O. Reg. 359/09 and MOE's "Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report". The following agencies were consulted:

- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Tourism and Culture
- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- County of Simcoe.

The following provides the details of the consultation completed per agency.

3.1.1 Ontario Ministry of the Environment

- On December 22, 2009, RE Orillia 3 ULC provided the MOE with the draft Project Description Report and requested a list of Aboriginal communities to consult with. This is further described in Section 4.1.
- On May 27, 2010, Hatch sent the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting to the Ministry of the Environment (Barrie District Office and Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (EAAB)).
- On May 12, 2011, Hatch send the Notice of Final Public Meeting to the Ministry of the Environment (Barrie District Office and Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch).
- Periodic verbal communications with members of the MOE EAAB to clarify specific aspects and requirements of the REA Regulation and process. These questions were not specifically related to the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project, but the answers provided by MOE were used as guidance during the REA process for the Project.

3.1.2 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

• A meeting was held with staff from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Midhurst District office to discuss the ten solar projects being proposed by Recurrent Energy in the Midhurst District area, one of which was the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project. MNR indicated that further delineation of the wetland boundary may be necessary. In response to this concern, Hatch and Natural Resource Solutions Inc. undertook a wetland boundary delineation, as discussed in the Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) reports. No other specific concerns regarding this Project were identified at the meeting. Minutes from this Meeting are provided in Appendix F.







- MNR provided background information regarding fisheries for the ten proposed Recurrent Energy solar projects in Midhurst District on May 4, 2010. No information specific to the Project was provided since there are no watercourses in close proximity to the Project location.
- On July 22, 2010, Hatch submitted to the MNR Draft NHA documents for the project, including Natural Heritage Records Review, Site Investigations and Evaluation of Significance Report, and Environmental Impact Study for the Project (as required by Sections 25, 26, 27, and 38 of O.Reg 359/09).
- MNR provided comments on the Draft NHA documents on November 30, 2010 (as provided in Appendix F). Hatch revised the NHA reports as appropriate to address MNR's comments and sent revised versions for additional review.
- MNR provided their Confirmation Letter confirming that the NHA reports meet the REA Regulation requirements on April 29, 2011 (as provided in Appendix F).

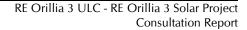
3.1.3 Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture

- Hatch submitted an Archaeological Assessment Report entitled 'RE Orillia 3 Solar Project Stage 1
 and 2 Archaeological Assessment', prepared by D.R. Poulton & Associates Inc. to the Ontario
 Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) on July 15, 2010.
- On August 12, 2010 the MTC responded that the archaeological assessment undertaken for the Project complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the license terms and conditions and the Ministry's 1993 Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines. This letter is included in Appendix F.
- The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report concluded that no further investigation is required as no archaeological sites were identified during the investigation, to which the MTC agreed.

3.1.4 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

- The entire Project location and the area leased for the Project by RE Orillia 3 ULC are located within the Nottawasaga Valley watershed and are therefore under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA).
- On March 24, 2010, Hatch sent an email to Patti Young (Senior Planner at NVCA) requesting
 existing information regarding natural heritage and water body features within the RE Orillia 3
 Project location area. NVCA responded on May 24, 2010 and provided general information
 regarding NVCA's policies with respect to development within their area of jurisdiction. GIS
 information regarding Regulated Areas (e.g., flood hazard, erosion hazard, meander belt and
 120-m buffers from wetlands) was also provided by the NVCA.
- On May 13, 2011, Hatch provided all the REA reports for RE Orillia 3 Solar Project to NVCA for review. A follow up email was sent to the NVCA on July 15, 2011 asking if comments were going to be submitted. NVCA responded that they were reviewing the reports and would be providing comments, although at the time of writing of this report no comments have been







submitted. RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to working with the NVCA to address their comments and any permitting and approval requirements they may have regarding this Project.

3.1.5 Township of Oro-Medonte

- On March 8, 2010, RE Orillia 3 ULC and Hatch attended a meeting the Andria Leigh, Director of Development from the Township of Oro-Medonte, to discuss the five proposed solar projects in the Township, including RE Orillia 3 Solar Project. Minutes of the Meeting are provided in Appendix G. No comments or concerns specific to the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project were provided by the Township at the meeting. Hatch also provided the Municipal Consultation Form, as per O.Reg 359/09 Sec 18(1), with Section A completed by Hatch, and requested the Township of Oro-Medonte to complete Section B of the Form. This was provided more than 90 days prior to the final public meeting.
- On May 27, 2010, Hatch sent an email to the Township of Oro-Medonte, notifying the Project documentation would be mailed to them (see Appendix G)
- On May 27, 2010, Hatch sent the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting to the Township of Oro-Medonte (Development Services and Corporate Services/Clerk).
- On May 12, 2011, various Project reports were submitted to the Township of Oro-Medonte (Development Services) for their review and consideration. This letter is included in Appendix G.
- Hatch extended an invitation to meet and discuss the Project prior to the final public meeting, but the Township of Oro-Medonte indicated that a face to face meeting was not necessary at the time.
- It is understood that the Township of Oro-Medonte will be completing a Municipal Consultation Form for the Project and presenting it to Council for consideration near the end of August. However, the Form had not been provided at the time of writing of this Consultation Report. If a Municipal Consultation Form is received from the Township, an Addendum to this Consultation Report will be prepared and submitted to the MOE to identify RE Orillia 3 ULC's responses to any comments provided by the Township.

3.1.6 County of Simcoe

- On March 2, 2010, RE Orillia 3 ULC and Hatch attended a meeting with planning staff from the County of Simcoe, to discuss the ten proposed solar projects in the County, including the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project. Minutes of the Meeting are provided in Appendix G. No comments or concerns specific to the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project were provided by the County at the meeting. Hatch also provided the Municipal Consultation Form, as per O.Reg 359/09 Sec 18(1), with Section A completed by Hatch, and requested the County complete Section B of the Form. This was provided more than 90 days prior to the final public meeting.
- On May 27, 2010, Hatch sent an email to the County of Simcoe, notifying the Project documentation would be mailed to them (Appendix G).





- On May 27, 2010, Hatch sent by mail the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Public Meeting to the County of Simcoe (County Clerk and Planning Department).
- On May 12, 2011, the draft Project supporting documents were submitted to the County of Simcoe (Planning Department) for their review and consideration when completing the Municipal Consultation Form. This letter is included in Appendix G.
- On June 7, 2011 the County of Simcoe submitted an email to Hatch containing the completed Municipal Consultation Form. This is located in Appendix G. Comments from the County are summarized in Table 3.1, along with responses from RE Orillia 3 ULC.

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. Correspondence with the following Agencies is included in Appendix F.

 Table 3.1
 Comments/Concern From Agencies and Responses

Agency	Comment/Concern	Response - Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Ontario Ministry of the Environment	None received	None required
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Various comments were provided regarding the Natural Heritage Assessment reports.	All comments were addressed by revising the Natural Heritage Assessment Reports. The Confirmation Letter from MNR (Appendix F) confirms that all of MNR's comments have been addressed in the final version of the NHA reports.
Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture	The Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment Report submitted complies with the Ontario Heritage Act's licensing requirements.	None required
Township of Oro- Medonte	 No specific concerns regarding this Project were submitted by the Township of Oro-Medonte. It is understood that the Township will be submitting a Municipal Consultation Form around the end of August. 	RE Orillia 3 ULC will work with the Township to address any requirements they have regarding this project.
County of Simcoe	Comment from Municipal Consultation Form • "It is unclear if any clearing of woodlots is required, understanding woodlot to refer to the definition provided. If clearing is required, it	If woodland clearing is required for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project, an application for a tree clearing permit from the County will be submitted. However, it is not anticipated that any woodland clearing will be necessary





	will need to follow the County of Simcoe's Forest Conservation By-Law 5635." • "In addition, a provincially significant wetland has also been identified on the subject property, that is worthy of protection as a part of a larger natural heritage feature."	 The Project location is 30-m from the wetland boundary and no development will occur within the wetland itself. The NHA confirmed that there will be no adverse effects on the form and function of the wetland.
Nottawasaga Conservation Valley Authority (NVCA)	No comments received 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 O. Reg. 359/09. Pursuant to O. Reg. 359/09, Project 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 an Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application" (MOE, 2011) provided additional information and guidance on First Nation consultation. The information presented in this guide is incorporated into this report, where required.

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

4.1 Aboriginal Communities Consultation List

On December 22, 2009, RE Orillia 3 ULC provided the MOE with the draft Project Description Report and requested a list of Aboriginal communities to consult with. This letter was included in the draft Project Description Report, and is included in Appendix F. As per O. Reg. 359/09, the submission of the Project Description Report is required in order for the MOE to provide a list of the Aboriginal communities that the Proponent is to consult with.

On June 23, 2010, MOE provided the list of Aboriginal communities to Hatch, and this list is contained in Appendix H.

However, due to the length of time it took to receive the MOE list and therefore, the potential for Project delays, Aboriginal communities within a 100-kilometre radius of the Project were identified by Hatch, and the consultation process commenced with these Aboriginal communities, before receipt of the MOE list. This included the issuance of the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project/Notice of First Public Meeting. Appendix I contains the list of Aboriginal communities developed by Hatch.

There were three Aboriginal communities contained on MOE's list that were not on the Proponent/Hatch list. Since the first Notice had already been issued and these three communities could not be notified 30-days prior to the first public meeting, an additional first public meeting was held specifically for these communities and a notice was issued to them 30 days in advance in order to meet the requirements of the REA Regulation. No representatives from these three Aboriginal communities attended this additional first public meeting. This is described in more detailed in Section 4.2.

4.1.1 Summary of Aboriginal Communities Consulted

A summary of Aboriginal communities consulted, and the distribution of Project Reports and Notices are contained in Table 4.1.





Table 4.1 Summary of Aboriginal Communities Consulted

Aboriginal Communities Identified by Hatch	Aboriginal Communities Identified by MOE	Notice of Proposal and First Public Meeting	Notice of Additional First Public Meeting	Summaries and Project Reports	Notice of Final Public Meeting
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	√		$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	V		V	V
Chippewas of Christian Island; Beausoleil First Nation	Chippewas of Christian Island; Beausoleil First Nation	V		V	√
	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	√*	√	V	V
	Georgian Bay Métis Council	√*	√	V	√
	Métis Nation of Ontario	√*	V	V	V
Wahta Mohawk First Nation		√		V	V
Moose Deer Point First Nation		√		V	V
Shawanaga First Nation		√		V	√
Wasauksing First Nation		V		V	$\sqrt{}$
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation		$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation		$\sqrt{}$		V	√
Alderville First Nation		V		V	V
Curve Lake First Nation		√		V	V
Hiawatha First Nation		V		V	$\sqrt{}$
Mississaugas of the New Credit		√		V	\checkmark

^{*} These communities received the Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting on August 12, 2010.

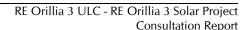
4.2 Consultation Activities

4.2.1 First Public Meeting and Notice

The combined Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting was sent to the Aboriginal communities on the list prepared by the Proponent/Hatch on May 27, 2010. With the Notice, a letter was included which, as per O. Reg. 359/09, requested written information regarding any potential impacts and possible mitigating measures for any potentially impacted treaty or constitutional protected lands. Appendix J contains a copies of the letters that were sent to each Aboriginal community.

Section 2.3.1 above provides information on the initial first public meeting. No individuals identified themselves at the first public meeting as being from an Aboriginal communities, although one person who signed in at the meeting identified their address as being the Chippewas of Rama First Nation administration building. No comment sheet was received from this person.







As three Aboriginal communities were not identified in time for the initial first public meeting on June 29, 2010, Hatch organized an additional first public meeting specifically for these three Aboriginal communities as previously mentioned. This additional first public meeting occurred on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, from 6pm to 8pm, at the Jarratt Community Hall, 837 Horseshoe Valley Road, Township of Oro-Medonte.

On August 12, 2010, Hatch sent a letter to the three Aboriginal communities on MOE's list that were not on Hatch's original list of Aboriginal communities to consult with. This letter included the Notice of a Proposal and Notice of a Public Meeting, and encouraged Aboriginal communities to submit their written comments or questions about the proposed project. Copies of these letters are contained in Appendix J.

The PDR was made available for public review on the Project's website, and at The Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office, 148 Line 7 South, Oro, Ontario, prior to the meeting. Paper copies of the PDR were made available for review at the event. Further information was provided in the display boards at the first public meeting. Appendix C contains a copy of the display boards. No one signed in at the additional first public meeting.

No Aboriginal stakeholders attended this additional first public meeting.

4.2.2 Final Public Meeting and Notice

On May 12, 2011, after all Project documents were drafted and letters of confirmation were received from MNR and MTC, Aboriginal communities on MOE's list were sent summaries of all reports and copies of all draft REA supporting documents. Copies of the letters sent to each community are contained in Appendix J. This letter also included the Notice of Final Public Meeting on July 12, 2011. Appendix B contains a copy of the Notice.

In June and July 2011, Hatch phoned all Aboriginal communities that were sent copies of the draft REA supporting documents for review to confirm receipt of the documents, identify if there were any questions that could be answered and confirm if the Aboriginal community planned on submitting comments regarding the Project. Results of those discussions are described in Table 4.2.

Section 2.3.2 above provides the details of the final public meeting. No individuals who attended or signed in a the meeting identified themselves as being from one of the Aboriginal communities.





 Table 4.2
 Details of Consultation Activities

Community / Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities	
Beausoleil First Nation	 Hatch contacted Denise Graham (Band Administrator) on June 8, 2011. Ms. Graham requested Hatch to provide a digital copy of the letter to dgraham@chimnissing.ca so she could follow up with Chief and Council. Ms. Graham indicated that she believed the REA documents had come in but she was unsure whether the Chief has looked at them. Hatch provided a PDF of the Letter to Ms. Graham via email. Hatch followed up on July 8, 2011 with Ms. Graham, who indicated she would follow up with the Chief and Council to see if they had any concerns with the Project. No response received to date. 	
Wahta Mohawk First Nation	Hatch confirmed with Reception on June 8, 2011 that the REA documents were received. In response to whether they had questions, the Receptionist indicated that she would give the Chief Hatch's contact info if there are any questions. No response has been received from this community to date.	
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	 Hatch contact Janice Taylor (Band Administrator) on June 8, 2011. Ms. Taylor requested that Hatch send a copy of the letter to <u>Jtaylor@georginaisland.com</u> and she would confirm whether the REA documents were received. Ms. Taylor stated that she did not believe the documents had been reviewed. Hatch followed up on July 8, 2011 with Ms. Taylor, who indicated she would follow up with the Chief and Council to see if they had any concerns with the Project. No response received to date. 	
Shawanaga First Nation	 A meeting was held with Shawanaga First Nation representatives on May 3, 2011 to discuss the ten proposed Recurrent Energy solar projects within the Simcoe County area including the RE Orillia 3 ULC project. Hatch followed up with First Nation representatives on June 8, 2011. Mr. Adam Good confirmed that the REA documents had been received and had been passed on to the Chief for review. Mr. Good indicated that they appreciated the efforts of RE Orillia 3 ULC to get them the documents, and that they don't anticipate there will be any concerns since the Project is located on private lands and solar projects don't have significant impacts. Mr. Good indicated that he would follow up with Hatch if they had any questions or concerns. No response received to date. 	
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	 Hatch left a voice mail with First Nation representatives on June 8, 2011. Representatives responded with a question regarding the adjacent RE Orillia 1 Solar Project, but had not questions or comments regarding RE Orillia 3. 	







Community / Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities	
Alderville First Nation	 Hatch left a voice mail message with Andrea Gillies (Band Administrator) on June 8, 2011. Dave Simpson (Lands Coordinator) called Hatch and indicated that the documents were probably received, and that he would call back to confirm. Mr. Simpson requested that future documents be provided on CD as opposed to hard copy. No follow-up correspondence has been received from Alderville First Nation. 	
Hiawatha First Nation	 Hatch contacted Lori Ritter on June 8, 2011 and she confirmed that the REA documents were received and were being reviewed by Chief and Council. Mr. Ritter indicated they would follow up with Hatch if there were any comments or questions. No correspondence has been received to date. 	
Wasauksing First Nation	 Hatch left a voice mail message with Mr. Eva-Jane Poytress (Executive Assistant) on June 8, 2011. Hatch followed up on July 8, 2011 with several phone calls, but no answer. No correspondence from the First Nation has been received to date. 	
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation	Hatch contacted Jocelyn Keeshig in the Environmental Office. Ms. Keeshig indicated that she would check to confirm that the REA documents had been received and she recorded the email address of the Hatch representative to follow up with if there are any concerns. No correspondence has been received to date.	
Curve Lake First Nation	 Reception confirmed on June 8, 2011 that they did receive the REA documents on June 8, 2011 and that a letter was being prepared and would be sent shortly. A letter from Curve Lake First Nation was received on July 6, 2011. This letter is provided in Appendix K. The First Nation indicated that "Although we have not conducted exhaustive research nor have we the resources to do so, Curve Lake First Nation Council is not currently aware of any issues that would cause concern with respect to our Traditional, Aboriginal and Treaty rights." Curve Lake First Nation requested that they be notified if any archaeological findings were unearthed during construction. RE Orillia 3 ULC will ensure that this notification occurs, if necessary. The First Nation also requested notification if any "new, undisclosed, or unforeseen issues" arose that had the "potential for anticipated negative environmental impacts or anticipated impact on our Treaty and Aboriginal rights". RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to notifying Curve Lake First Nation should this occur. RE Orillia 3 ULC will be providing a direct letter response to Curve Lake First Nation, although this had not been completed at the time of writing of this report. 	
Mississaugas of the New Credit	 Hatch left voice mail messages with members of the First Nation on June 8 and July 8, 2011. No response has been received to date. 	
Métis Nation of Ontario	 James Wagar of the MNO indicated that Alden Barty of the Georgian Bay Métis Council would be handling this Project file and directed all future correspondence to Mr. Barty. 	





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Community / Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities		
Georgian Bay Métis	 RE Orillia 3 ULC and Hatch attended a meeting with the Georgian Bay Métis Nation Council on September 30, 2010, to discuss the Council's interests in Recurrent Energy's ten proposed projects in Simcoe County. The Council did not present any specific concerns regarding the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project. They did present several considerations that are outside the scope of the consultation required for the REA process to Recurrent Energy and these are currently being considered. Mr. Barty indicated on June 8, 2011 that he did not see any cause for concern with the Project, but that the community was reviewing and he would provide a response if necessary. No correspondence regarding this Project has been received to date. 		
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Hatch left voice mail messages with Chief Kris Nahrgang on June 8 and July 8, 2011. No response has been received to date.		
Moose Deer Point First Nation	 Hatch left a message with the Chief on June 8, 2011. Hatch left a message with the Band Administrator on July 8, 2011. No response received to date. 		
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	 A letter from the First Nation was received on June 16, 2010 acknowledging receipt of the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting. A letter from the First Nation was received on May 24, 2011 acknowledging receipt of the draft REA supporting documents for review. The First Nation indicated that "please be advised that at this time, Rama First Nation has no concerns with this project." These letters are included in Appendix K. 		

4.3 Aboriginal Comments and Concerns

RE Orillia 3 ULC 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.

As per the summary of correspondence in Table 4.2, no specific comments and concerns related to the Project remain outstanding.







5. Conclusions

Since June 2010, the stakeholder engagement program for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project has been active. There has been open dialogue with the public, agencies, Aboriginal groups and the local municipalities regarding the Project. In addition to communications via letters, meetings, email and phone calls, there were two public meetings hosted by the Proponent to further encourage discussion and comment on 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 towards the scope of the studies. These issues were considered and incorporated into the REA application documents, as appropriate.





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6. References

Ministry of the Environment (MOE). 2011a. Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals.

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

MOE. 2010. Technical Bulletin Five Guidance for preparing the Consultation Report.





Appendix A Public Stakeholder Lists

Johnson, David 2081 Bass Lake Sideroad E RR 1 Hawkestone, ON L0L 1T0 Frampton, Geraldine Mary 1474 Line 13 N RR 1 Hawkestone, ON L0L 1T0

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Johnson, John Allan and Patricia Anne 1599 Line 13 N RR 1 Hawkestone, ON LOL 1T0 Mclaughlin, Francis Elwood and Vera Ruby 1190 Line 14 N RR 1 Orillia, ON L3V 6H1

Orser, Margaret Rose 1224 Line 14 N RR 1 Orillia, ON L3V 6H1 Langman, James Robert and Katherine Ruth and Eric James and Dixon, Ellenor Irene 2400 Bass Lake Sideroad E RR 1 Hawkestone, ON LOL 1TO

Pope, Beverley Joanne 2417 Bass Lake Sideroad E RR 1 Hawkestone, ON L0L 1T0 Langman, Joan Catherine 2591 Bass Lake Sideroad E RR 1 Orillia, ON L3V 6H1

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Bryan MacKell, Director of Planning and Development, Planning Department County of Simcoe 1110 Highway 26 Midhurst, ON LOL 1X0

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LANGMAN GORDON ARTHUR 1792 LINE 13 N RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1TO LANGMAN STANLEY DAVID 1808 LINE 13 N RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0

EVANS MARY JEAN 20 COOK LANE RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 STUMPO CARMINE 286 WOLVERLEIGH BLVD TORONTO ON M4C 1S4

WITTEMAN PENNY DARLENE 24 COOK LANE RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 SCHIFFER LAURA 35 OWEN BLVD TORONTO ON M2P 1G2

CAMERON WALTER ALEXANDER 28 COOK LANE RR #1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 MORELAND WILLIAM C/O RUTH NELSON 486 MAPLE AVE AJAX ON L1S 1E3

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LEVIN JEFFREY P.O. BOX 2103 ORILLIA ON L3V 6R9 BIG CEDAR (ORO) RESIDENTS BIG CEDAR ESTATES BOX 500 RR 2 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1TO

SHARD MICHAEL 2406 BASS LAKE SIDE ROAD E RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0 YAROSLAVSKY SOPHIA 2412 BASSLAKE SIDEROAD RR #1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1TO

MEEDER ROBERT JOHAN JAN 2420 BASS LAKE SIDEROAD RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0 CAMERON DAVID SHERWOOD 58A POULETT STREET TORONTO ON M5A 1Z5

WESTGARTH FRANCES CATHARINE 17 BEECH AVE BOWMANVILLE ON L1C 3A1 BUTLER AUDREY LORRAINE 55 TREHORNE DR WESTON ON M9P 1P1

ADARE JAMES ROBERT 30 COOK LANE RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 BLAUBERGS JOHN 2 PETHERWIN PLACE RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0 INKA ANNA 4 PETHERWIN PLACE RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0 THOMPSON LYNDA JOYCE 6 PETHERWIN PLACE RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0

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GEORJAN FARMS LIMITED 1287 LINE 13 N RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0 POPE BEVERLEY JOANNE 2417 BASS LAKE SIDEROAD E RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0

ORILLIA FISH & GAME P.O. BOX 52 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H9 JOHNSON ALLAN 1599 LINE 13 N RR 1 HAWKESTONE ON LOL 1T0

ORSER MARGARET ROSE 1224 LINE 14 N RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 MCLAUGHLIN FRANCIS ELLWOOD 1190 LINE 14 N RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1

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HORNE GARNET E C/O DAVE EDWARDS 841 WOODLAND DR ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 LANGMAN JOSEPH DOUGLAS 78 LANGMAN DR. ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1

RYNARD TRACEY LEE PO BOX 2073 STN ORILLIA ORILLIA ON L3V 6R9 WALKER BEATRICE MARY C RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1

K J BEAMISH CONSTRUCTION CO PO BOX 250 RR 1 KING CITY ON L7B 1A3

COOK LINDA DIANNE RR 1 ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 LANGMAN JOAN CATHERINE 2591 BASS LAKE SIDEROAD EAST RR 1 STN MAIN ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1 LANGMAN RICHARD JAMES 1229 LINE 14 NORTH RR 1 STN MAIN ORILLIA ON L3V 6H1

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Andria Leigh, Director, Development Services Township of Oro-Medonte 148 Line 7S., Box 100 Oro, ON LOL 2X0



Appendix B Notices and Sample Letters



May 27, 2010



Subject: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting Recurrent Energy - Solar Projects: RE Orillia 3

Recurrent Energy is providing you with this notice to make you aware of the upcoming Public Consultation meeting where you can learn more about this project and Recurrent Energy.

Recurrent Energy is proposing to construct a solar project within the Township of Oro-Medonte called RE Orillia 3. The proposed project will have an installed capacity of 6.5 MW. This project requires a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Recurrent Energy has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the REA process.

In accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of a Proposal by Recurrent Energy to engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and a copy is enclosed.

As per Section 17 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, the draft Project Description Report and further information about the project and about Recurrent Energy can be found online at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at local municipal offices. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed project would be greatly appreciated.

Correspondence should be directed to:

Noel Boucher, BSc Environmental Coordinator Hatch Ltd. 4342 Queen St., Suite 500

Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7 Phone: 905-374-0701, Ext 5757

Fax: 905-374-1157 Email: nboucher@hatch.ca

Yours truly,

Noel Boucher, BSc

Bander

Environmental Coordinator

nb:srg

Attachment - Notice of a Proposal/Notice of Public Meeting Orillia 1, 2 and 3

cc David Brochu, Recurrent Energy Sean Caffyn, Recurrent Energy Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy



NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

By Recurrent Energy to Engage in Three Renewable Energy Projects

AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Project Name: RE Orillia 1

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 1 ULC

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-

southwest of Orillia.

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 28th of May, 2010

Project Name: RE Orillia 2

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 2 ULC

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, westsouthwest of Orillia.

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 28th of May, 2010

Project Name: RE Orillia 3

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 3 ULC

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, westsouthwest of Orillia.

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 28th of May, 2010

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the Ministry of Environment.

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: Hawkestone Community Hall, 3 Allen Street, Hawkestone, ON

Project Description:

Meeting Location:

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Project Contacts and Information:

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Noel Boucher, BSc, Environmental Coordinator

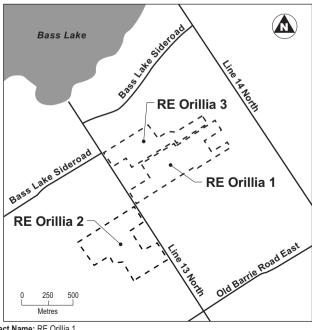
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4342 Queen Street, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7

Tel: 905-374-0701 ext. 5757 Fax: 905-374-1157

Email: nboucher@hatch.ca

Information is also available online at www.ontariosolarfuture.ca



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Notices

Alzheimer Society



Alzheimer Society of North East Simcoe County invites Members, Volunteers and Donors to Join us for our Annual General Meeting and Recognition Night on June 15, 2010 at Swanmore Hall, Leacock Museum 50 Museum Drive, Orillia Please R.S.V.P. by June 4, 2010 329-0909

Annual General Meeting will begin at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m.

At 7:15 our Guest Speaker, Debbie Sammut will present "You can do anything you want to do, if you put your mind to it!"

Recognition and Introduction to the 2010/2011 Board will round out our evening

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 28th of May, 2010

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Project Name: RE Orillia 1 Project Applicant: RE Orillia 1 ULC

Project Name: RE Orillia 2 Project Applicant: RE Orillia 2 ULC

Project Name: RE Orillia 3

Ministry of Environment.

Meeting Location:

Project Description:

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 3 ULC

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Project Contacts and Information:

Email: nboucher@hatch.ca

Noel Boucher, BSc. Environmental Coordinator

Tel: 905-374-0701 ext. 5757 Fax: 905-374-1157

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

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Bass Lake

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RE Orillia 3

Place: Hawkestone Community Hall, 3 Allen Street, Hawkestone, ON

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Multi-family



Garage Sales G100



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Something for eve 1303 HAWK RIDGE CRESCENT

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Something for everyone

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296 CANICE ST.

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size 2. Rain or shine



3632 TELFORD LINE (near Ardtrea School) Sat May 29, 7am - 3pm. HUGE, 4 familes! Lots of toys, clothes and books, snowboards, asst'd household items. Something for everyone!

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Something for ever 77 FOURTH ST, Sat May 29th,

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Sat. May 29th , 8am-Noon. Household Noon. items, tools, sinks desks, camping laterns & stove & much more



FITTONS RD EAST. ORILLIA Sa 29th. 8am-?. Antique Pram, Canoe, MC skies cell phones.

Something for eve & 98 NORTH

Rain or shine!

WEST, ST May 29th, 8am-1pm. Toys, ware, old IP's and much more

Garage Sales G100 Garage Sales G100 Garage Sales G100

> 9 Carlton St Sat., May 29 8 am - Noon Stand up basketball hoop, girls mountain bike, weed wacker records, tin ware & miscellaneous.

ATHERLEY 127 Wellington St. Saturday 8am Lots of variety, kids tovs & bikes, wooder teachers desk & chair, piano, craft items, clothes

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HAWKESTONE 193 Line 10S Sat. May 29th 8am - 2pm Five Family Effort Something for Everyone RAIN OR SHINE 00000 COMMUNITY

HUGE YARD & GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 29th 8 am - 2 pm 4152 Carlyon Line Severn Township (take Brodie Dr, by the Orillia Square Mall, turn left)

Collectables, books pic tures, children's stuff, jewelry, glassware, etc. If raining, garage part of sale will be held but yard part will not.

MULTI-FAMILY 2969 South Sparrow

Saturday, May 29 8 am - 4 pm

MULTI FAMILY 520 LINE 14 S May 29, 2010 8:30 am Something for

MULTI-FAMILY BEST EVER GARAGE SALE Bass Lake Woodlands

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MULTI FAMILY Dunlop St Sat. May 29 8 am - 2 pm Tools, bikes, toys

something for

RE Orillia 1 RE Orillia 2 Project Name: RE Orillia 1

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Project Name: RE Orillia 2

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 in Hawkestone, west-southwest of Orillia.

Project Name: RE Orillia 3 Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west -southwest

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NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL

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Project Applicant: RE Orillia 1 ULC

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 28th of May, 2010

Project Name: BF Orillia 2

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 2 ULC

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 28th of May, 2010

Project Name: RE Orillia 3

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 3 ULC Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest

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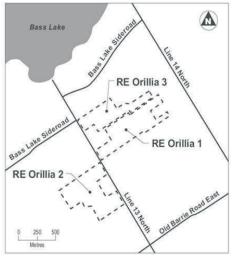
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11 HILLSIDE DR Sat. June 5 8 am - 3 pm Highboy, dishes Avon, books, china cabinet, plus size clothing, Yamaha parts & more. Rain or Shine!!

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3 FAMILY 57 Julia Cres 8am - 12pm Includes 2 china cabi-nets, small appli-ances, baby & child

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9 Leach St.

8am - 1pm

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COMMUNITY

AGNES ST. Sat

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3777 WOOD AVE.

Sat. June 5th.

1pm

June 5, 9am -

permitting.



44 LAURENTIAN LANE

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54 CALVERLEY ST (corner of Derby St) Sat. June 5 8 AM - 1 PM Pictures, knicknacks, lots of kids stuff, toys & clothes, toy shelf,

toy stove, mens &

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8 am - 2 pm.
Furn. tools, camping equip. 4 wheeler seat. and much



(garage sale 8 am - 2 pm. 12th Garage sale, baking & BBQ.

Garage Sales G100 Garage Sales G100

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Farm equipment and supplies include: hay el-evator, grain auger, ma-Sat. June 5, 7 - 2 furniture, household items, much more nure escalator, penning for large and small ani-mals, metal stairway for hayloft, identification 835 WOODLAND DR. tags and much more 705-689-1512



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MULTI-FAMILY SALE Saturday, June 5 7am - Noon 442 Forest Ave. S. (Corner of Rodger Rd.)



SIMCOE ST, & Sun June SIMCOE ST, 148 Sat. & Sun June 5th & 6th 7am- noon CHARITY GARAGE/BAKE SALE All proceeds to Relay for Life Donations of Sale Items by noon on June 5th 325-1355



G100

Garage Sales

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Subject: Notice of Public Meeting

RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to construct the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project within the Township of Oro-Medonte. The proposed Project will have an installed capacity of 10 MW. The Project requires a Renewable Energy Approval (REA), which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation (O.Reg) 359/09. Hatch Ltd. has been retained to undertake the REA process.

This notice is provided to make you aware of the upcoming Final Public Meeting where you can learn more about this Project.

In accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and a copy is enclosed. This Notice will also be posted in the *Orillia Packet and Times* on Friday, May 13, 2011 and again on Friday, June 17, 2011.

As per Section 16 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, the draft copies of the supporting documents for the Project, including the Natural Heritage Assessment Reports, Water Body Assessment Reports, Construction Plan Report, Design and Operations Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Study and Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Report are available for public review on-line at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at the Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office. The information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Final Public Meeting on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at the Old Town Hall in Oro-Medonte, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, Ontario. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed Project would be greatly appreciated.

Correspondence should be directed to:

Noel Boucher, BSc Environmental Coordinator Hatch Ltd. 4342 Queen St., Suite 500 Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7 Phone: 905-374-0701, Ext 5757

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Yours truly,

Noel Boucher, B.Sc

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Attachment - Notice of Final Public Meeting - RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 3 Solar Project



NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

Regarding a Proposal to Engage in Two Renewable Energy Projects

Proiect Name: RE Orillia 1

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 1ULC

Project Location: The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 13th of May, 2011 Project Name: RE Orillia 3

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 3 ULC

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of Orillia.

Dated at the Township of Oro-Medonte this the 13th of May, 2011

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This Final 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 12, 2011 **Time:** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: Old Town Hall in Oro-Medonte, 833 Line 7, North (at 15th, 16th Sideroad) Oro-Medonte, ON

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 have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW (RE Orillia 1) and 6.5 MW (RE Orillia 3).

The project locations are described in the map below. The Draft Project Description Reports titled Project Description Report RE Orillia 1 Solar Project and Project Description Report RE Orillia 3 Solar Project described the projects

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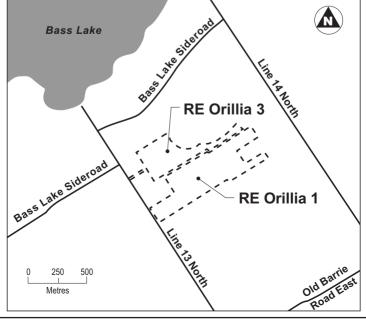
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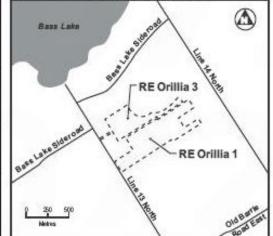
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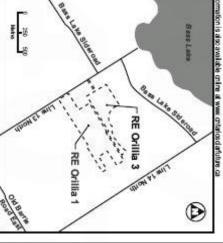
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Solar Energy Projects

Tuesday, June 29, 2010





Purpose of this Public Meeting

Stakeholder input is a key component of project planning and the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. The purpose of this first Public Meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to:

- Obtain information of Recurrent Energy's proposed renewable energy projects;
- Obtain details regarding the requirements of the REA Process;
- Ask questions regarding the proposed developments;
- Raise issues and concerns regarding the proposed Projects and have these addressed.

can provide any comments or concerns in the following ways:

- Via the Comment Sheet provided at this Public Meeting. If you would like to be included on the Project's stakeholder mailing list, please include your name and mailing address on your completed Comment Sheet.
- 2. Through discussion opportunities with representatives of Recurrent Energy and Hatch staff at this Public Meeting.
- 3. Please also feel free to contact the Environmental Coordinator for the Project via the contact information below:

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The Company

Recurrent Energy is an independent power producer and a leading developer of distributed solar projects for utilities, government, and commercial customers. We develop, build and operate distributed solar power systems, connected to the existing distribution grid.

Our vision is to use proven solar technology to meet rising energy demand with a fleet of clean power plants. With a project pipeline now in excess of 1,000 MW, we're well on our way to achieving that vision.

A Powerful Vision for Ontario

Today, nearly 75% of Ontario's electricity comes from aging nuclear, coal-, oil-, and gas-based generation facilities. However, a major shift toward renewable energy is under way. The Ontario Power Authority has committed to doubling its supply of clean energy by 2025 – a goal that will have a major positive impact on both the environment and the economy.

Helping the Province to meet its ambitious goals, Recurrent Energy is working to bring clean solar power to multiple sites and communities throughout Ontario. Approximately 21,800 homes can be powered by the output of Recurrent Energy's Ontario solar projects in the first year of operation.

Investing in Ontario's Green Economy

Recurrent Energy's solar photovoltaic (PV) systems will create hundreds of Ontario jobs throughout the life of the projects – from the initial development, design and manufacture, to construction and ongoing maintenance. Recurrent Energy is working closely with contractors and equipment vendors in Ontario helping to ensure significant benefits to the local economy. At least 60% of the materials for the projects will be made or sourced in Ontario.

Our Ontario Projects



The Consultant

Recurrent Energy has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09.

Hatch is an Ontario-based consulting, engineering, environmental and management company with operations worldwide and a reputation for excellence acquired over 80 years of continuous service to its clients.



Benefits of Solar Energy

Recurrent Energy's projects use solar photovoltaic (PV) technology to produce clean electricity directly from sunlight. Solar PV is uniquely suited to distributed generation* projects due to several important technical characteristics:

- Zero-emissions and quiet enough to be located near inhabited locations
- Highly modular and scalable to fit load requirements, available space, or transmission capacity.

Recurrent Energy generally leases land for the lifetime of its projects, creating a diverse and stable income stream for landowners. The solar PV systems consist of safe, common materials and will have a minimal impact on the land.

As a source of electricity, solar PV compares favourably to other types of electricity generation:

- Solar PV generates power during periods of high demand, providing a cleaner alternative to fossil-fuel powered peaking plants
- Unlike solar thermal technologies, solar PV requires no water and has no moving parts which significantly reduces the maintenance costs and environmental impact
- Solar PV is a mature technology with a long operating history, so performance and operating costs are highly predictable when compared to unproven new technologies.



A solar PV panel consists of several layers, the top layer of which is glass, providing weather protection for the PV cell. A special coating is applied to the glass to reduce reflected light from the panel, thereby reducing glare. Within the solar PV cell is a grid, (often made of a metal) which conducts electricity.

Electricity is generated when openings in the grid allow sunlight to reach silicon layers of the panel underneath

* Distributed Generation: The generation of solar energy at the distribution end of the electricity grid, close to the point where electricity is consumed.

The Feed In Tariff (FIT) program was enabled by the Green Energy and Green Economy Act (2009), and was officially launched on October 1, 2009. The Program is designed to encourage and promote greater use of renewable energy sources. According to the Program's website, the FIT Program will help Ontario to phase out coal-fired electricity generation by 2014, boost economic activities and the development of renewable energy technologies while creating new green industries and jobs throughout the province.

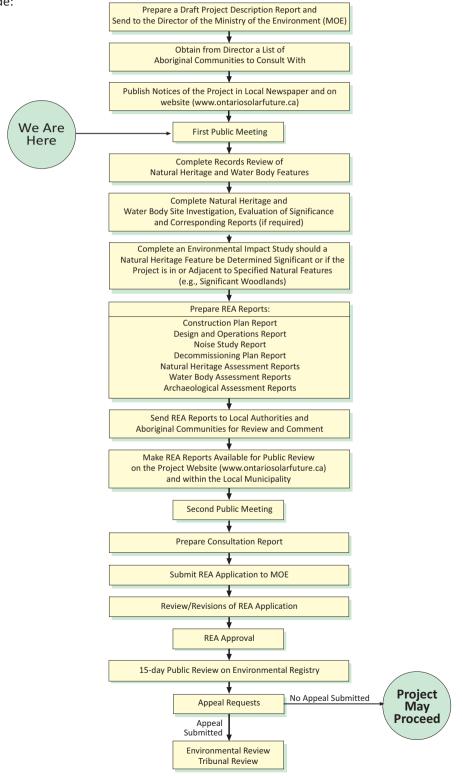
The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) awarded 184 FIT contracts to renewable power developers in Ontario on April 8, 2010. Recurrent Energy was awarded a total of 20 contracts for proposed developments throughout Ontario. These projects are now proceeding through the Renewable Energy Approval process.





Renewable Energy Approval Process

The proposed Project is subject to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The main components of this process include:





Project Location

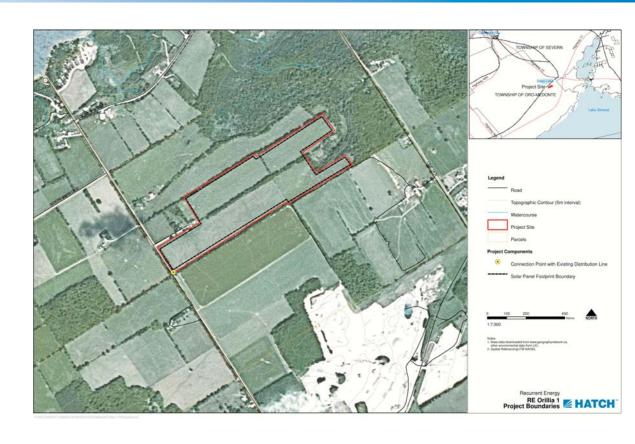
The proposed Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Orillia on the east side of Line 13 North in Hawkestone in the Township of Oro-Medonte in the County of Simcoe. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Description

The proposed RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility under the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.O.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The proposed Project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 Megawatts (MW). The amount of energy produced per year is estimated to be 13,789,060 kilowatt hours (kWh).

The proposed Project will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). Panels will typically range in height from 2.5 m to 4 m.







RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project

Natural Heritage Features

A site investigation was completed in order to identify features of the terrestrial and aquatic environment from the area. Specific features that were considered during the site investigation include, but were not limited to:

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

Terrestrial Environment

The proposed Project is located entirely on agricultural lands composed of pastureland. The Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland occurs east of the proposed Project site.

Hedgerows were dominated by maples, ash, and oak, with these species also present in the woodlands in association with cedar, pine, and poplar. Evidence of groundhog and deer activity was noted from the proposed Project location. Several species of birds common to agricultural lands in the area, such as Barn Swallow, American Robin, and Savannah Sparrow were recorded on the proposed Project location.

There were no federal or provincial species currently listed as at risk observed or expected on the proposed Project location.

Aquatic Environment

There are no watercourses located within 120 m of the proposed Project site. The closest watercourse is a stream within the Langman Marsh, located approximately 200 m north of the proposed Project. There is a ground water seepage area within the woodland east of the proposed Project site, and this groundwater discharge supplies the surface water features within the Langman Marsh.

Land Use

The Canada Land Inventory (CLI) provides a classification which identifies the potential for agricultural production in a specific area. The classes, ranging from 1 to 7 are determined based on soil surveys conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), class 1 representing the best agricultural lands, while class 7 represents the poorest.

The area leased for the installation of the proposed Project is comprised entirely of class 6 lands.

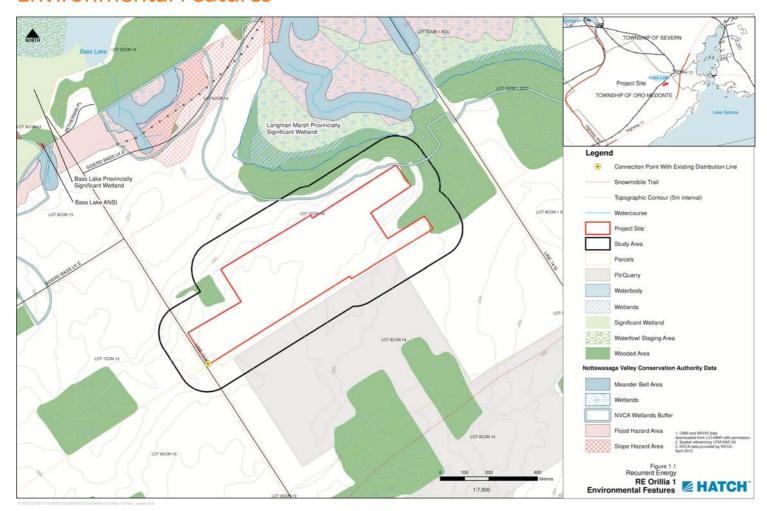
The soil underneath the solar panels will be preserved over the course of the Project's lifetime. Vegetation established beneath the solar panels will reduce erosion, and increase the levels of soil organic matter and soil biodiversity.







Environmental Features





RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project

Potential Negative Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

	nmental Component	Potential Environmental Effect	Mitigation Measures
Natural Environment	Physiography/Topography	During construction, regrading of excavated soils and some minor alterations to local topography may occur.	Areas disturbed will be regraded to match existing topography to the greatest extent possible.
	Soils	Reductions in soil quality/loss of soils as a result of accidental spills, erosion, soil compaction during construction.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to mitigate impacts to soils. These may include development of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and a Spill Response Plan.
	Surface Water	Surface water quality could be impaired due to contamination from accidental spills or increased turbidity due to erosion during construction.	Solar panels will be set back at least 30 m from the groundwater seepage area. Sediment and erosion control measures and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented.
	Groundwater	Groundwater may be impaired by contamination due to accidental spills.	Spill prevention and response measures will be implemented throughout the life of the Project.
	Aquatic Habitats/Biota	No adverse effects on aquatic habitat and biota are anticipated due to the distance from the Project to the closest watercourse (~200 m)	30-m setback from the groundwater seepage area, as well as sediment and erosion controls and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented to prevent impacts due to Project.
	Vegetation	Vegetation clearing on agricultural land and within hedgerows will be required.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds.
	Terrestrial Wildlife (including species at risk)	Potential loss of wildlife habitat and potential wildlife avoidance of the Project location during construction and operation may occur as a result of disturbance.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds. Best management practices with respect to work during the breeding bird season will be followed to ensure no impact to nesting birds. This may include timing of major construction activities outside of the breeding bird period.
	Air Quality	Reductions in local air quality from the operation of construction equipment and dust displacement may occur due to vehicle traffic.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to suppress dust and protect local air quality. These may include use of dust suppressant (i.e. water) and limitation of soil exposure.
Social Environment	Local Traffic	Increased traffic volumes and equipment delivery as well as temporary disruption along routes utilized by construction vehicle may result in delays to local community traffic.	Adverse effects to local traffic will be minimized by designating and preparing transportation routes; and facilitation of traffic flow as required.
	Municipal Roadways	Construction vehicle traffic in the vicinity of the Project location may result in damage to local roadways.	In addition to the mitigation measures proposed above, local roadways will be maintained as necessary.
	Public and Construction Site Safety	Construction of the Project may result in a risk to community and workforce safety.	Proper safety procedures will be implemented and followed as per applicable provincial and federal regulations.
	Waste Management and Disposal Sites	Construction and operation of the Project will likely result in the generation of recyclable material, and municipal hazardous and sanitary waste.	Proper storage and disposal of wastes and recyclables will be practiced.
	Visual Landscape	Installation of the Project may result in a change to the local landscape.	Visual barriers will be considered, if necessary, and will be reviewed based on viability and effectiveness.
	Sound Levels	Temporary disturbance to neighbouring residents may occur during construction, while the operation of inverters and transformers may result in increased ambient sound levels.	Noise studies in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 will be conducted to ensure adherence to sound levels requirements.
	Archaeological Resources	Excavations during Project construction may result in the discovery of archaeological resources.	An Archaeological Assessment will be completed to determine potential resources and mitigation requirements.
	Cultural Heritage Resources	Construction of the Project may result in negative effects to built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes.	Potential heritage resources will be determined and assessed as per the requirements of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.



Project Location

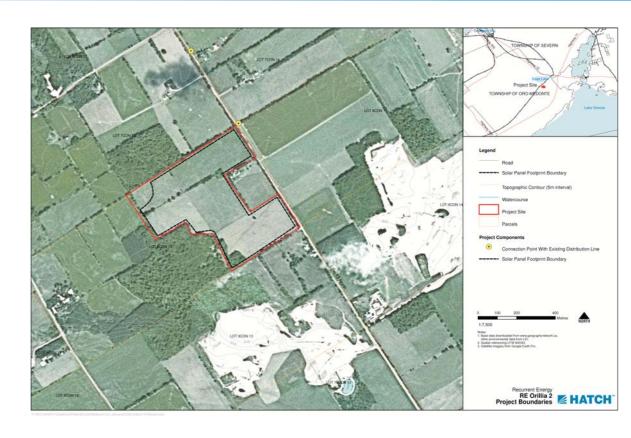
The proposed Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Orillia on the west side of Line 13 North in Hawkestone in the Township of Oro-Medonte in the County of Simcoe. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Description

The proposed RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility under the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.O.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The proposed Project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 Megawatts (MW). The amount of energy produced per year is estimated to be 13,963,681 kilowatt hours (kWh).

The proposed Project will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). Panels will typically range in height from 2.5 m to 4 m.

Project Schedule - RE Orillia 2 FIT Application - November 2009 Submission of Project Description to MOE - December 2009 FIT Contract Award - April 2010 First Public Meeting - June 2010 Tentative Second Public Meeting - September 2010 REA Application Submission - September 2010 REA Received - April 2011 Start of Construction - April 2011 Commercial Operation Date - October 2011





RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project

Natural Heritage Features

A site investigation was completed in order to identify features of the terrestrial and aquatic environment from the area. Specific features that were considered during the site investigation include, but were not limited to:

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

Terrestrial Environment

The proposed Project is located entirely on agricultural lands composed of hayfields, with a significant woodland located southwest of the proposed Project site.

Hedgerows were dominated by maples, ash, and trembling aspen, with spruce and pine common along the southern hedgerow. The woodland to the north of the proposed Project site is composed of deciduous species, such as maple, oak, poplar and ash. The woodland to the south is of mixed composition, with poplar, beech, pine and spruce dominant. Several species of birds common to agricultural lands in the area, such as Wild Turkey, American Robin, and American Goldfinch were recorded on the proposed Project location.

There were no federal or provincial species currently listed as at risk observed or expected on the proposed Project location.

Aquatic Environment

There are no waterbodies located within 300 m of the proposed Project site.

Land Use

The Canada Land Inventory (CLI) provides a classification which identifies the potential for agricultural production in a specific area. The classes, ranging from 1 to 7 are determined based on soil surveys conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), class 1 representing the best agricultural lands, while class 7 represents the poorest.

The area leased for the installation of the proposed Project is comprised of class 6 agricultural. The proposed Project will not be operated on the small portion of class 1 lands of the leased area.

The soil underneath the solar panels will be preserved over the course of the Project's lifetime. Vegetation established beneath the solar panels will reduce erosion, and increase the levels of soil organic matter and soil biodiversity.





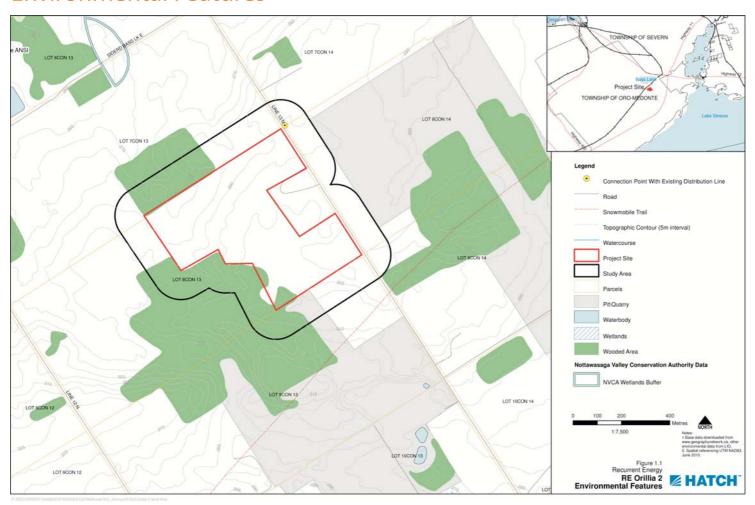








Environmental Features





RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project

Potential Negative Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

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Natural Environment	Physiography/Topography	During construction, regrading of excavated soils and some minor alterations to local topography may occur.	Areas disturbed will be regraded to match existing topography to the greatest extent possible.
	Soils	Reductions in soil quality/loss of soils as a result of accidental spills, erosion, soil compaction during construction.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to mitigate impacts to soils. These may include development of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and a Spill Response Plan.
	Surface Water	Surface water runoff quality could be impaired due to contamination from accidental spills or increased turbidity due to erosion during construction.	Sediment and erosion control measures and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented.
	Groundwater	Groundwater may be impaired by contamination due to accidental spills.	Spill prevention and response measures will be implemented throughout the life of the Project.
	Vegetation	Vegetation clearing on agricultural land and within hedgerows will be required.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds.
	Terrestrial Wildlife (including species at risk)	Potential loss of wildlife habitat and potential wildlife avoidance of the Project location during construction and operation may occur as a result of disturbance.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds. Best management practices with respect to work during the breeding bird season will be followed to ensure no impact to nesting birds. This may include timing of major construction activities outside of the breeding bird period.
	Air Quality	Reductions in local air quality from the operation of construction equipment and dust displacement may occur due to vehicle traffic.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to suppress dust and protect local air quality. These may include use of dust suppressant (i.e. water) and limitation of soil exposure.
Social Environment	Local Traffic	Increased traffic volumes and equipment delivery as well as temporary disruption along routes utilized by construction vehicle may result in delays to local community traffic.	Adverse effects to local traffic will be minimized by designating and preparing transportation routes; and facilitation of traffic flow as required.
	Municipal Roadways	Construction vehicle traffic in the vicinity of the Project location may result in damage to local roadways.	In addition to the mitigation measures proposed above, local roadways will be maintained as necessary.
	Public and Construction Site Safety	Construction of the Project may result in a risk to community and workforce safety.	Proper safety procedures will be implemented and followed as per applicable provincial and federal regulations.
	Waste Management and Disposal Sites	Construction and operation of the Project will likely result in the generation of recyclable material, and municipal hazardous and sanitary waste.	Proper storage and disposal of wastes and recyclables will be practiced.
	Visual Landscape	Installation of the Project may result in a change to the local landscape.	Visual barriers will be considered, if necessary, and will be reviewed based on viability and effectiveness.
	Sound Levels	Temporary disturbance to neighbouring residents may occur during construction, while the operation of inverters and transformers may result in increased ambient sound levels.	Noise studies in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 will be conducted to ensure adherence to sound levels requirements.
	Archaeological Resources	Excavations during Project construction may result in the discovery of archaeological resources.	An Archaeological Assessment will be completed prior to construction to determine potential resources and mitigation requirements.
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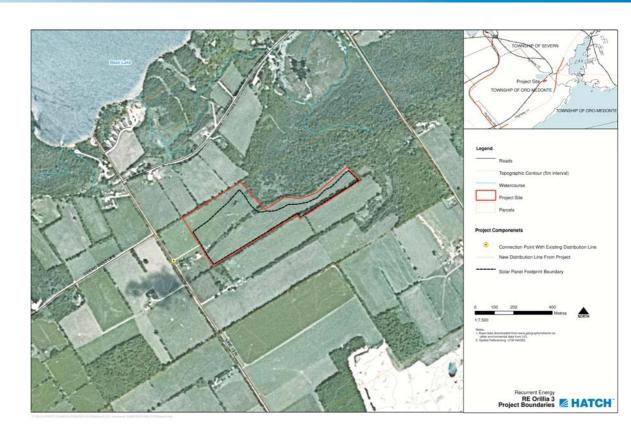
The proposed Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Orillia on the east side of Line 13 North in Hawkestone in the Township of Oro-Medonte, in the County of Simcoe. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Description

The proposed RE Orillia 3 Solar Energy Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility under the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The proposed Project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 6.5 Megawatts (MW). The amount of energy produced per year is estimated to be 9,220,259 kilowatt hours (kWh).

The proposed Project will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). Panels will typically range in height from 2.5 m to 4 m.

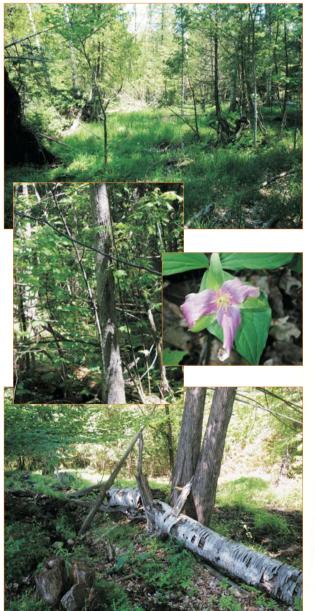
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RE Orillia 3 Solar Energy Project





Natural Heritage Features

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- Wildlife/Wildlife habitat
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- Valleylands
- Species at risk
- Waterhodies

Terrestrial Environment

The proposed Project is located entirely on agricultural lands composed of pastureland. The Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland occurs east of the proposed Project site.

Hedgerows were dominated by maples, ash, and oak, with these species also present in the woodlands in association with cedar, pine, and poplar. Evidence of groundhog and deer activity was noted from the proposed Project location. Several species of birds common to agricultural lands in the area, such as American Crow, American Goldfinch, and Wild Turkey were recorded on the proposed Project location.

There were no federal or provincial species currently listed as at risk observed or expected on the proposed Project location.

Aquatic Environment

There are no watercourses located within 120 m of the proposed Project site. The closest watercourse is a stream within the Langman Marsh, located approximately 200 m northeast of the proposed Project. There is a ground water seepage area within the woodland east of the proposed Project site, and this groundwater discharge supplies the surface water features within the Langman Marsh.

Land Use

The Canada Land Inventory (CLI) provides a classification which identifies the potential for agricultural production in a specific area. The classes, ranging from 1 to 7 are determined based on soil surveys conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), class 1 representing the best agricultural lands, while class 7 represents the poorest. In addition, the proposed Project location has been classified by a qualified soil scientist subsequent to an on-site field visit to verify the soil classifications on site.

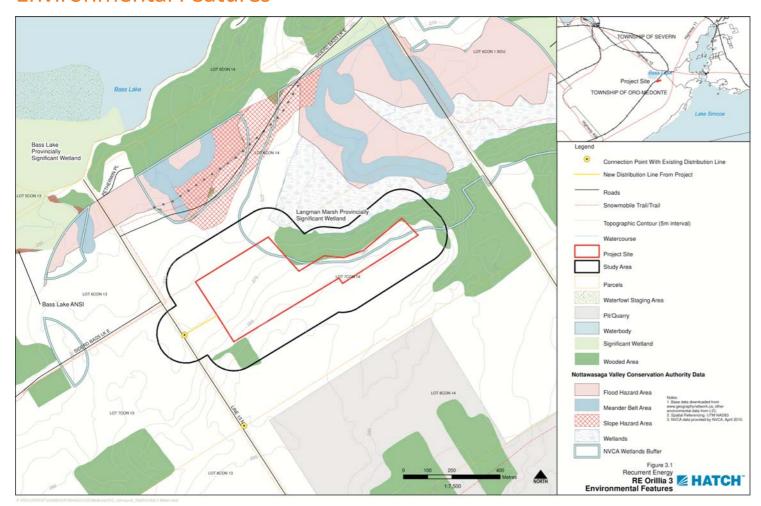
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	Groundwater	Groundwater may be impaired by contamination due to accidental spills.	Spill prevention and response measures will be implemented throughout the life of the Project.
	Aquatic Habitats/Biota	No adverse effects on aquatic habitat and biota are anticipated due to the distance from the Project to the closest watercourse (~200 m)	30-m setback from the groundwater seepage area, a well as sediment and erosion controls and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented to prevent impacts due to Project.
	Vegetation	Vegetation clearing on agricultural land and within hedgerows will be required.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds.
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All written comments will be reviewed and issues addressed within the REA process.

Additional Project Reports (such as the Construction Plan Report and Archaeological Assessment Reports) will be available for public review and comment on the Project website (www.ontariosolarfuture.ca) and within the local municipality.

The Second Public Meeting will be advertised in the local newspaper and information will be sent to all those on the Project mailing list.

If you would like to be included on the Project mailing list, please include your name and mailing address on your completed comment sheet.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Your Comments are Important -

Please Sign in and Complete a Comment Sheet





The Ontario Power Authority awarded 184 Feed-In Tariff (FIT) contracts to renewable power developers in Ontario on April 8, 2010. Recurrent was awarded a total of 20 contracts for proposed solar developments throughout Ontario. Accordingly, Recurrent Energy is pleased to confirm that three of the proposed solar developments located within the Township of Oro-Medonte have been awarded FIT contracts and will be proceeding into the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. 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 (RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 2) and 6.5 MW (RE Orillia 3).

RE Orillia 1, 2, 3

The projects are located as follows;

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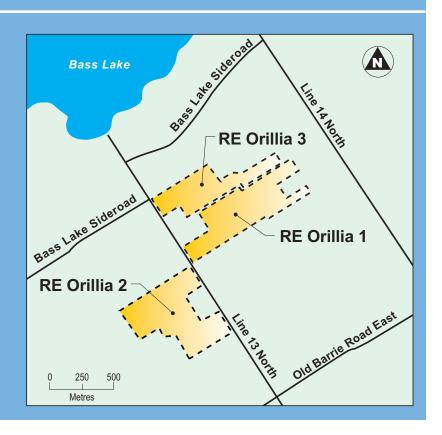
The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest of Orillia.

RE Orillia 2

The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest of Orillia.

RE Orillia 3

The Project is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest of Orillia.







Solar Technology

Recurrent Energy's projects use solar photovoltaic (PV) technology to produce clean electricity directly from sunlight. Solar PV is uniquely suited to distributed generation projects due to several important technical characteristics:

- Zero-emissions and quiet enough to be located near inhabited locations
- Highly modular and scalable to fit load requirements, available space, or transmission capacity

As a source of electricity, solar PV compares favourably to other types of renewable generation:

- Solar PV generates power during peak load periods, providing a cleaner alternative to fossil-fuel powered peaking plants
- Unlike solar thermal technologies, solar PV requires no water and has no moving parts which significantly reduces maintenance costs and environmental impact
- Solar PV is a mature technology with a long operating history, so performance and operating costs are highly predictable when compared to unproven new technologies

Investing in Ontario's Green Economy

Recurrent Energy's PV systems will create hundreds of Ontario jobs throughout the life of the projects — from the initial development, design and manufacture, to construction and ongoing maintenance. Recurrent Energy is working closely with contractors and equipment vendors in Ontario helping to ensure significant benefits to the local economy. At least 60% of the materials for the projects will be made or sourced in Ontario.

A Powerful Vision for Ontario

Today, nearly 75% of Ontario's electricity comes from aging nuclear-, coal-, oil-, and gas-based generation facilities. However, a major shift toward renewable energy is under way. The Ontario Power Authority has committed to doubling its supply of clean energy by 2025 — a goal that will have a major positive impact on both the environment and the local economy.

Helping the province to meet its ambitious goals, Recurrent Energy is working to bring clean solar power to multiple sites and communities throughout Ontario. Approximately 21,800 homes can be powered by the output of Recurrent Energy's Ontario solar projects in the first year of operation.

Recurrent Energy

We develop, build and operate distributed solar power systems, connected to the existing distribution grid.

Our vision is to use proven solar technology to meet rising energy demand with a fleet of clean power plants located right where they're needed most. With a project pipeline now in excess of 1,000 MW, we're well on our way to achieving that vision.

Additional Information

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

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Information is also available online at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca

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Alternatively, if you prefer to mail/fax your response, please do so within 30 days to:
Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator
4342 Queen St, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 7J7
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First Public Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2010 Recurrent Energy – RE Waubaushene 4 & 5 Solar Energy Projects

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RECURRENT ENERGY

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Solar Energy Projects

Tuesday, September 14, 2010





Purpose of this Public Meeting

Stakeholder input is a key component of project planning and the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. The purpose of this first Public Meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to:

- Obtain information of Recurrent Energy's proposed renewable energy projects;
- Obtain details regarding the requirements of the REA Process;
- Ask questions regarding the proposed developments;
- Raise issues and concerns regarding the proposed Projects and have these addressed.

can provide any comments or concerns in the following ways:

- Via the Comment Sheet provided at this Public Meeting. If you would like to be included on the Project's stakeholder mailing list, please include your name and mailing address on your completed Comment Sheet.
- 2. Through discussion opportunities with representatives of Recurrent Energy and Hatch staff at this Public Meeting.
- 3. Please also feel free to contact the Environmental Coordinator for the Project via the contact information below:

Noel Boucher, BSc, Environmental Coordinator

Hatch Ltd.

Address: 4342 Queen St, Suite 500

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The Company

Recurrent Energy is an independent power producer and a leading developer of distributed solar projects for utilities, government, and commercial customers. We develop, build and operate distributed solar power systems, connected to the existing distribution grid.

Our vision is to use proven solar technology to meet rising energy demand with a fleet of clean power plants. With a project pipeline now in excess of 1,000 MW, we're well on our way to achieving that vision.

A Powerful Vision for Ontario

Today, nearly 75% of Ontario's electricity comes from aging nuclear, coal-, oil-, and gas-based generation facilities. However, a major shift toward renewable energy is under way. The Ontario Power Authority has committed to doubling its supply of clean energy by 2025 – a goal that will have a major positive impact on both the environment and the economy.

Helping the Province to meet its ambitious goals, Recurrent Energy is working to bring clean solar power to multiple sites and communities throughout Ontario. Approximately 21,800 homes can be powered by the output of Recurrent Energy's Ontario solar projects in the first year of operation.

Investing in Ontario's Green Economy

Recurrent Energy's solar photovoltaic (PV) systems will create hundreds of Ontario jobs throughout the life of the projects – from the initial development, design and manufacture, to construction and ongoing maintenance. Recurrent Energy is working closely with contractors and equipment vendors in Ontario helping to ensure significant benefits to the local economy. At least 60% of the materials for the projects will be made or sourced in Ontario.

Our Ontario Projects



The Consultant

Recurrent Energy has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09.

Hatch is an Ontario-based consulting, engineering, environmental and management company with operations worldwide and a reputation for excellence acquired over 80 years of continuous service to its clients.



Benefits of Solar Energy

Recurrent Energy's projects use solar photovoltaic (PV) technology to produce clean electricity directly from sunlight. Solar PV is uniquely suited to distributed generation* projects due to several important technical characteristics:

- Zero-emissions and quiet enough to be located near inhabited locations
- Highly modular and scalable to fit load requirements, available space, or transmission capacity.

Recurrent Energy generally leases land for the lifetime of its projects, creating a diverse and stable income stream for landowners. The solar PV systems consist of safe, common materials and will have a minimal impact on the land.

As a source of electricity, solar PV compares favourably to other types of electricity generation:

- Solar PV generates power during periods of high demand, providing a cleaner alternative to fossil-fuel powered peaking plants
- Unlike solar thermal technologies, solar PV requires no water and has no moving parts which significantly reduces the maintenance costs and environmental impact
- Solar PV is a mature technology with a long operating history, so performance and operating costs are highly predictable when compared to unproven new technologies.



A solar PV panel consists of several layers, the top layer of which is glass, providing weather protection for the PV cell. A special coating is applied to the glass to reduce reflected light from the panel, thereby reducing glare. Within the solar PV cell is a grid, (often made of a metal) which conducts electricity.

Electricity is generated when openings in the grid allow sunlight to reach silicon layers of the panel underneath

* Distributed Generation: The generation of solar energy at the distribution end of the electricity grid, close to the point where electricity is consumed.

The Feed In Tariff (FIT) program was enabled by the Green Energy and Green Economy Act (2009), and was officially launched on October 1, 2009. The Program is designed to encourage and promote greater use of renewable energy sources. According to the Program's website, the FIT Program will help Ontario to phase out coal-fired electricity generation by 2014, boost economic activities and the development of renewable energy technologies while creating new green industries and jobs throughout the province.

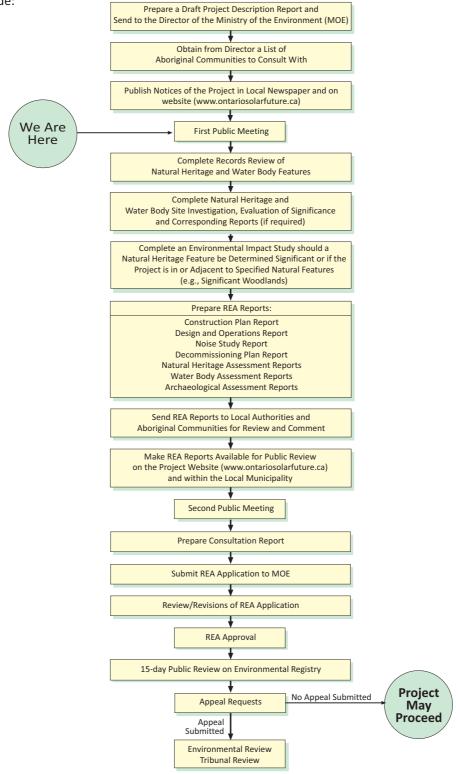
The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) awarded 184 FIT contracts to renewable power developers in Ontario on April 8, 2010. Recurrent Energy was awarded a total of 20 contracts for proposed developments throughout Ontario. These projects are now proceeding through the Renewable Energy Approval process.





Renewable Energy Approval Process

The proposed Project is subject to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.O.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The main components of this process include:



RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project

Project Location

The proposed Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Orillia on the east side of Line 13 North in Hawkestone in the Township of Oro-Medonte in the County of Simcoe. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

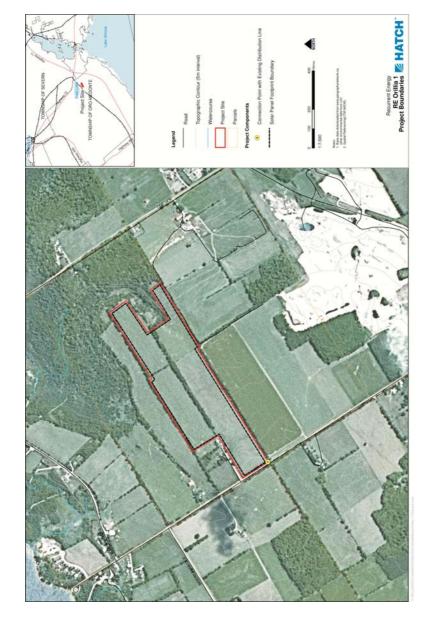
Project Description

The proposed RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility under the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The proposed Project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 Megawatts (MWV). The amount of energy produced per year is estimated to be 13,789,060 kilowatt hours (KWh).

The proposed Project will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). Panels will typically range in height from 2.5 m to 4 m.

Project Schedule - RE Orillia 1

- I FIT Application November 2009
- Submission of Project Description to MOE December 2009
- FIT Contract Award April 2010
- Tentative Second Public Meeting November 2010
- REA Application Submission November 2010
- REA Received April 2011
- Start of Construction April 2011
- Commercial Operation Date October 2011





RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project

Natural Heritage Features

A site investigation was completed in order to identify features of the terrestrial and aquatic environment from the area. Specific features that were considered during the site investigation include, but were not limited to:

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

Terrestrial Environment

The proposed Project is located entirely on agricultural lands composed of pastureland. The Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland occurs east of the proposed Project site.

Hedgerows were dominated by maples, ash, and oak, with these species also present in the woodlands in association with cedar, pine, and poplar. Evidence of groundhog and deer activity was noted from the proposed Project location. Several species of birds common to agricultural lands in the area, such as Barn Swallow, American Robin, and Savannah Sparrow were recorded on the proposed Project location.

There were no federal or provincial species currently listed as at risk observed or expected on the proposed Project location.

Aquatic Environment

There are no watercourses located within 120 m of the proposed Project site. The closest watercourse is a stream within the Langman Marsh, located approximately 200 m north of the proposed Project. There is a ground water seepage area within the woodland east of the proposed Project site, and this groundwater discharge supplies the surface water features within the Langman Marsh.

Land Use

The Canada Land Inventory (CLI) provides a classification which identifies the potential for agricultural production in a specific area. The classes, ranging from 1 to 7 are determined based on soil surveys conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), class 1 representing the best agricultural lands, while class 7 represents the poorest.

The area leased for the installation of the proposed Project is comprised entirely of class 6 lands.

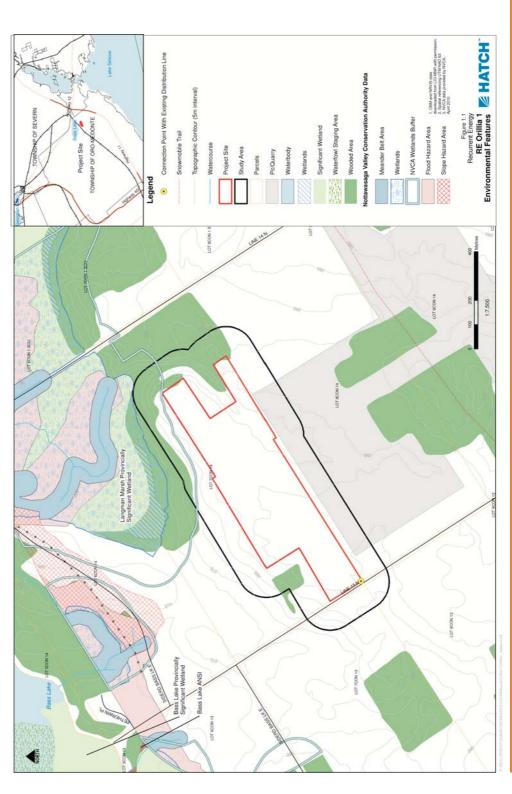
The soil underneath the solar panels will be preserved over the course of the Project's lifetime. Vegetation established beneath the solar panels will reduce erosion, and increase the levels of soil organic matter and soil biodiversity.







Environmental Features





RE Orillia 1 Solar Energy Project

Potential Negative Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

	nmental Component	Potential Environmental Effect	Mitigation Measures
Natural Environment	Physiography/Topography	During construction, regrading of excavated soils and some minor alterations to local topography may occur.	Areas disturbed will be regraded to match existing topography to the greatest extent possible.
	Soils	Reductions in soil quality/loss of soils as a result of accidental spills, erosion, soil compaction during construction.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to mitigate impacts to soils. These mainclude development of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and a Spill Response Plan.
	Surface Water	Surface water quality could be impaired due to contamination from accidental spills or increased turbidity due to erosion during construction.	Solar panels will be set back at least 30 m from the groundwater seepage area. Sediment and erosion control measures and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented.
	Groundwater	Groundwater may be impaired by contamination due to accidental spills.	Spill prevention and response measures will be implemented throughout the life of the Project.
	Aquatic Habitats/Biota	No adverse effects on aquatic habitat and biota are anticipated due to the distance from the Project to the closest watercourse (~200 m)	30-m setback from the groundwater seepage area, a well as sediment and erosion controls and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented to prevent impacts due to Project.
	Vegetation	Vegetation clearing on agricultural land and within hedgerows will be required.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds.
	Terrestrial Wildlife (including species at risk)	Potential loss of wildlife habitat and potential wildlife avoidance of the Project location during construction and operation may occur as a result of disturbance.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds. Best managemen practices with respect to work during the breeding bird season will be followed to ensure no impact to nesting birds. This may include timing of major construction activities outside of the breeding bird period.
	Air Quality	Reductions in local air quality from the operation of construction equipment and dust displacement may occur due to vehicle traffic.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to suppress dust and protect local air quality. These may include use of dust suppressant (i.e. water) and limitation of soil exposure.
Social Environment	Local Traffic	Increased traffic volumes and equipment delivery as well as temporary disruption along routes utilized by construction vehicle may result in delays to local community traffic.	Adverse effects to local traffic will be minimized by designating and preparing transportation routes; and facilitation of traffic flow as required.
	Municipal Roadways	Construction vehicle traffic in the vicinity of the Project location may result in damage to local roadways.	In addition to the mitigation measures proposed above, local roadways will be maintained as necessary.
	Public and Construction Site Safety	Construction of the Project may result in a risk to community and workforce safety.	Proper safety procedures will be implemented and followed as per applicable provincial and federal regulations.
	Waste Management and Disposal Sites	Construction and operation of the Project will likely result in the generation of recyclable material, and municipal hazardous and sanitary waste.	Proper storage and disposal of wastes and recyclables will be practiced.
	Visual Landscape	Installation of the Project may result in a change to the local landscape.	Visual barriers will be considered, if necessary, and will be reviewed based on viability and effectiveness.
	Sound Levels	Temporary disturbance to neighbouring residents may occur during construction, while the operation of inverters and transformers may result in increased ambient sound levels.	Noise studies in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 will be conducted to ensure adherence to sound levels requirements.
	Archaeological Resources	Excavations during Project construction may result in the discovery of archaeological resources.	An Archaeological Assessment will be completed to determine potential resources and mitigation requirements.
	Cultural Heritage Resources	Construction of the Project may result in negative effects to built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes.	Potential heritage resources will be determined and assessed as per the requirements of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project

Project Location

The proposed Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Orillia on the west side of Line 13 North in Hawkestone in the Township of Oro-Medonte in the County of Simcoe. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

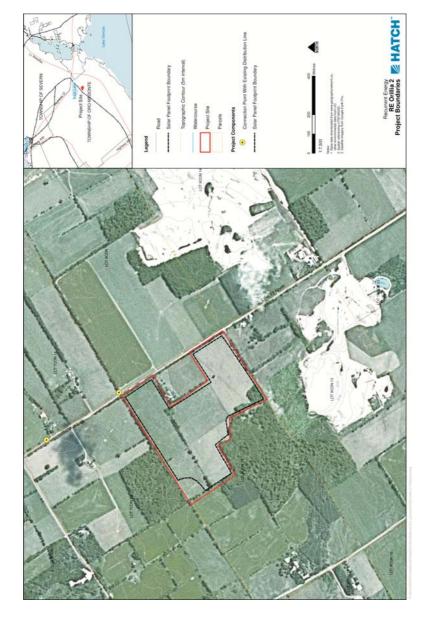
Project Description

The proposed RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility under the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.O.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The proposed Project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 Megawatts (MWW). The amount of energy produced per year is estimated to be 13,963,681 kilowatt hours (kWh).

The proposed Project will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). Panels will typically range in height from 2.5 m to 4 m.

Project Schedule - RE Orillia 2

- FIT Application November 2009
- Submission of Project Description to MOE December 2009
- FIT Contract Award April 2010
- Tentative Second Public Meeting November 2010
- 1 REA Application Submission November 2010
- REA Received April 2011
- Start of Construction April 2011
- Commercial Operation Date October 2011





RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project

Natural Heritage Features

A site investigation was completed in order to identify features of the terrestrial and aquatic environment from the area. Specific features that were considered during the site investigation include, but were not limited to:

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

Terrestrial Environment

The proposed Project is located entirely on agricultural lands composed of hayfields, with a significant woodland located southwest of the proposed Project site.

Hedgerows were dominated by maples, ash, and trembling aspen, with spruce and pine common along the southern hedgerow. The woodland to the north of the proposed Project site is composed of deciduous species, such as maple, oak, poplar and ash. The woodland to the south is of mixed composition, with poplar, beech, pine and spruce dominant. Several species of birds common to agricultural lands in the area, such as Wild Turkey, American Robin, and American Goldfinch were recorded on the proposed Project location.

There were no federal or provincial species currently listed as at risk observed or expected on the proposed Project location.

Aquatic Environment

There are no waterbodies located within 300 m of the proposed Project site.

Land Use

The Canada Land Inventory (CLI) provides a classification which identifies the potential for agricultural production in a specific area. The classes, ranging from 1 to 7 are determined based on soil surveys conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), class 1 representing the best agricultural lands, while class 7 represents the poorest.

The area leased for the installation of the proposed Project is comprised of class 6 agricultural. The proposed Project will not be operated on the small portion of class 1 lands of the leased area.

The soil underneath the solar panels will be preserved over the course of the Project's lifetime. Vegetation established beneath the solar panels will reduce erosion, and increase the levels of soil organic matter and soil biodiversity.





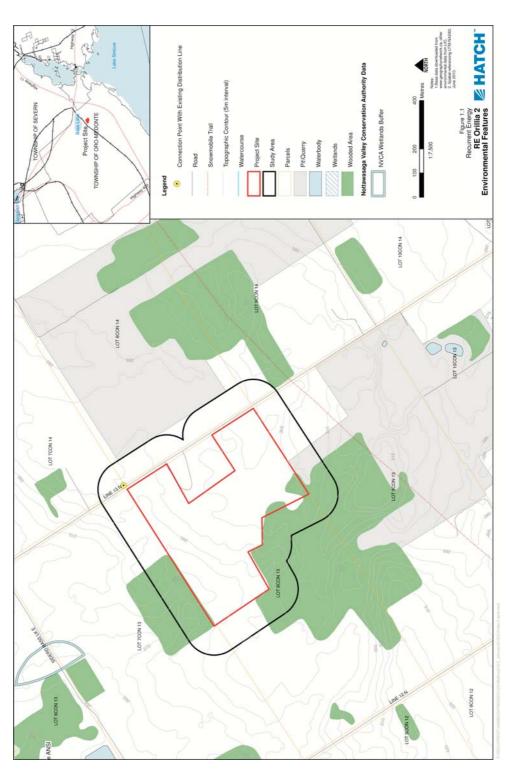








Environmental Features





RE Orillia 2 Solar Energy Project

Potential Negative Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

	nmental Component	Potential Environmental Effect	Mitigation Measures
Natural Environment	Physiography/Topography	During construction, regrading of excavated soils and some minor alterations to local topography may occur.	Areas disturbed will be regraded to match existing topography to the greatest extent possible.
	Soils	Reductions in soil quality/loss of soils as a result of accidental spills, erosion, soil compaction during construction.	The use of standard construction best management practices and mitigation measures will be implemented to mitigate impacts to soils. These ma include development of an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and a Spill Response Plan.
	Surface Water	Surface water runoff quality could be impaired due to contamination from accidental spills or increased turbidity due to erosion during construction.	Sediment and erosion control measures and spill prevention and response measures will be implemented.
	Groundwater	Groundwater may be impaired by contamination due to accidental spills.	Spill prevention and response measures will be implemented throughout the life of the Project.
	Vegetation	Vegetation clearing on agricultural land and within hedgerows will be required.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds.
	Terrestrial Wildlife (including species at risk)	Potential loss of wildlife habitat and potential wildlife avoidance of the Project location during construction and operation may occur as a result of disturbance.	Work areas will be flagged to ensure clearing does not extend beyond those bounds. Best managemen practices with respect to work during the breeding bird season will be followed to ensure no impact to nesting birds. This may include timing of major construction activities outside of the breeding bird period.
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	Public and Construction Site Safety	Construction of the Project may result in a risk to community and workforce safety.	Proper safety procedures will be implemented and followed as per applicable provincial and federal regulations.
	Waste Management and Disposal Sites	Construction and operation of the Project will likely result in the generation of recyclable material, and municipal hazardous and sanitary waste.	Proper storage and disposal of wastes and recyclables will be practiced.
	Visual Landscape	Installation of the Project may result in a change to the local landscape.	Visual barriers will be considered, if necessary, and will be reviewed based on viability and effectiveness.
	Sound Levels	Temporary disturbance to neighbouring residents may occur during construction, while the operation of inverters and transformers may result in increased ambient sound levels.	Noise studies in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 will be conducted to ensure adherence to sound levels requirements.
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	Cultural Heritage Resources	Construction of the Project may result in negative effects to built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes.	Potential heritage resources will be determined and assessed as per the requirements of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

RE Orillia 3 Solar Energy Project

Project Location

The proposed Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Orillia on the east side of Line 13 North in Hawkestone in the Township of Oro-Medonte, in the County of Simcoe. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

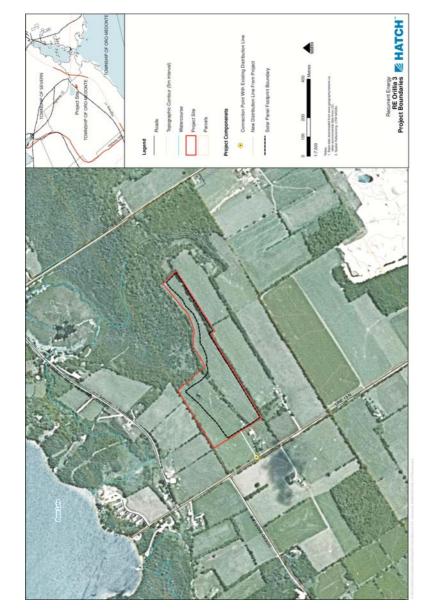
Project Description

The proposed RE Orillia 3 Solar Energy Project is considered to be a Class 3 solar facility under the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The proposed Project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 6.5 Megawatts (MWV). The amount of energy produced per year is estimated to be 9,220,259 kilowatt hours (KWh).

The proposed Project will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels installed on ground-mounted rack structures. The panels will be tilted and fixed in place (i.e., they will not move to track the sun). Panels will typically range in height from 2.5 m to 4 m.

Project Schedule - RE Orillia 3

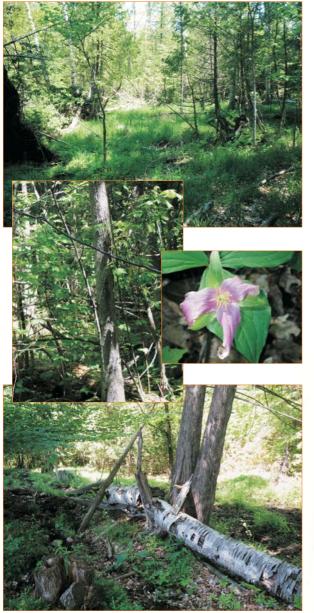
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- Commercial Operation Date December 2011





RE Orillia 3 Solar Energy Project





Natural Heritage Features

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- Wildlife/Wildlife habitat
- Vegetation communities, including woodlands
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- Waterhodies

Terrestrial Environment

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Hedgerows were dominated by maples, ash, and oak, with these species also present in the woodlands in association with cedar, pine, and poplar. Evidence of groundhog and deer activity was noted from the proposed Project location. Several species of birds common to agricultural lands in the area, such as American Crow, American Goldfinch, and Wild Turkey were recorded on the proposed Project location.

There were no federal or provincial species currently listed as at risk observed or expected on the proposed Project location.

Aquatic Environment

There are no watercourses located within 120 m of the proposed Project site. The closest watercourse is a stream within the Langman Marsh, located approximately 200 m northeast of the proposed Project. There is a ground water seepage area within the woodland east of the proposed Project site, and this groundwater discharge supplies the surface water features within the Langman Marsh.

Land Use

The Canada Land Inventory (CLI) provides a classification which identifies the potential for agricultural production in a specific area. The classes, ranging from 1 to 7 are determined based on soil surveys conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), class 1 representing the best agricultural lands, while class 7 represents the poorest. In addition, the proposed Project location has been classified by a qualified soil scientist subsequent to an on-site field visit to verify the soil classifications on site.

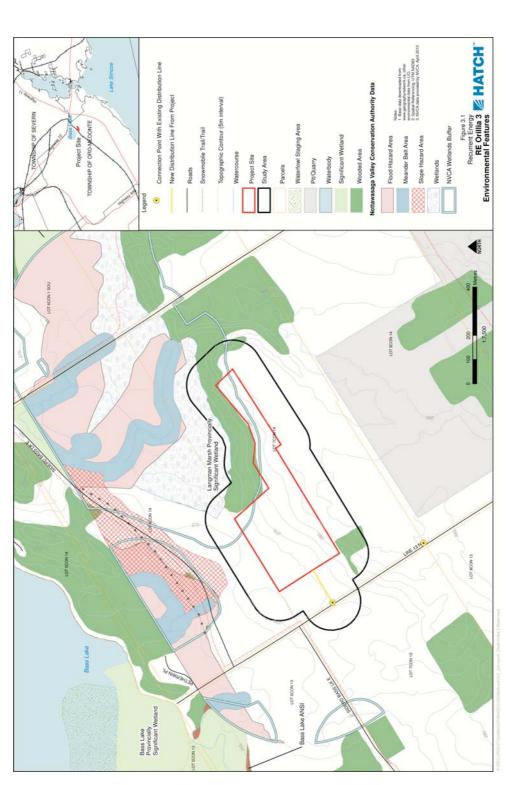
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Environmental Features





RE Orillia 3 Solar Energy Project

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	Sound Levels	Temporary disturbance to neighbouring residents may occur during construction, while the operation of inverters and transformers may result in increased ambient sound levels.	Noise studies in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 will be conducted to ensure adherence to sound levels requirements.
	Archaeological Resources	Excavations during Project construction may result in the discovery of archaeological resources.	An Archaeological Assessment will be completed prior to construction to determine potential resources and mitigation requirements.
	Cultural Heritage Resources	Construction of the Project may result in negative effects to built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes.	Potential heritage resources will be determined and assessed as per the requirements of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.





All written comments will be reviewed and issues addressed within the REA process.

Additional Project Reports (such as the Construction Plan Report and Archaeological Assessment Reports) will be available for public review and comment on the Project website (www.ontariosolarfuture.ca) and within the local municipality.

The Second Public Meeting will be advertised in the local newspaper and information will be sent to all those on the Project mailing list.

If you would like to be included on the Project mailing list, please include your name and mailing address on your completed comment sheet.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Your Comments are Important -

Please Sign in and Complete a Comment Sheet



Appendix D Copies of Display Boards and Other Material at the Final Public Meeting

RECURRENT ENERGY

RE Orillia 1 ULC
and
RE Orillia 3 ULC
Welcome You
to the Final Public Meeting
for the RE Orillia 1
and RE Orillia 3
Solar Projects

Tuesday, July 12, 2011





Purpose of the Meeting

This Public Meeting provides an opportunity for you to:

- Ask questions regarding the Project reports that were previously provided for your review
- Learn more about the Company
- Obtain information about the Renewable Energy Approval process
- Provide comments, questions and concerns regarding the Project

YOU an provide comments, questions or concerns the following ways:

- Fill out a comment sheet OR
- Talk to any of the Project representatives here at the meeting

Please also feel free to contact the Environmental Coordinator for the Project via the contact information below:

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Hatch Ltd.

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The Company

About Recurrent Energy

From its office in Toronto, Recurrent Energy is working to bring clean solar power to multiple sites and communities throughout Ontario, helping the Province to meet its ambitious renewable energy goals. With a project pipeline of 2 GW, we use proven solar photovoltaic (PV) technology to meet rising energy demand with a fleet of clean power plants located right where they're needed most. As a subsidiary of Sharp Corporation, Recurrent Energy and Sharp combine technical capabilities with access to capital enabling Recurrent Energy to deliver solar generating plants.

A Powerful Vision for Ontario

The Ontario Power Authority has committed to doubling its supply of clean energy by 2025—a goal that will have a major positive impact on both the environment and the local economy. Helping the province to meet its ambitious goals, Recurrent Energy was awarded 180 MW of ground-mounted solar projects at various locations in southern and central Ontario by the Ontario Power Authority.

This Project will help diversify Ontario's energy mix, promote stable electricity prices, and contribute to a greener future.

Job Creation

At least 60% of project materials and services are sourced from Ontario-based sources. Supporting the Green Energy Act's program-wide goal of 50,000 new green collar jobs, our projects will create an estimated 2,500 green collar jobs for electricians, civil engineers, environmental specialists, construction workers, facility operators, and maintenance technicians, spurring job growth both locally and provincially.

Our Ontario Projects



Region	Type	Projects
Northern	Ground	6
Central	Ground	10
Southern	Ground	3

The Consultant

Recurrent Energy has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09.

Hatch is an Ontario-based consulting, engineering, environmental and management company with operations worldwide and a reputation for excellence





Benefits

Help Ontario meet renewable energy goals

This solar project will help Ontario to meet its goal of increasing the amount of energy generated from green renewable sources in the Province. Since this **zero-emission facility** has no moving parts and requires little water, the project is able to bring clean energy to the communities, and is quiet enough to be located in residential areas.

Recurrent Energy's Ontario solar facilities are projected to produce **220 million kilowatt hours** in their first year per year from clean, renewable solar resource.

- Enough to power roughly 22,000 homes
- Prevent emissions of roughly 49,000 metric tons of carbon



A solar PV panel consists of several layers. The top layer of glass provides weather protection for the PV cell. A special coating is applied to the glass to reduce reflected light from the panel, thereby reducing glare. Within the solar PV cell is a grid, often made of metal which conducts electricity.

Electricity is generated when openings in the grid allow sunlight to reach silicon underlying layers.

Community Involvement

Recurrent Energy desires to be a long term partner by creating jobs and investing in the local community. The project team looks forward to developing a positive and long lasting relationship with the community to understand how it can best serve as a contributing member.



The Feed In Tariff (FIT) program was enabled by the Green Energy and Green Economy Act (2009), and was officially launched on October 1, 2009. The Program is designed to encourage and promote greater use of renewable energy sources. According to the Program's website, the FIT Program will help Ontario to phase out coal-fired electricity generation by 2014, boost economic activities and the development of renewable energy technologies while creating new green industries and jobs throughout the province.

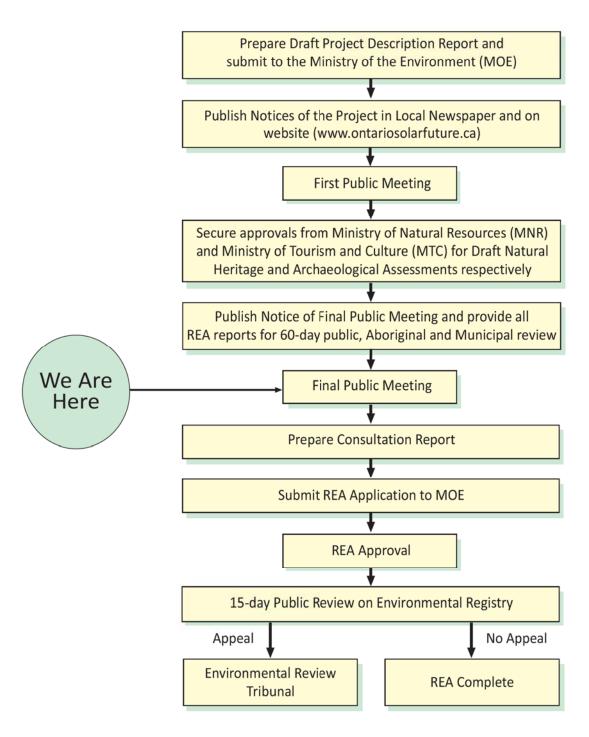
The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) awarded 184 FIT contracts to renewable power developers in Ontario on April 8, 2010. Recurrent Energy was awarded a total of 19 contracts for proposed developments throughout Ontario. These projects will be privately financed by Recurrent Energy and will only receive payment for the energy that is produced by these facilities. These projects are now proceeding through the Renewable Energy Approval process.





Renewable Energy Approval Process

The proposed Project is subject to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process, subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. The main components of this process include:



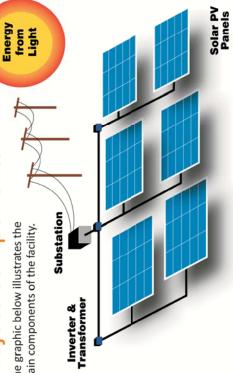


Project Size and Location

The proposed Project is 10 MW in size and is located on 13th Line northwest of Orillia. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Components

The graphic below illustrates the main components of the facility.



Project Schedule - RE Orillia 1

Submission of Project Description to MOE – December 2009 FIT Application – November 2009 FIT Contract Award - April 2010

First Public Meeting - June 2010

Submission of Reports to MNR and MTC - July 2010

Receipt of Confirmation Letter from MTC - August 2010

Second Public Meeting - July 2011

Start of Construction - February 2012





Site Plan



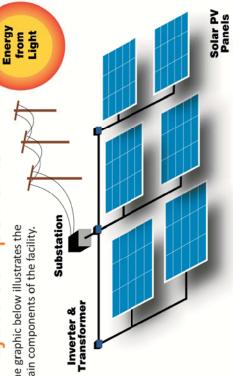


Project Size and Location

The proposed Project is 6.5 MW in size and is located on 13th Line northwest of Orillia. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Components

The graphic below illustrates the main components of the facility.



Project Schedule - RE Orillia 3

Submission of Project Description to MOE – December 2009 FIT Application – November 2009 FIT Contract Award - April 2010

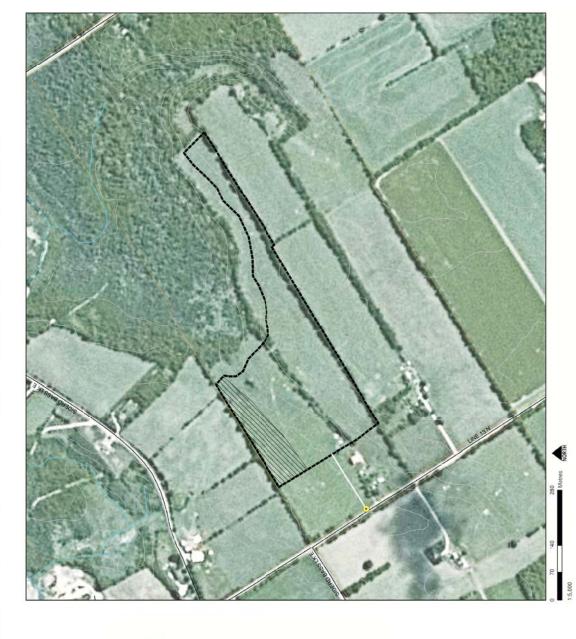
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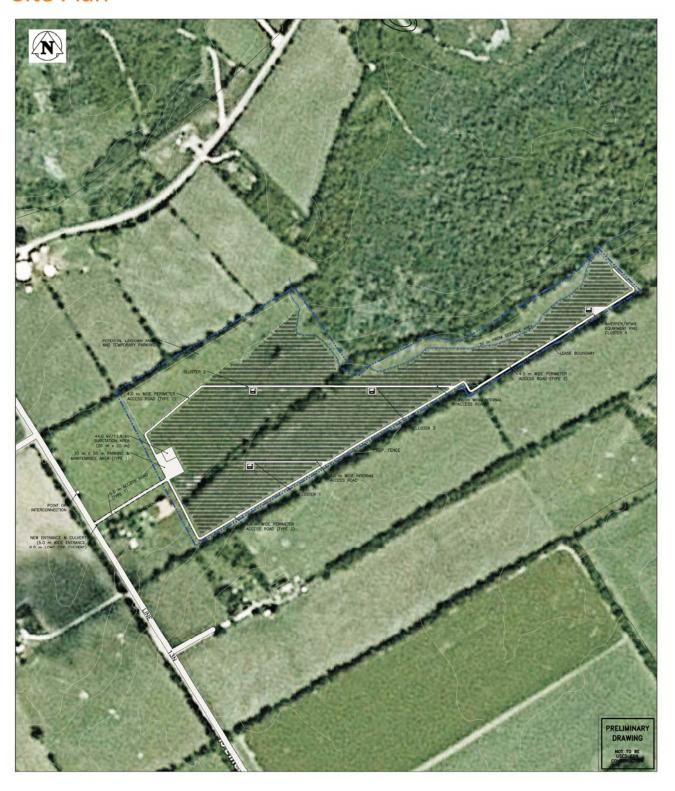
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Site Plan





Project Construction

Phase 1 - Months 1 to 6

Site Preparation

- site survey and staking
- removal of vegetation (where necessary)
 - road and parking area construction
 - installation of perimeter fencing

Phase 2 - Months 4 to 8

Construction and Installation

- excavation of substation
- installation of substation / control house
 - installation of racking and panels
- installation of electrical cabling, inverters

and transformers

Phase 3 - Month 8

Post-Installation

- site clean-up
- revegetation
- systems testing
- · commissioning

Construction Considerations

chedule

- Overall duration anticipated to be 8 months
- Typically 5 days per week 7:00 am 5:00 pm
- Longer working hours may periodically be required, subject to Municipal by-laws

Traffic and Roads

- Trucks delivering material to site will follow all regulations and load restrictions
- Information on traffic management to be provided to the Municipality prior to start of construction
- Construction traffic not anticipated to significantly damage or degrade local roads
- A plan for maintenance and protection of local roadways will be developed with the Township

Safety

- Fencing will be installed around the perimeter to prevent unauthorized access
- An Emergency Response Plan will be developed in consultation with local municipal authorities for construction and operation phases of the project



RE Orillia 1 and 3 Solar Projects

Design and Operations

Project Design

- The Project will consist of solar photovoltaic modules arranged in rows, mounted off the ground and stationary at a fixed tilt angle
- Direct current (DC) electricity generated by each module is routed by cabling to an inverter, which converts it to alternating current (AC) and an intermediate transformer which increases the voltage to an intermediate level

Main Project Components	Number Orilla 1 Orilla 3	Description
Solar Panels	~ 44,000 ~28,600	275-300W crystalline silicon photovoltaic panels made in Ontario
Inverters	10 6 1	1 MW Inverter 420-850 VDC 0.5 MW Inverter 420-850 VDC
Intermediate Transformer	5 3	2MVA Padmount Transformers
Station Transformer	1 1	7.5/10MVA Oil Insulated Transformer



Project Operations

- Panels generate electricity when exposed to sufficient amounts of solar radiation
- Facility remotely monitored, 24 hours/day for the amount of energy produced, efficiency and potential problems (e.g., faulty panels or electrical system issues)
- Operations staff dispatched to rectify any problems observed, as required

Security

- Facility will be fenced to prevent unauthorized access
- Security lighting will be directional, pointed inward on the facilities, triggered by motion detecting sensors
- Facility will be monitored by security cameras, trained inwards

Maintenance

- Periodic maintenance activities will include electrical system maintenance, oil/water separator monitoring and maintenance, and road and fence repairs
- General property maintenance will include vegetation management (e.g., mowing), ensure site access to all areas of the facility and maintain good site aesthetics
- Panel washing at each facility is anticipated to occur 3 times per year, using 25,700 litres of water for Orillia 1 and 15,730 litres of water for Orillia 3, over a 4-5 day period for each cleaning event

Emergency Response Plan

- A detailed Emergency Plan will be prepared in consultation with local municipal authorities and emergency response agencies prior to the start of any construction activity
- The plan will include appropriate actions in the event of a spill or fire at the site
- Appropriate signage will be posted in the event of an emergency or to contact a company representative

For more detailed information please refer to the Design and Operations Report



Decommissioning

is 30 years. Once the decision has The anticipated life of the Project been made to decommission, the process will occur in two phases:

- Removal of equipment
- Restoration of the site



Equipment Removal

- All project components not native to the site will be removed
- All equipment that can be re-used (e.g., solar panels, electrical cabling) will be carefully removed and transported off site
- All other project components will be removed and either sold for scrap (e.g., rack structures), recycled or disposed of at appropriate facilities
- Access roads will be removed and the fence will be dismantled

Site Restoration

- Restoration will occur in accordance with the agreement with the landowner
- use by chiseling to remove compaction, addition of compost, tilling and planting Assuming restoration of agricultural land is desired, the site will be prepared for of appropriate seed mixture

Temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures will be removed once the seed has sprouted and grown to stabilize the conditions adequately.

appropriate governing authorities, and will be in accordance with all applicable federal, All decommissioning and restoration activities will adhere to the requirements of provincial and local permitting requirements.

For more detailed information please refer to the Decommissioning Plan Report.





Natural Heritage Assessment

Existing Environment

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

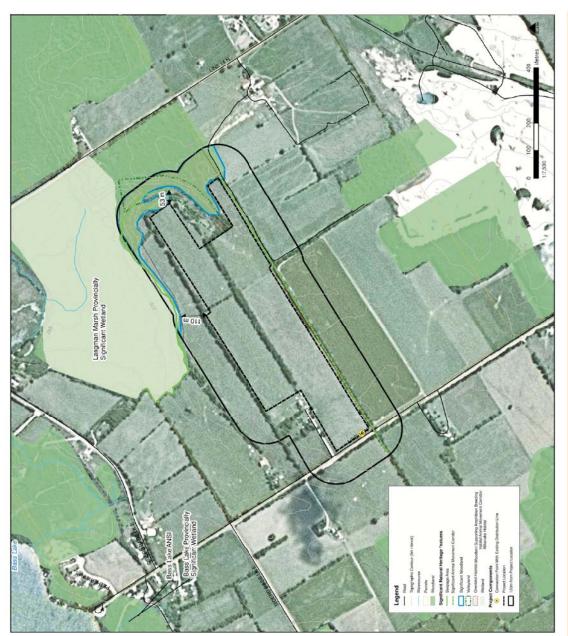
- Agricultural fields used for pastureland and hayfields
- Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) is located within 120 m of the Project location
- A woodland occurs to the east and north of the Project location
- Woodland is significant as it meets the criteria for interior forest habitat, proximity to a watercourse, and proximity to a significant natural feature
- Woodland supports significant amphibian breeding habitat, Ovenbird habitat, Milksnake habitat and an animal movement corridor
- Woodland is also part of the Langman Marsh PSW
- Seepage area is located to the east of the Project location
- Animal movement corridor along southern hedgerow

Mitigation Measures for Environmental Protection

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

- Avoidance of significant natural features where possible
- Demarcation of work areas, such as the woodland and associated wildlife habitat, in order to prevent encroachment beyond designated work areas
- Installation of flow dissipation measures (e.g., rock check dams or enhanced vegetation swales) to temporary retain water, decrease flow velocity and filter sediment
 - Discing or other soil loosening methods will be undertaken as required to prevent long-term impacts due to compaction
- Construction outside of breeding bird period where possible
- Visual search and removal of trapped wildlife following completion of fence
- Visual monitoring of work areas, equipment, and access roads prior to the start of work each day to search for wildlife species including Milksnake

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





Waterbodies

Existing Environment

consists of seepage from the adjacent valley or a generally high groundwater table, is present in the woodland east of the Project location. A seepage area occurs to the east of the Project location. This seepage area

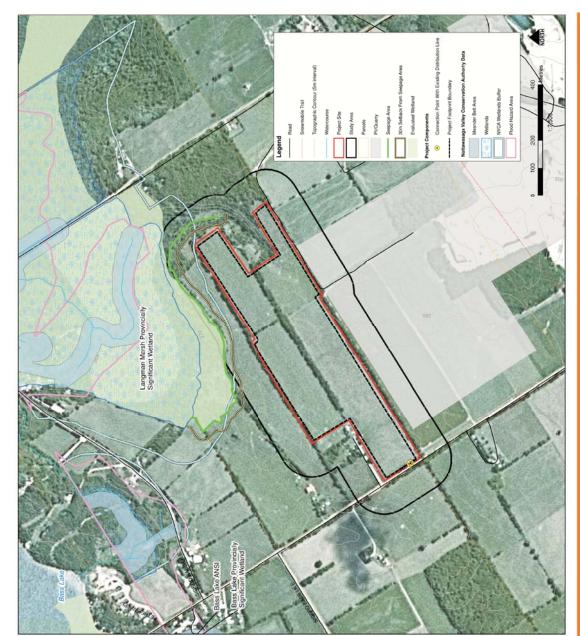
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- Stormwater management measures
- (e.g., site revegetation, enhanced vegetation swales)
- (e.g., handling protocols, secured storage areas, clean-up materials Spill prevention and response measures
- **Dust control measures**

on-hand)

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Natural Heritage Assessment

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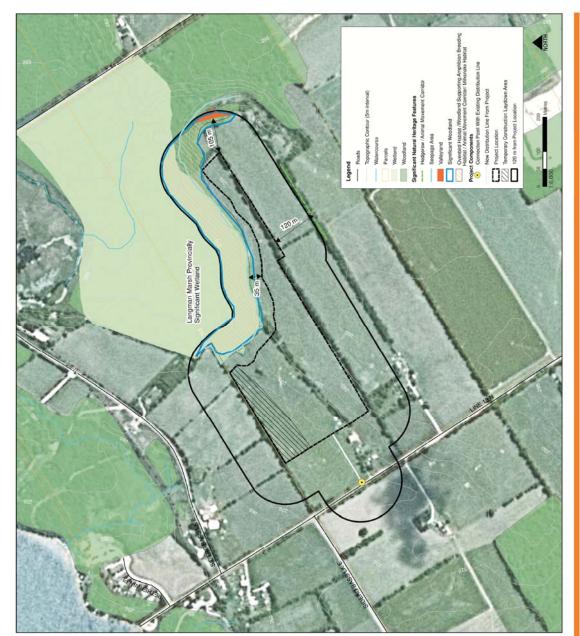
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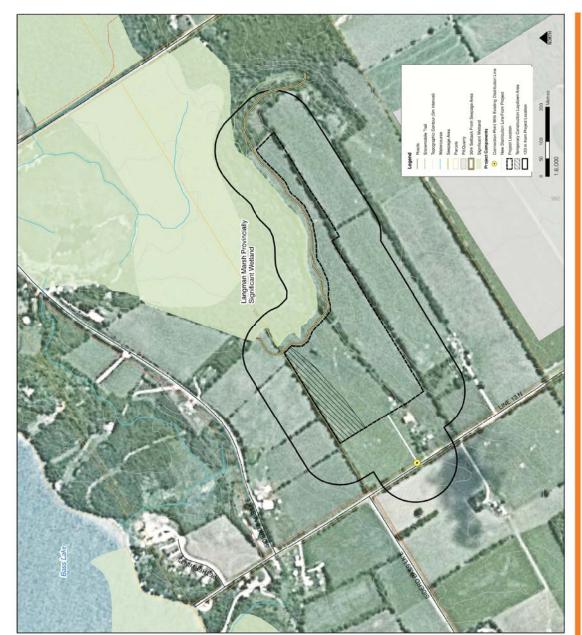
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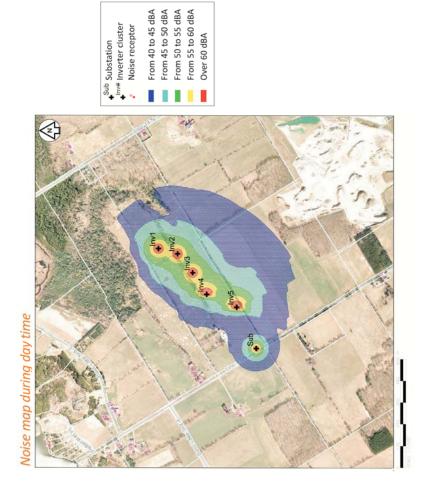


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Ontario uses the most conservative sound modeling available nationally and internationally, which is supported by experiences in the province and in other jurisdictions

(Chief Medical Officer of Health Report, Dr. Arlene King May 2010).





From 40 to 45 dBA From 45 to 50 dBA From 50 to 55 dBA From 55 to 60 dBA

Inv# Inverter cluster
Noise receptor

Sub Substation



Noise

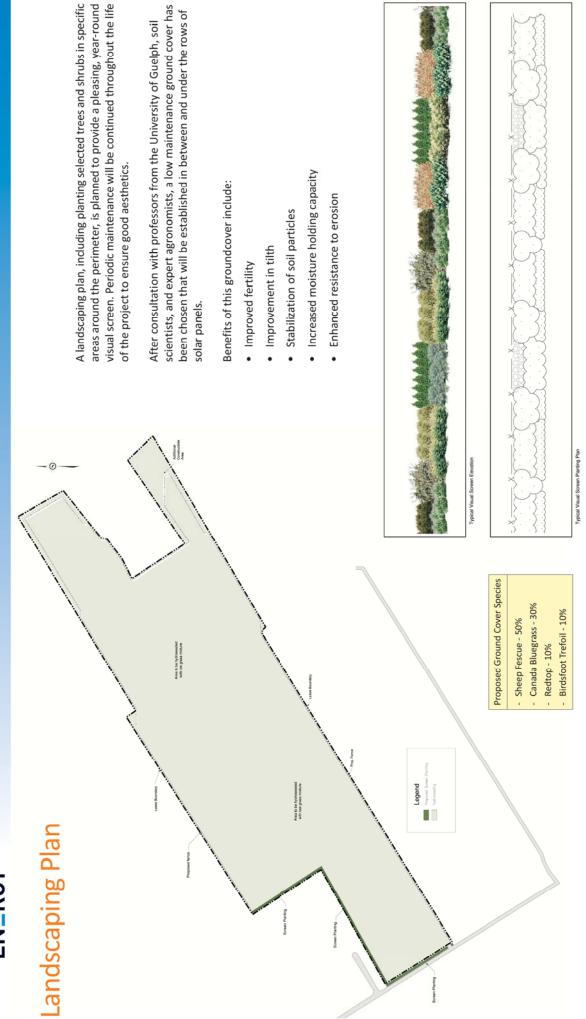
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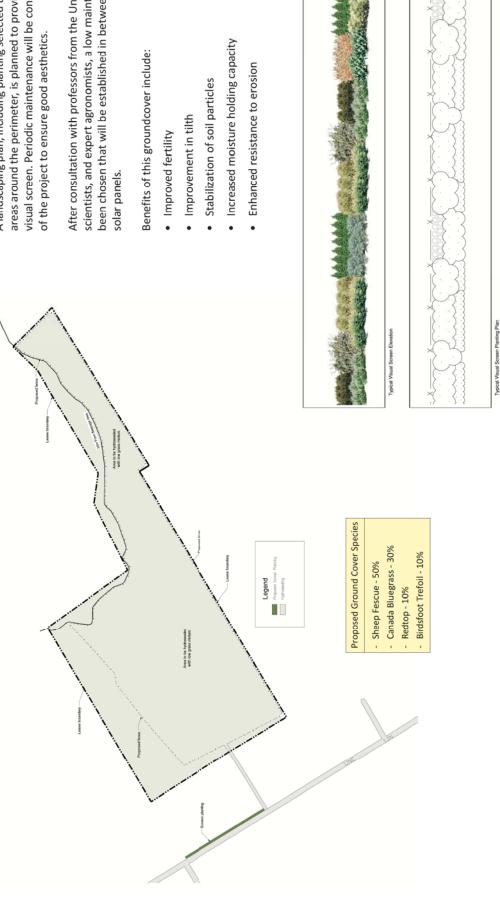


RE Orillia 1 Solar Project



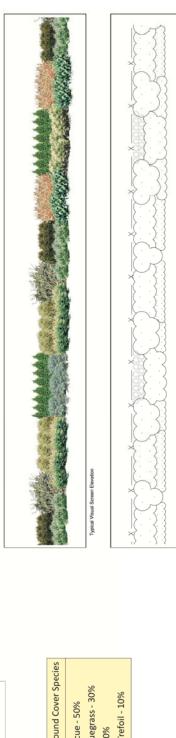


Landscaping Plan



A landscaping plan, including planting selected trees and shrubs in specific areas around the perimeter, is planned to provide a pleasing, year-round visual screen. Periodic maintenance will be continued throughout the life

scientists, and expert agronomists, a low maintenance ground cover has been chosen that will be established in between and under the rows of After consultation with professors from the University of Guelph, soil





RE Orillia 1 and 3 Solar Projects

Frequently Asked Questions

The following table identifies the most common questions and answers regarding solar power developments.

Questions	Answers
Soil Conditions What are the long-term effects on the land beneath the solar panels?	A dense cover of grasses and legumes, adapted for growth in varying shade conditions will be planted and monitored in and around the solar panel field. This groundcover will maintain natural nutrient cycling processes to maintain soil fertility, minimize weed growth, provide wildlife habitat, promote stormwater retention and uptake and prevent soil erosion. As per the Decommissioning Plan Report, the site will be restored for agricultural use.
Visual Impacts What will the facility look like and will I be able to see it?	Fencing will consist of a 2.7 m (9 foot) security fence around the perimeter with an option of 3 lines of barb wire on top. Existing roadside and property line vegetation will be maintained where possible to provide visual screening to minimize sightlines of the facility and fencing.
Construction Traffic Will construction traffic cause delays?	Traffic during the approximately 8 month construction period may at times cause minor delays as vehicles enter and leave the sites. The site entrances, will incorporate proper turning radii (in accordance with Township road entrance requirements). Disruptions are expected to be minimal in duration.
Groundwater Usage Will this Project affect my well?	Groundwater will be withdrawn from a new well constructed on each project site. Withdrawals for each project will be around 10,000 L per day during construction and will not exceed 45,000 L per day. During operations, panel cleaning will be conducted approximately 3 times per year, using 25,700 litres of water for Orillia 1 and 15,730 litres of water for Orillia 3, over a 4-5 day period for each cleaning event. Other periodic uses of water may occur during operations. The low volumes of water required will not affect adjacent wells and monitoring will be conducted to assess possible adverse effects of well use on the local water table.

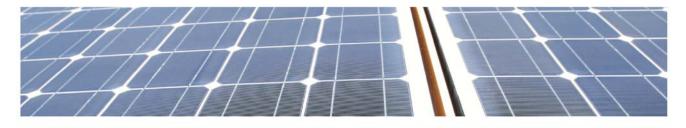


RE Orillia 1 and 3 Solar Projects

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The following table identifies the most common questions and answers regarding solar power developments.

Questions	Answers
Decommissioning What if Recurrent Energy abandons the site? (e.g., due to bankruptcy).	Recurrent Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sharp Corp., an international company with a long and stable future ahead. Under our contract with the landowner and under our agreement with the provincial government we are legally obligated to restore the land upon decommissioning. In the unlikely event of bankruptcy, the contracts and equipment installed at the project site are very valuable and would cover all decommissioning costs related to the projects.
Noise Will the inverters be noisy?	Some noise will be created by the electrical equipment (inverters and transformers) on site; however, the facilities have been designed to meet the stringent provincial noise guideline. Please refer to the Noise Reports for more detail. The panels that make up the vast majority of the facilities do not move and do not make any sound.
Snow Removal How are you considering snow loads into this project?	Snow loading will be considered during the detailed design process to ensure that foundations and racking structures can withstand anticipated loading factors and that snow depth is accounted for in panel height determinations.
Agricultural Lands Why are you using agricultural lands?	There are specific restrictions regarding developments on prime agricultural lands (i.e., Class 1, 2 and 3 soils), as specified by the OPA. Recurrent Energy has met all requirements with respect to development on agricultural lands, as confirmed by the OPA during the FIT contract review process. The FIT Program provides landowners of lower quality agricultural lands access to an alternative source of income while allowing their soils to build up nutrient content during a long-term fallow period. Upon decommissioning, agricultural practices can be resumed.
Property Values Will this decrease my property value?	Recurrent Energy is committed to be a good long-term neighbour. We will strive to minimize any potential negative effect on land values for adjoining properties. This includes installing visual screens/buffers (where feasible) and ensuring noise guidelines from the MOE are satisfied.







The next step in the process is for Recurrent Energy to prepare a Consultation Report, that documents your questions and concerns and communicates how your input has impacted the Project.

Following this, an application is made to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for approval.

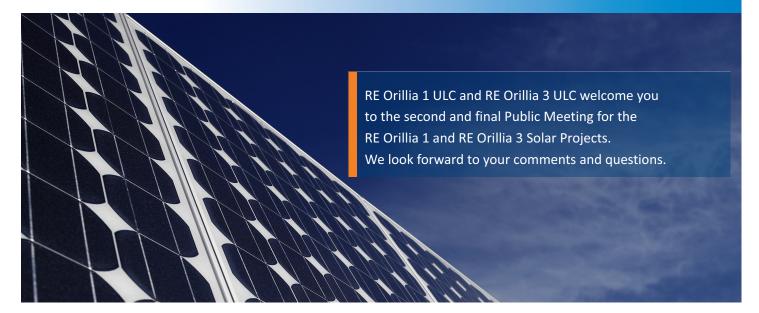
Once received by the MOE, they will post the Project on the Environmental Registry (www.ebr.gov.on.ca). Comments, questions, concerns (from the community) can then be submitted to the MOE. Upon approval which can take up to six months, request for appeals can be made to the MOE.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS PUBLIC MEETING

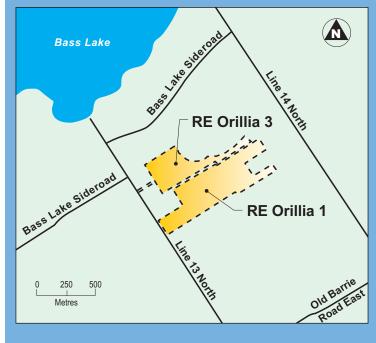
Your attendance at this meeting is appreciated. Please write down any comments, questions or concerns you have and place them in the comment sheet box.

Thank you for coming.





The RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 3 Solar Projects are being proposed by Recurrent Energy (the parent company of RE Orillia 1 ULC and RE Orillia 3 ULC). The RE Orillia 1 Solar Project is a 10 MW solar Project and the RE Orillia 3 is a 6.5 MW solar facility, both located in the Township of Oro-Medonte. As Class 3 solar facilities, the Projects must each obtain a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) from the Ministry of the Environment prior to final approval. The REA process evaluates the impacts the Projects could have on the social and natural environment and identifies and implements strategies to mitigate potential negative effects. The public, First Nation and agency consultation is an integral part of the REA process. The purpose of this final public meeting is to provide the opportunity for members of the public to obtain information about the Projects and complete a comment sheet to identify any comments or concerns. Following the final public meeting, all comment sheets received will be reviewed, addressed as necessary and documented in Consultation Reports. The REA application, including all supporting documents will then be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for review. For more information regarding the Projects please refer to the website; www.ontariosolarfuture.ca.



RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 3

Reports for each Project available for your review at www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, are:

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





Solar Technology

Recurrent Energy's projects use solar photovoltaic (PV) technology to produce clean electricity directly from sunlight. Solar PV is uniquely suited for distributed generation projects due to several important technical characteristics:

- Zero-emissions and quiet enough to be located near inhabited locations
- Highly modular and scalable to fit load requirements, available space, or transmission capacity

As a source of electricity, solar PV compares favourably to other types of renewable generation:

- Solar PV generates power during peak load periods, providing a cleaner alternative to fossil-fuel powered peaking plants
- Unlike solar thermal technologies, solar PV requires little water and has few moving parts which significantly reduces maintenance costs and environmental impact
- Solar PV is a mature technology with a long operating history, so performance and operating costs are highly predictable when compared to unproven new technologies

Investing in Ontario's Green Economy

Recurrent Energy's PV systems will create hundreds of Ontario jobs throughout the life of the projects — from the initial development, design and manufacture, to construction and ongoing maintenance. From our office in Toronto, Recurrent Energy is working closely with contractors and equipment vendors in Ontario helping to ensure significant benefits to the local economy. At least 60% of the materials for the projects will be made or sourced in Ontario.

A Powerful Vision for Ontario

Today, nearly 75% of Ontario's electricity comes from aging nuclear-, coal-, oil-, and gas-based generation facilities. However, a major shift toward renewable energy is under way. The Ontario Power Authority has committed to doubling its supply of clean energy by 2025 — a goal that will have a major positive impact on both the environment and the local economy.

Helping the province to meet its ambitious goals, Recurrent Energy is working to bring clean solar power to multiple sites and communities throughout Ontario. Approximately 22,000 homes can be powered by the output of Recurrent Energy's Ontario solar projects in the first year of operation.

Recurrent Energy

We develop, build and operate distributed solar power systems, connected to the existing distribution grid.

Our vision is to use proven solar technology to meet rising energy demand with a fleet of clean power facilities located right where they're needed most. With a project pipeline now in excess of 2GW, we're well on our way to achieving that vision.

To Express any Comments, Questions or Concerns please contact:

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RE Orillia 1 ULC & RE Orillia 3 ULC - Final Public Meeting

Project: RE Orillia 1 & RE Orillia 3 Solar Projects

Date: Tuesday July 12, 2011

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Please Sign In

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RE Orillia 1 ULC & RE Orillia 3 ULC - Final Public Meeting

Project: RE Orillia 1 & RE Orillia 3 Solar Projects

Date: Tuesday July 12, 2011

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Introduction

Welcome to the Public Meeting for the proposed **RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 3 Solar Projects (the Projects)**. The Projects are proceeding through the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act and the Renewable Energy Approval Regulation.

Consultation with the public is a key component of the REA process. The consultation being undertaken for these Projects provides the opportunity for you to learn more about the proposed Projects and provide any comments or concerns that you feel should be addressed.

Purpose of this Meeting

The purposes of this Public Meeting are to:

- 1. Provide more detailed information regarding the Projects, as found in the REA reports prepared and released for public review on May 13, 2011
- 2. Provide an opportunity for you to discuss the Projects with representatives from the Project team
- 3. Provide a means to submit your comments and/or concerns to the Project team for consideration through the remainder of the REA process.

Format of this Meeting

This meeting is being undertaken in an open-house format where you can

- Review the display boards set up around the room that provide information on the Project(s)
- Discuss any aspects of the Projects with any of the Project team representatives here tonight

We invite you to review the display material at your own pace and engage in one-on-one discussions with the Project team, which includes representatives from

- RE Orillia 1 ULC and RE Orillia 3 ULC companies who will own and operate the Projects
- Hatch the consulting company retained to assist with the REA process
- H.B. White Canada the construction firm retained to provide advisory services

Submitting Comments

On the back of this page, there is a form provided to allow you to document any comments/concerns you may have. We encourage you to complete this form and place it in any of the comment submission boxes throughout the room or provide it to any Project team member.

In order to ensure that all comments and concerns from the public are captured, Project team members will also take notes during your discussions with them this evening.

Alternatively, comments can be provided by July 26, 2011: Noel Boucher, REA Coordinator, Hatch

4342 Queen St, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 7J7

Phone: 905-374-5200 Fax: 905-374-1157 Email: nboucher@hatch.ca



F	RE Orillia 1	RE Orillia 3
2. Please describe	where you reside in relation to the Project lo	cation?
3. Please provide ar as specific as possib		eve with the proposed development. Please be
If you would you lil address below:	ke to be included on the Project(s) mailing	list, please provide your name and full mailing
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٨	Aailing Address:	

1. If your comments are specific to one of the Projects, please circle the appropriate one below.

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Appendix E Correspondence with the Public

McRae, Elizabeth

From: Boucher, Noel

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:27 AM

To: Leah Riddell Cc: Arnold, Kimberley

Subject: RE: solar energy developments Orillia 1, 2, 3

Hi Leah,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding these Projects. The link below will provide you with access to the Project Description Reports for each of the proposed solar developments. Soils maps for each of the Project sites are found near the end of each of the reports. These are consistent with the Canada Land Inventory maps.

http://www.ontariosolarfuture.ca/projects.php

Other reports (e.g., Information on Construction and Operations, Natural Heritage and Water Body Assessments) will also be posted for public review once they have been completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or have any questions about the Projects.

Best regards,

Noel

From: Leah Riddell [mailto:leah.riddell@ofa.on.ca]

Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 11:56 AM

To: Boucher, Noel

Subject: solar energy developments Orillia 1, 2, 3

Good Afternoon,

I would like to request any information you can provide me on your proposals for the Orillia developments. Any property assessment details would be very helpful. I.E. Soil class studies. Regards,

Leah Riddell Ontario Federation of Agriculture Member Services Representative Peel, Simcoe, York (705) 722-5511



McRae, Elizabeth

From: Boucher, Noel

Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 8:06 AM **To:** 334680 - Public Consultation; Gibson, Melissa

Subject: FW: RE: Pedologist reports

From: Bob Leah [mailto:bob.leah@recurrentenergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 11:31 PM **To:** bernard@ontariofarmlandpreservation.org

Cc: Boucher, Noel

Subject: RE: RE: Pedologist reports

Hi Bernard.

Per my earlier email with Nancy, we have included the results of the soils report in our Project Description Reports for each of the projects. As you are aware, these are available on our website, www.ontariosolarfuture.ca. We are confident this is sufficient to fulfill our obligations under the regulations set forth by the Ontario Power Authority and the Ministry of the Environment in the Renewable Energy Approval process.

We appreciate your interest in our projects, and look forward to receiving your feedback on the reports we have already published and those we will soon publish.

Sincerely,

Bob Leah

Bob Leah

Director of Development, Canada RECURRENT ENERGY (c) 630.936.0652 (e) bob.leah@recurrentenergy.com

WWW.RECURRENTENERGY.COM

From: Bernard Pope [mailto:bernard@ontariofarmlandpreservation.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 12:42 PM

To: Bob Leah

Subject: FW: RE: Pedologist reports

Good Afternoon Bob;

Please forward the complete soils report, including the field studies for the ten sites in Simcoe County on which your firm is proposing to develop solar facilities. Please ensure that the report for Orillia 2 is received by me prior to February 10, 2011.

Please send to: Bernard Pope

160 Brock Street

Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2M4

Regards,

Bernard Pope 705-623-1043

From: Robinson Family [mailto:pncjrobinson@amtelecom.net]

Sent: January-11-11 11:55 AM

To: Bernard

Subject: Fwd: RE: Pedologist reports

Here is the email that includes Bob's address.

----- Original Message ------ **Subject:**RE: Pedologist reports

Date:Fri, 17 Dec 2010 16:26:43 -0600

From:Bob Leah sob.leah@recurrentenergy.com

To:Robinson Family pncjrobinson@amtelecom.net>

CC:Boucher, Noel <NBoucher@Hatch.ca>

Hi Nancy,

As an update, we have been working hard to complete a full set of REA reports for two of the Simcoe County projects which will be coming out shortly. The next public meeting for these projects will be in February.

With respect to the additional soil studies and completed soil reports you requested, we have reviewed the OPA FIT program documentation and the OPA's REA guidelines. We are confident that Recurrent Energy has met its obligations in this regard, and will not be pursuing it further. The soil scientists OMAFRA referred to us that performed the work are experienced, well-respected professionals within Ontario. The result of their work for each project can be found in the final soil map included in the Project Description Report for each project. These can found on our website: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca.

We look forward to hearing your feedback on the REA reports that will be available in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Bob Leah

Bob Leah Director of Development, Canada RECURRENT ENERGY (c) 630.936.0652

(e) bob.leah@recurrentenergy.com

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----Original Message----
From: Robinson Family [mailto:pncjrobinson@amtelecom.net]
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 1:25 PM
To: Bob Leah
Subject: Re: Pedologist reports
Hi Bob,
It has been a month since I first contacted you regarding the pedology
reports. Recurrent Energy must have a response of some sort by now.
Please forward the information requested in the previous emails as soon
as possible.
Thank you,
Nancy Robinson
On 22/11/2010 1:58 PM, Robinson Family wrote:
> We have been awaiting your reply regarding the pedology reports.
> Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.
> Sincerely,
> Nancy Robinson
> On 30/10/2010 10:36 AM, Bob Leah wrote:
>> Nancy, I am out of the office on vacation this coming week. Will
>> address when I get back.
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>> Bob
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>> ----Original Message----
>> From: Robinson Family [mailto:pncjrobinson@amtelecom.net]
>> Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 2:08 PM
>> To: Bob Leah
>> Subject: Pedologist reports
>> Dear Bob,
>> I have been asked to contact you regarding pedology reports for the 10
>> proposed solar panel sites in Simcoe County (Midhurst 2, 3, 4, and 6,
>> Orillia 1, 2 and 3, and Waubaushene 3, 4 and 5). Have Recurrent Energy
>> committed to absorbing the cost of performing individual pedology
>> reports by a pedologist of our choice? We would also like to view in
>> detail the reports by Colville Consulting Inc. and SRG Soil Resource
>> Group, how may we access them?
>> Sincerely,
>> Nancy Robinson
>> Simcoe Solar Farm Awareness Project
>> Chair
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Office of the Premier Hon. Dalton McGuinty Room 281, Main Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Mr. McGuinty:

My name is Nancy Robinson and I am writing this letter on behalf of a group called Simcoe Solar Farm Awareness Project formed by citizens from four townships (Oro-Medonte, Severn, Springwater, and Tay) in the County of Simcoe. We are expressing our concerns over Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) approval of Recurrent Energy's "Midhurst 2, Midhurst 3, Midhurst 4, Midhurst 6, Orillia 1, Orillia 2, Orillia 3, Waubaushene 3, Waubaushene 4, and Waubaushene 5" Solar Project FIT applications. We have information that these projects clearly fall outside the September 24, 2009 directive sent by then Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, George Smitherman to Mr. Colin Andersen, the CEO of the Ontario Power Authority. For this reason, we believe the decision to approve these projects should be reviewed and subsequently overturned.

I have written to you under the group name Concerned Citizens Group of Severn Township in past months and you have directed us to address Mr. Brad Duguid. Having done so, Mr. Duguid assured us "that protecting the environment is a key element of Ontario's Green Energy Act (GEA)" and he also said "We also believe it is possible to encourage solar development while protecting Ontario's prime agricultural lands." Our group has provided proof in the past, as well as further within this letter, that our prime agricultural lands are not being protected. Mr. Duguid went on to say, "I understand that the projects' developer, Recurrent Energy, responded to the concerns you have raised and advised you about the Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy Approval process." Recurrent Energy has already had one project retracted in Dorchester, Ontario called 'Highbury 1' for the reason OPA spokesperson Kristin Jenkins was quoted as saying, "I think there was recognition that the site didn't meet the criteria" that excludes prime farmland from solar development. It is for this reason, amongst others that we are not comfortable with Recurrent Energy's response to our concerns.

We felt it was important to address yourself personally, and the Liberal Government as a whole in light of a Sussex Strategy Group document titled 'Renewable Energy Matters-Campaign Outline' that our group finds disturbing. It was prepared for your government and the proponents of FIT projects. We are apprehensive the FIT solar projects are being pushed through with the guidelines and rules set out by the OPA being ignored, this document seems to back our reservations. Page 2 of the Sussex document titled 'Overview' states:

• A number of renewable energy developers have come together to form a lose coalition of interests, to promote renewable energy policy in Ontario and support the agenda set as part of the *Green Energy and Economy Act* and the Feed-in-Tariff program.

- This coalition will be joined by other groups, such as Environmental Defence and the GEA Alliance, as well as labour, economic development, health and environmental stakeholders, to develop common messaging, communications tools (ie. paid and earned media) and targeted local campaigns in areas where opposition to renewable power exists.
- The goal of this effort will be two-fold:
 - 1. Help support an expedited release of FIT contracts, including those associated with new Bruce-Milton transmission capacity; and
 - 2. Support the broader government plan for sustained contracting for wind and solar through the FIT Program, as part of the Supply Mix Directive and Long-Term Energy Plan.
- As renewable energy is also anticipated to be a wedge issue in the election, with the PCs supporting a move away from renewable, this effort should consolidate industry and non-industry stakeholders in rallying support for a continued focus on green power as important economic, social, and energy policy in Ontario.
- In this, it will be critical to "confuse" the issue in the political/public/media away from just price to include key value attributes such as jobs, clean air, farm income, etc. Renewable cannot be defined by price alone.

Page 9 titled '2. Tactical' says:

• In order to talk past the "noisy activists" and editorial positions, there needs to be a coordinated paid, earned and social media campaign. This should be both reactive and proactive.

Page 11 titled 'Budget' states:

- Goal is to have \$300,000 in hand through contributions from developers and manufacturers to seed the campaign (will support efforts through to Q1 2011)
- Anonymous contributions to campaign possible.

If the FIT projects have met the criteria set out by the 'Green Energy and Economy Act' and the Ontario Power Authority, we do not see the call for a coalition to support this program, nor should the release of the FIT contracts be expedited. We do not consider ourselves "noisy activists" and we do not see the need to "confuse" the citizens of Ontario. It is extremely important to note, we do not oppose renewable energy, we are concerned citizens requesting that the Ontario Government uphold the rules and regulations set out by the 'Green Energy and Economy Act' and the Ontario Power Authority.

These project sites were sought before the directive of Mr. George Smitherman to protect prime agricultural land and therefore include land that is prohibited to be used. The FIT Program was enabled by the <u>Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009</u> which was passed into law on May 14, 2009. The Ontario Power Authority is responsible for implementing the program. On September 24, 2009, the Ontario government announced the new Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program under the <u>Green Energy and Green Economy Act</u>. In conjunction with the announcement, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure issued a directive to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) indicating that the OPA is not to enter into contracts for ground-mounted solar PV projects greater than 100 kilowatts (kW) on lands with:

Canada Land Inventory (CLI) class 1 soils; CLI class 2 soils; Specialty Crop Areas within the meaning of the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)

The directive allows the OPA to procure energy from ground-mounted solar PV projects greater than 100 kW located on CLI Class 3 agricultural lands up to a province-wide cap of 500 megawatts (MW). On Class 3 soils, the 500 MW capacity cap has been divided among the four Ontario Realty Corporation Regional Administrative Boundaries (RABA) (PDF). Simcoe County is in the Central Region, so, there is a 39MW cap on class 3 soil.

I have verified the soil classifications for the 10 proposed large scale solar facilities with the OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs) mappingⁱⁱⁱ and my findings confirmed by visits to the Midhurst OMAFRA office location.

Recurrent Energy has responded by saying they intend to utilize class 3 soil or below on the proposed sites that have 1, 2 and 3 soil classifications. This means that the very land promised to be protected by the Government of Ontario and clearly written into the 'Green Energy Act' (class 1, 2 and 3 which is prime agricultural land) will be taken out of production. Clear cutting of trees would occur on some properties to maintain solar development on class 3 or lower to avoid the use of class 1 and 2 soils, this is an unnecessary and disparaging act. It also means that the system nameplate capacity (MW) would be greatly reduced for a majority of the sites because prime agricultural lands were included in the initial proposals. Another question to consider is would it be feasible to upgrade hydro lines to these areas for a much smaller quantity of power?

The proponent's project description reports are to include a CLI map showing:

- The entire property
- The part of the property where the ground-mounted PV facility is proposed to be located
- The CLI classifications for the entire property.

FIT project eligibility will be based on OMAFRA's official CLI maps on the date the FIT application is submitted to the OPA.

If the land proposed for your project has multiple CLI classifications, including 1, 2 or 3, your FIT application package must also include a site-specific soil study performed by a qualified soil scientist, independent from the FIT applicant, to confirm the CLI Classification using accepted standards. We have written and verbal confirmation from one of the soil specialists hired by Recurrent Energy that "The soil report for the FIT application was prepared from digital soil and soil capability maps provided by OMAFRA with a drive by the property to observe any obvious errors in the mapping that would significantly change the soil capability classification." From our research this is not a site-specific soil study that is required when multiple soil classifications are present on a property that includes class 1, 2 or 3 soils. Our group have requested the results of the studies from Recurrent Energy on numerous occasions and we have not received them.

Another issue is that one of the proposed sites ('Waubaushene 3') is zoned 'rural'. The Ontario Power Authority states: "the developer is permitted to build on the land if agriculture is not the

dominant use on the land." The land in question is used in its' entirety for agriculture and therefore does not qualify for the FIT program.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture states the following:

Ontario needs power and farmers need income. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) favours solar power on buildings, in fencerows, in small plots yards or gardens, in otherwise vacant hydro corridors or roadsides. Yes, the power is expensive until the solar cells are paid for; but once a project is amortized, rates can become reasonable. And they are quiet and generally unobtrusive. However, OFA is concerned that large scale solar development on good farm land is ill-suited to Ontario. In temperate farming areas OFA believes solar will cause erosion, bake the soil, disrupt carbon and nitrogen fixing, create habitat for noxious weeds, destroy habitat for many native creatures on farms including worms and frogs and needlessly remove good land from production. Ontario is blessed with great amounts of land, but less than 15% of the total is well suited for farming. If large land based solar installations are needed in Ontario, there are vast areas of land that are not particularly useful for farming or recreation, forestry or wildlife that could be used for solar farms. There is no need to sacrifice other potentials to have solar in Ontario. There are tens of thousands of kilometers of suitable power line, the sun shines for between 2,200 and 3,000 hours each year in all parts of Ontario varying with cloud cover and the price offered is more than sufficient to enable solar development on all but the most inhospitable sites. Accordingly, Ontario has opted to protect good farmland and not use it for solar power. This is a sound policy.vi

All of these properties have many drainage systems running throughout them, as well as rivers, creeks, environmentally protected areas and some are tile-drained. The proposed sites are currently being used for agricultural purposes and should remain that way. The run-off would be detrimental to our wildlife and the environment.

Each of the sites is unique as to how they are situated with dwellings around them. Another major concern is the noise from transformer substations and inverter clusters. Those who live in rural areas seldom hear industrial noise for any duration of time. Most of us are able to hear neighbours talking from several hundred metres away depending upon the wind direction and weather conditions. We find it difficult to believe that the proponent will control the noise levels in accordance with the Ministry of Environment's (MOE) acceptable 40dBA level. Recurrent Energy's 'Orillia 2 Draft Noise Assessment Study' says the following:

This Noise Impact Assessment has been prepared based on the document entitled "Basic Comprehensive Certificates of Approval (Air) – User Guide" by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE). The sound pressure levels at the points of reception (POR) have been estimated using ISO 9613-2, implemented in the CADNA-A computer code. The performance limits used for verification of compliance correspond to the values for Class 3 areas (45 dBA for day time, 40 dBA for night time). The results presented in this report are based on the best

available information at this time. It is the intention that, in the detailed engineering phase of the Project, certified noise data based on final plans and designs will confirm the conclusions of this noise study.

Based on the results obtained in this study, we believe that the sound pressure levels at POR will not exceed MOE requirements for Class 3 areas (rural). Any noise issues that might arise during commissioning will be manageable and can be resolved by implementing typical remediation measures as described in this report. It is our intention to verify by field measurements taken on completion of installation and during commissioning that the noise levels at the POR are within the limits set by the MOE. vii

Documentation in this same report says that inverter clusters and transformer clusters may have individual noise levels up to 99.5dBA. Proof needs to be provided prior to commissioning that MOE requirements are met, not during the installation and then unacceptable mitigation measures taken.

The individual sites are listed below they include the name, address, zoning, agricultural land class, and system nameplate capacity as per Recurrent Energy; under this information our concerns and discrepancies are outlined as follows:

Midhurst 2 version 2.2 - Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

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Address 1878 Matheson Rd., Springwater, ON LOL 2KO

Zoning Agricultural

Agricultural Land Class The leased area is approximately 35% class 2, and 65% class 3, Please find CLI map (figure 2) for further details.

System Nameplate Capacity 3.5 MW AC/3.5 MVA

- -This site includes class 2 and 3 soils, which means the property is to be avoided and a site-specific soil -study is required.^{iv}
- -The proponent would have to clear cut several trees to make way for solar panels on class 3 soils.
- -The system nameplate would be drastically reduced.

Midhurst 3 version 2.2 - Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

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Address 217 Line 5 North, Oro Station, ON LOL 2E0

Zoning Agricultural

Agricultural Land Class The leased area is approximately 27% class 2, and 73% class 3, Please find CLI map (figure 2) for further details.

System Nameplate Capacity 3.5 MW AC/3.5 MVA

-This site includes class 2 and 3 soils, which means the property is to be avoided and a site-specific soil study is required.^{iv}

-The system nameplate would be drastically reduced.

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Address Property does not have a civic address, it is bordered to the southwest by Highway 11N and bound to the east by Line 6N and west by Line 5N in Oro-Medonte Township, LOL 2XO Zoning Agricultural

Agricultural Land Class The Property is approximately 23% class 1 and 28% class 2, 45% class 3 and 4% organic. Please find CLI map (Figure 2) at the end of report for further details. **System Nameplate Capacity** 6.5 MW AC/6.5 MVA

- -This site is wholly made up of class 1, 2 and 3 soils, which means the property is to be avoided and a site-specific soil study would be required.^{iv}
- -The system nameplate would be drastically reduced.
- -Clear cutting of trees is required.

Midhurst 6 version 2.3 - Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

Address 2024 Old Second St., Midhurst, Ontario LOL 1X0

Zoning Agricultural

Agricultural Land Class The Property is approximately 27% class 2, 36% class 3, 13% class 4, 4% class 5 and 20% class 7. Please find CLI map (Figure 2) at the end of report for further details.

System Nameplate Capacity 9 MW AC/9 MVA

- -This site includes class 2 and 3 soils, which means the property is to be avoided and a site-specific soil study would be required. iv
- -The system nameplate would be drastically reduced.
- -Clear cutting of trees required.

Orilla 1 version 2.1 – Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

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Address 1599 Line 13 North, Hawkestone, ON LOL 1TO

Zoning Agricultural/Rural

Agricultural Land Class No Class 3 on property. Please find CLI map (Figure 2) at the end of report for further details.

- -This site has potential environmental effects with the Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland located only 140m away from the property boundary.
- -Run-off from the panels would deposit toxic soil in this area. vi

Orillia 2 version 2.2 – Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

http://www.ontariosolarfuture.ca/docs/OR2/RE%20Orillia%202%20-%20Project%20Description%20Report%20-%20v2.2.pdf

Address Property does not have a civic address. It is located on the east side of Line 13N, 750m Southeast of the interesection of Line 13N and Bass Lake Sideroad E LOL 2XO

Zoning Agricultural/Rural

Agricultural Land Class The Property is approximately 3% class 1, 2% class 4, 94% class 6, and 1% class 7. Please find CLI map (Figure 2) at the end of report for further details.

System Nameplate Capacity 10 MW AC/10 MVA

- -This site contains a small portion of class 1 and 2 soils which makes it applicable for a site-specific soil study. iv
- -It appears some clear cutting of trees may be required.

Orillia 3 version 2.1 – Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

 $\underline{http://www.ontariosolarfuture.ca/docs/RE\%20Orillia\%203\%20-\%20Draft\%20Project\%20Description\%20Report\%20-\%20v2.1_073010.pdf$

Address 1683 Line 13 North Hawkestone, ON LOL 1TO

Zoning Agricultural/Rural

Agricultural Land Class The Property is approximately 8% class 2 and 72% class 5. Please find CLI map (Figure 2) at the end of report for further details

System Nameplate Capacity 6.5 MW AC/6.5 MVA

- -This property contains class 1 soil which makes it applicable for a site-specific soil study. iv
- -A portion of the Provincially Significant Langman Marsh is situated adjacent to the property. It may be closer than 120m.

Waubaushene 3 version 2.1 – Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

 $\underline{http://www.ontariosolarfuture.ca/docs/RE\%20Waubaushene\%203\%20-\%20Draft\%20Project\%20Description\%20Report\%20-\%20v2.1_073010.pdf$

Address 1216 Wood Rd RR1, Wyebridge, ON LOK 2EO

Zoning Rural

Agricultural Land Class Not applicable to site because property is zoned rural. Please find confirmation letter of rural zoning. (see figure 3)

System Nameplate Capacity 10 MW AC/10 MVA

- -This property contains class 2 and 3 soils which requires a site-specific soil study. **
- -The properties primary use is agriculture, which prohibits the use of the land for a FIT project regardless of the zoning. v
- -Two municipal drains cross the property and empty into the Hog River.
- -Environmentally Protected areas (EP1 & EP2) are proposed to have solar panels built on them, these are restricted areas and are not to be used for building or structure as per Tay Township's Zoning by-law No. 2000-57, Section 28 Environmental Protection "EP" Zone (refer to Recurrent Energy's project description report Waubaushene 3 version 2.1, link is above).
- -Run-off from solar panels would deposit toxic soil in these areas. vi

Waubaushene 4 version 2.2 – Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

 $\underline{http://www.ontariosolarfuture.ca/docs/WB4/RE\%20Waubaushene\%204\%20-\%20Project\%20Description\%20Report\%20-\%20v2.2.pdf$

Address 1952 Irish Lane, Coldwater, ON LOK 1EO

Zoning Agricultural

Agricultural Land Class The Property is approximately 55% class 3, 3% class 5 and 37% class 7. Please find CLI map (figure 2) at end of report for further details.

System Nameplate Capacity 8 MW AC/8 MVA

- -There are discrepancies in the quantity of class 3 soils between what the proponent states and OMAFRA's CLI mapping. The OMAFRA mapping shows the property as approximately 95% class 3 and 5% class 5. III
- -This property contains class 3 and class 5 soils and therefore requires a site-specific soil study. iv
- -The quantity of class 3 allocated to this property is substantially higher than noted by the proponent which increases the MW allowed in the Central Region.

Waubaushene 5 version 2.2 - Accessed Dec. 30, 2010

 $\frac{http://www.ontariosolarfuture.ca/docs/WB5/RE%20Waubaushene\%205\%20-\%20Project\%20Description\%20Report\%20-\%20V2.2.pdf$

Address 1524 Taylor Line, Coldwater, ON LOK 1E0

Zoning Agricultural

Agricultural Land Class OMAFRA soil mapping indicates the soil classification within the leased area of the property is predominantly CLI class 3 and is located within a soil polygon that contains a mix of Class 3 and Class 7. Please find CLI map (Figure 2) at end of this report for further details.

System Nameplate Capacity 5 MW AC/5 MVA

- -This site's soil classifications have changed 4 times from the first version of the project description report. According to my findings, the CLI mapping of the property is 90% class 3 and 10% class 7. III
- -The property contains class 3 and 7 soils and therefore, requires a site-specific soil study. iv
- -The North River runs through this particular site where each spring Pickerel spawn. (Fisheries and Oceans Canada are investigating this issue.)
- -Run-off from the solar panels will deposit toxic soil into the North River. vi
- -The quantity of class 3 allocated to this property is substantially higher than noted by the proponent which increases the MW allowed in the Central Region.
- -The system nameplate has been reduced because of water drainage systems running throughout this property.

Solar power can and will play an important role in the energy future of Ontario; however, I am passionate about protecting our farmland! With prime agricultural land only representing a very small proportion of Ontario, there is no reason to sacrifice food for energy. And I am not alone with these concerns; I am representing a very large group of people that continues to grow. We are spending an enormous amount of time educating the public on the difference between FIT and micro-FIT programs. The major concern is that prime agricultural land is being taken out of production. Once people have this understanding, they are as equally upset and frustrated as those of us who are taking the initiative to address the Ontario government, the Ontario Power Authority and the Ministry of the Environment. It is unfortunate that the Ontario Government feels the need to expedite the release of FIT contracts. We are all left asking the

questions; is this because the rules were changed for the proponents and the government is trying to accommodate their investments or is it simply an election tactic?

In closing, we strongly encourage you to review and reopen the evaluation of Recurrent Energy's "Midhurst 2, Midhurst 3, Midhurst 4, Midhurst 6, Orillia 1, Orillia 2, Orillia 3, Waubaushene 3, Waubaushene 4 and Waubaushene 5". We require the following information:

- Site specific soil studies The CLI mapping shows all except 1 site have multiple soil classifications and that they include class 1, 2 and 3 soils.
- DFO approval on 'Waubaushene 5' Potential environmental harm to Pickerel spawning. (This project site is under review of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.)
- Quantity of class 3 soils actually allocated in the Central Region There are class 3 soil discrepancies between CLI mapping and Recurrent Energy's project description reports.
- Proof that the MOE noise requirements will be met prior to commissioning.
- Moratoriums on all projects until the concerns are resolved.

We need clarification of these issues in a prompt manner since the projects are being 'expedited' and the final public meetings are scheduled for as soon as February 10, 2011. Prime Agricultural Land (all farmland) necessitates protection for present and future generations for food production, let us work together to resolve this matter. Please forward correspondence to our group.

Sincerely,

Nancy Robinson 1656 Silk Line, R.R.1, Coldwater, ON LOK 1EO (705)686-7743

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On behalf of the Simcoe Solar Farm Awareness Project

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Mr. Bernard Pope, Ontario Farmland Preservation

End Notes:

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February 15, 2011

Nancy Robinson 1656 Silk Line RR1 Coldwater, ON LOK 1E0

Re: Your Letter dated January 10, 2011

Dear Ms. Robinson:

We are in receipt of your January 10, 2011 letter to Premier McGuinty on behalf of the Simcoe Solar Farm Awareness Project. The letter builds upon the themes of a similar letter you sent to Premier McGuinty on June 22, 2010 on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Group of Severn Township. As you know, we responded in writing to the matters raised in your June 22 letter on July 3. We also provided an overview of the extensive project information that we would be making available through the REA process.

The detailed response below is offered in the same spirit of cooperation and openness that guides our project development philosophy. We hope that it helps to correct some of the misconceptions that are reflected in your January 10 letter, and otherwise addresses your concerns. If after reviewing it, you have any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to follow up with me directly.

General Matters Raised in January 10 Robinson Letter	Recurrent Energy's Response
Class 1, 2 or 3 land is prime agricultural land and will not be protected.	The appropriate use of agricultural land has been the subject of careful consideration by the Ontario government, and we have complied with the requirements that have been imposed.
Clear cutting of trees would occur.	"Clear cutting" far overstates the extent to which unavoidable tree removal is a feature of some of our projects. In most cases, removal is limited to select tree rows between fields. In all cases, such as where removal of a portion of a woodlot is contemplated, a Natural Heritage report will be provided to verify that any removed trees are not significant or will not impact the significance of the corresponding woodlots.
Will it be feasible to upgrade the	Yes, where necessary. All of our projects have gone through extensive review by Hydro One as required under the FIT program. Connection

Hydro lines to these areas?	Impact Assessments with Hydro One have been completed. There have been no issues raised that affect the viability of these projects.
Site-specific soil studies were not completed where required.	Our soil studies were performed by qualified, experienced soil scientists referred to us by the Province. Upon application for the FIT program, the OPA reviewed our projects, including detailed information on the process we followed for soil studies, and approved them. The OPA subsequently reviewed the applications and confirmed again that all was in order. We are confident we have met the program requirements.
Soil reports have not been released.	The publication of project material and documentation has been consistent with FIT and REA regulations, in fact, we have gone beyond what is required and provided soil classification maps for each of our projects. This information is included in the Project Description Reports available to the public at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca .
Run-off from sites would be detrimental to the wildlife and environment.	All of the required environmental reports required under the REA process have been developed and are either published or due to be published pending receipt of confirmation letters from the Ministry of Natural Resources. In all cases, there are no significant negative environmental effects expected as a result of these projects.
	Some of the properties do have drainage systems either on the Project property or adjacent to them. The regulated setbacks, 30 m from the high water mark of these features, has been implemented. Waterbody Environmental Impact Studies were completed which assessed the impacts to the drainage systems and proposed mitigation measures. The results indicated that no impacts to the drainage features or waterbodies upon implementation of the mitigation measures would occur.
	Surface water run-off from the solar facilities will be safe for the environment and wildlife. There are no emissions or pollutants released by the solar facilities. During maintenance, cleaning of the panels will be conducted using only water and no cleaning agents.
Sound levels from inverter and transformer clusters may get too loud	We have completed Noise Studies in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09, as amended, and the Ministry of the Environment's "Basic Comprehensive Certificates of Approval – User Guide". We are committed to implementing the measures as proposed in the Noise Assessment Study to ensure that the regulated levels are met and the neighbours are not negatively affected by the noise of the transformers/inverters.

Site-Specific Matters in January 10 Robinson Letter	Recurrent Energy's Response
RE Midhurst 2 - site includes class 2 and 3 soils;	The RE Midhurst 2 project is being developed on Class 3 land consistent with the requirements of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, which was approved.
- several trees would have to be cut	approved.
- the nameplate capacity will have to be drastically reduced	We have provided the Natural Heritage Reports for Midhurst 2 to MNR. It was determined in the Natural Heritage Reports that the removal of trees will not impact the significance of the woodlot.
	Our preliminary engineering designs confirm we can construct a facility of adequate size to meet our FIT contract obligations.
RE Midhurst 3	The RE Midhurst 3 project is being developed on Class 3 land consistent with the requirements of the
- site includes class 2 and 3 soils - the nameplate capacity will have to be drastically	FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, which was approved
reduced	Our preliminary engineering designs confirm we can construct a facility of adequate size to meet our FIT contract obligations.
RE Midhurst 4 - site includes class 2 and 3 soils - cutting of trees is required	The RE Midhurst 4 project is being developed on Class 3 land consistent with the requirements of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, which was approved.
- the nameplate capacity will have to be drastically reduced.	We provided the Natural Heritage Reports for Midhurst 4 to MNR. The trees that will be removed were identified by qualified biologists, as not having environmental significance (as per MNR's procedures for determining significance).
	Our preliminary engineering designs confirm we can construct a facility of adequate size to meet our FIT contract obligations.
RE Midhurst 6	The RE Midhurst 6 project is being developed on Class 3 or poorer land consistent with the requirements of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as

- site includes class 2 and 3 soils	part of the FIT application, which was approved
 - cutting of trees is required - the nameplate capacity will have to be drastically reduced. 	We have provided the Natural Heritage Reports for Midhurst 6 to MNR and have received confirmation letters from MNR. The trees identified for removal were identified by qualified biologists, as not having environmental significance (as per MNR's procedures for determining significance).
	Our preliminary engineering designs confirm we can construct a facility of adequate size to meet our FIT contract obligations.
RE Orillia 1 - potential environmental and run-off effects with the Langman Marsh Provincially Significant WetLand	We have provided the Natural Heritage Reports for Orillia 1 to MNR. In these reports, the potential effects to the Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland were assessed and it was determined that no impact to the wetland will occur with the implementation of mitigation measures.
RE Orillia 2 - site includes class 2 and 3 soils - cutting of trees would be required.	The RE Orillia 2 project is being developed on Class 3 or poorer land consistent with the requirements of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, which was approved
	We have provided the Natural Heritage Reports for Orillia 2 to MNR and have received confirmation letters from MNR. It was determined, in the Natural Heritage Reports that the removal of these trees will not impact the significance of the woodlot.
RE Orillia 3 - site includes class 2 and 3 soils	The RE Orillia 3 project is being developed on Class 3 or poorer land consistent with the requirements of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, which was approved
- a portion of the provincially Significant Langman Marsh may be too close to the site	We have provided the Natural Heritage Reports for Orillia 3 to the MNR. In these reports, the effects to the Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland was assessed and it was determined that no impact to the wetland will occur with the implementation of mitigation measures.

RE Waubaushene 3

- site includes class 2 and 3 soils
- property's primary use is agriculture
- -property contains two municipal drains that empty into the Hog river
- project is to be built within an environmentally protected area
- run off from the solar panels would deposit toxic soil in these areas

Property for this site is zoned Rural according to Municipal by-laws. Therefore, the dominant use of this land is not Agricultural and as such does not require a soil study to be completed under the FIT rules.

Waubaushene 3 does have two municipal drains crossing the property. The regulated setbacks, 30 m from the high water mark of these features, has been implemented. A Waterbody Environmental Impact Study was completed which examined the impacts to the drainage systems and proposed mitigation measures. As a result, there will be no impacts to the drainage features or waterbodies upon implementation of the mitigation measures.

The proposed development is not within any Environmental Protected zoned lands. The risk to protected lands was assessed in accordance with Ministry of Natural Resources requirements and it was determined that no impacts will occur.

The Natural Heritage, Waterbody, and Construction reports required under the REA process address the potential negative effects on neighbouring lands and describe the mitigation strategies that will be implemented to avoid these effects. There will be no long term negative effect on neighbouring lands or waterways.

RE Waubaushene 4

-there are discrepancies in the quantity of class 3 soil between proponents report and OMAFRA's CLI mapping

The RE Waubaushene 4 project is being developed on Class 3 or poorer land consistent with the requierments of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, whichwas approved.

The amount of Class 3 land being used for this project has not changed. The apparent discrepancy is the result of an error in a table in an earlier report. This has been addressed in subsequent versions of the project description report.

RE Waubaushene 5

- site includes class 3 soils
- -the North River runs through the site; run off form

The RE Waubaushene 5 project is being developed on Class 3 or poorer land consistent with the requirements of the FIT program. A soil report by a qualified soil scientist was submitted to the OPA as part of the FIT application, which was approved

the soil will deposit toxic soil

- quantity of class 3 land represented is inaccurate
- the nameplate capacity will have to be reduced.

The North River runs adjacent to the RE Waubaushene 5 Project. There is a 120 m setback from the River to the Project lands. A Waterbody Environmental Impact Study was completed which assessed the potential for impacts to the drainage systems and proposed mitigation measures. The result is that with the implementation of the proposed measures, no impacts to the North River (including the Pickerel spawning area) will occur.

While the size of the leased land required for this project has been reduced from what we originally envisioned, the quantity of class 3 land remains unchanged from our original FIT application.

Our preliminary engineering designs confirm we can construct a facility of adequate size to meet our FIT contract obligations.

We hope the above responses have provided you with a better understanding of our projects, and addressed your concerns. As we continue to move forward, we will continue to be open to any feedback and are pleased to address any further concerns.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Yours very truly,

Bob Leah

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Questions for Recurrent Energy

1 – According to the Ontario Power Authority, you are to be guided by the Canadian Land Inventory Maps.

When you have multiple land classes, you are required to do field specific soil studies.

What is shown on the summary sheets is land classifications.

Where are the reports of those studies?

2 - The Land Classification maps don't show the soil improvements that have been done.

ie: tile drainage, soil building, erosion control, stone removal

Therefore the actual soil would be better that the maps indicate. Will you grant trespass to pier review your claims?

How is a challenge presented to the OPA if trespass is not granted?

- 3 How far would you place any of the structures from property lines?
- 4 How close to a residence would you allow any structures to be located?
- 5 Define noise mitigation. Your modeling is theoretical and assumes that the countryside is typically 40 db. Your noise studies don't appear to show any actual field readings. Why is this not important, when the residents have been happy with noise levels that are much lower that the accepted standard? What is the pre-construction design for the mitigation and how are the accumulating factors of multiple sites factored into the community?
- 6 In your first presentations, you stated that any transformers would sit on pads, giving us the impression of a small size. Now we read about the structures that are 6m x 9m x 3.5m high needing footings and foundations. Why have you been so deceptive to the public, or do you clearly not know the scope of your work?
- 7 At any of the gravel pits, there are berms built to mitigate noise and sight. If your project is granted, how large would the berms be, built around the property?
- 8 At the Township of Severn council presentation, you said that you would plant trees around a site if the project was approved. What species and size would you direct planted and where in any report is that stated?
- 9 Tell us where you have built a solar electrical generating facility on agricultural land.
- 10 Without field specific soil studies, how will you determine the limits of construction and who will monitor the encroachment that you will attempt? If you are to stay off of restricted soils, how can you say that there will be temporary loss of use of that land? If in fact you build on restricted land, what mechanism is available to have the structures removed?

- 11 With regard to the large facilities, your noise models have not presented the actual effect of multiple facilities in a close proximity. How can you expect the public to bear the result of that lack of engineering? What steps are you taking to ensure that the hills around Big Cedar will not amplify the sound of your proposed facilities down to that quiet community?
- 12 Recurrent was copied on a letter to the Premier from our group. We received a letter saying that a complete response was forthcoming. When are we to receive that response?
- 13 The community was not impressed by seeing the document from October 2010 with Sussex on the cover. We have been told that in fact Sussex Strategy Group was the originator of that work and that various people at Sussex have admitted the same.

 In this document, there are very specific and disturbing inclusions, such as:
 - on page 2 "In this, it will be critical to 'confuse' the issue in the political/public/media away from, etc"
 - on page 9 "In order to talk past the 'noisy activists' and editorial positions, there needs to be a coordinated, paid, earned and social media campaign"
 - on page 11 "Goal is to have \$300,000 in hand through contributions from developers and manufacturers to seed the campaign"

The public can not at all be welcoming of a company coming into their community by displaying that sort of tactic. It can only mean that the benefit will only flow to the developer at the expense of the general population.

- 14 We are asking Recurrent Energy for the following:
 - present to the public exact schedule with dates of the application process
 - present to the public the names, addresses, e-mail addresses of all parties involved with the application process
 - present to the public the format that is to be followed for a public appeal of your application
 - present to the public all reports, scientifically based that supports your application
 - allow trespass on all ten sites that you have under application, for the purpose of pier review

If Recurrent complies with this request, the public will see that there is transparency and the desire to move forward in a democratic process.

Conversely, if Recurrent chooses to continue these applications in the clandestine manner that has been witnessed to date, the public will understand that it has to stand together to battle your applications.

McRae, Elizabeth

From: Jan Latimer [boolatimer@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, May 27, 2011 5:35 PM

To: Boucher, Noel

Subject: Re meeting Tue. JULY 12th

Hello Noel. This is to let you know that we will not be at the final meeting. It is a waste of our time and gasoline. You do not care for the people or our concerns as far as I think. We will have to buy earplugs to block out the sound of the convertors and blinders so we do not have to look at the field of solar panels that used to be grass or crops. Jan and John Latimer Big Cedar Estates.

A sunbeam to warm you, A moonbeam to charm you, A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you. Jan 🗝 🕽



Appendix F Correspondence with Agencies



Appendix F1 Correspondence with MOE



RE Orillia 3 ULC

December 22, 2009

Ms. Doris Dumais
Director, Environmental Assessment and Approval Branch
The Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5

Re: Project Description Report - RE Orillia 3

Dear Ms. Dumais,

RE Orillia 3 ULC is excited to submit the following Draft Project Description Report as the first step to completing the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for this solar generation facility. This project is one of a number of unique projects submitted by Recurrent Energy to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) following the application for a FIT contract with the Ontario Power Authority under the 2009 FIT launch program.

RE Orillia 3 ULC is committed to providing the clean electrical benefits of solar generation and insuring that the environment is protected for the benefit of future generations. The forward thinking for permitting renewable energy projects under the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act and* Ontario Regulation 359/09 will both promote the installation of renewable energy in Ontario and insure that the environment is protected.

This report will provide the MOE and other stakeholders with preliminary information describing the planned solar facility and this company's strategy to mitigate the impact to the environment. This includes:

- Detailed information about the site, including a map showing the land within 300 meters of the project facility;
- Description of the planned 6.5 MW AC solar photovoltaic system that will be used to generate electricity;
- Expected activities during construction, operation and decommissioning of the facility;
- Potential environmental impact of these activities and preliminary information on mitigation measures;
- Detailed information about the project ownership;
- Outline of future reports, consultations and environmental assessments to be submitted as part of the REA process.

As a response to this submission, please provide RE Orillia 3 ULC with the list of First Nations/Aboriginal communities to be consulted with and the form as approved by the Director in which consultation should be carried out as referenced in Section 17(1) of Ontario Regulation 359/09.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Kimber Authorized Signer RE Orillia 3 ULC





May 27, 2010

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Subject: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting

Recurrent Energy - Solar Projects: RE Orillia 3

Recurrent Energy is providing you with this notice to make you aware of the upcoming Public Consultation meeting where you can learn more about this project and Recurrent Energy.

Recurrent Energy is proposing to construct a solar project within the Township of Oro-Medonte called RE Orillia 3. The proposed project will have an installed capacity of 6.5 MW. This project requires a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Recurrent Energy has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the REA process.

In accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of a Proposal by Recurrent Energy to engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and a copy is enclosed.

As per Section 17 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, the draft Project Description Report and further information about the project and about Recurrent Energy can be found online at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at local municipal offices. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed project would be greatly appreciated.

Correspondence should be directed to:

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Yours truly,

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Environmental Coordinator

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Attachment - Notice of a Proposal/Notice of Public Meeting Orillia 1, 2 and 3

cc David Brochu, Recurrent Energy Sean Caffyn, Recurrent Energy Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy







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May 12, 2011

Cindy Hood, District Manager Barrie District Office Minsitry of the Environment 54 Cedar Pointe Dr., Unit 1203 Barrie On L4N 5R7

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting

RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to construct the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project within the Township of Oro-Medonte. The proposed Project will have an installed capacity of 10 MW. The Project requires a Renewable Energy Approval (REA), which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation (O.Reg) 359/09. Hatch Ltd. has been retained to undertake the REA process.

This notice is provided to make you aware of the upcoming Final Public Meeting where you can learn more about this Project.

In accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and a copy is enclosed. This Notice will also be posted in the *Orillia Packet and Times* on Friday, May 13, 2011 and again on Friday, June 17, 2011.

As per Section 16 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, the draft copies of the supporting documents for the Project, including the Natural Heritage Assessment Reports, Water Body Assessment Reports, Construction Plan Report, Design and Operations Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Study and Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Report are available for public review on-line at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at the Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office. The information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Final Public Meeting on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at the Old Town Hall in Oro-Medonte, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, Ontario. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed Project would be greatly appreciated.

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Attachment - Notice of Final Public Meeting - RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 3 Solar Project







May 12, 2011

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Subject: Notice of Public Meeting

RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to construct the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project within the Township of Oro-Medonte. The proposed Project will have an installed capacity of 10 MW. The Project requires a Renewable Energy Approval (REA), which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation (O.Reg) 359/09. Hatch Ltd. has been retained to undertake the REA process.

This notice is provided to make you aware of the upcoming Final Public Meeting where you can learn more about this Project.

In accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and a copy is enclosed. This Notice will also be posted in the *Orillia Packet and Times* on Friday, May 13, 2011 and again on Friday, June 17, 2011.

As per Section 16 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, the draft copies of the supporting documents for the Project, including the Natural Heritage Assessment Reports, Water Body Assessment Reports, Construction Plan Report, Design and Operations Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Noise Assessment Study and Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Report are available for public review on-line at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at the Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office. The information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Final Public Meeting on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at the Old Town Hall in Oro-Medonte, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, Ontario. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed Project would be greatly appreciated.

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Appendix F2 Correspondence with MNR



Minutes of Meeting

April 1, 2010

Recurrent Energy Inc.
Renewable Energy Approvals Midhurst District Solar Projects

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Kimberley Arnold, Hatch

Project Kick-off Meeting with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources - Midhurst District

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2010

LOCATION: MNR Office, Midhurst, Ontario

PRESENT: Amanda McLachlan (AM), Ontario Ministry

of Natural Resources (MNR) Graham Findlay (GF), MNR Noel Boucher (NB), Hatch

Sean Caffyn (SC), Recurrent Energy

(Recurrent)

PURPOSE: To introduce Recurrent Energy and their 10

proposed projects within MNR's Midhurst District

ITEM ACTION BY

1. Introduction to Recurrent Energy and Hatch

- SC opened the meeting by discussing the agenda and addressing the purpose:
 - to introduce Recurrent and Hatch, and the proposed Projects to MNR
 - to discuss Project schedules
 - to discuss potential environmental issues/concerns associated with each Project
 - to discuss MNR review process.
- SC provided background information on Recurrent Energy
- NB provided background information on Hatch

If you disagree with any information contained herein, please advise immediately.

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2. Renewable Energy Approvals Process

The points outlined below relate to general Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process questions that were discussed during the meeting.

- NB described the REA process that Recurrent would be following and discussed the preliminary activities that Hatch has undertaken to date, including the Environmental Constraints Assessment reports and commencement of the Natural Heritage and Water Records Reviews.
- AM indicated that she is the one-window contact for renewable energy in the District, so all communications with MNR should go through her.
- AM indicated that the MNR was anticipating a 6-wk review period for Natural Heritage Assessments, although this depends on the time of submission (e.g., summer could potentially result in longer review periods due to staff availability).
- NB asked if MNR would like to receive the Natural Heritage reports (i.e., Records Review, Site Investigation, Evaluation of Significance, and Environmental Impact Study) as they are completed or in one complete package. GF indicated that MNR would review the reports separately since if they had any comments on one of the reports, that could potentially effect the content of the other reports. Therefore, reviewing each one may improve overall efficiency. NB asked if it would take 6 weeks to review each report if they were submitted individually. AM/GF indicated that it would depend on the size and complexity of the report.
- NB asked if the water bodies reports are to be sent to MNR. AM stated that the water bodies reports go directly to MOE.

3. Project Descriptions

- SC described the project components and layout of a typical solar project.
 Discussion centered around the following issues associated with project layouts:
 - NB requested assistance from MNR in selecting suitable ground cover that would prevent erosion and provide wildlife habitat, but that was native and suitable for use in the area (e.g., shade tolerance, soil conditions, wetness). AM noted that MNR would look into this.

MNR





4. Discussion of Environmental Features around Project Sites

Each of the sites was discussed individually, and potential concerns relating to environmental features were discussed. These are identified by Project site below.

4.1 RE Orillia 1

- GF noted that the site was situated in close proximity to Langman Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW).
- GF indicated that he noted Hatch had identified a seepage area at the eastern end of the property. GF indicated that the seepage area likely flows into the PSW and that he would be concerned that it could possibly be identified as the PSW. GF indicated that, depending on the site layout (e.g., proximity to the wetland/seepage feature) that re-evaluation of the wetland boundary may be necessary in this location. Hatch/Recurrent to consider.

Hatch/Recurrent

4.2 RE Orillia 2

- GF noted that the adjacent woodlot would have to be assessed for significance if Recurrent is proposing to be within 120 m of the woodlot boundary.
- MNR did not identify any other potential environmental concerns with the site.

4.3 RE Orillia 3

- GF indicated that he would be concerned about the proximity of the
 proposed development to the boundary of the Langman Marsh PSW. If the
 Project was to be encroaching into the woodlot (e.g., tree removal at the edge
 of the woodlot) then MNR may require that the wetland boundary be
 reassessed.
- SC indicated that Recurrent was not likely considering encroaching into the
 woodlot and would likely maintain a 30-m setback from the woodlot edge.
 GF indicated that he would not be so concerned with the PSW boundary if
 this was the case. AM indicated that the woodlot would still have to be
 assessed for significance anyways and an EIS may be required.
- SC indicated that Recurrent would consider assuming the woodlot is significant and preparing an EIS anyways.





4.4 RE Midhurst 2

 GF suggested that part of the woodlot Recurrent is considering clearing for the Project appears to be wet, based on aerial photographs and he was concerned that if it is indeed a wetland, it could potentially be complexed with the nearby Craigs Swamp/Copeland Forest Complex PSW. Therefore, the boundary of the wetland may have to be reassessed. Hatch/Recurrent to consider.

Hatch/Recurrent

 GF also noted that the PDR was incorrect in the distance it specified from the Project to the PSW boundary, since there are a number of smaller complexed wetlands closer than the distance specified. Hatch to advise Recurrent how to revise text in PDR.

Hatch/Recurrent

- GF indicated that the tributary arising on the southwest corner of the property forms part of the headwaters of Matheson Creek, which is a cold water trout stream. MNR has done stream rehabilitation work on Matheson Creek downstream from the property.
- GF indicated that there could also be a potential seepage area at the north end of the property, based on topography and aerial photography. NB indicated that setbacks in this area may be met due to land development restrictions on agricultural land classes 1 and 2, which limits extend of development on this site. Hatch to assess this water feature.

Hatch

4.5 RE Midhurst 3

- NB indicated that development on this site may meet natural heritage and water body setbacks due to agricultural land class restrictions.
- GF indicated that MNR may be able to provide fisheries information for the watercourse adjacent to the property.
- GF/AM indicated that they would not be looking for a re-evaluation of the Shelswell's Creek Locally Significant Wetland (LSW) but the area would still have to be assessed for woodlot, valleyland and wildlife habitat significance and SAR considerations.

4.6 RE Midhurst 4

 NB indicated that the project would likely be within 120 m of the LSW/Woodlot/valleyland and assessment of significance and EIS would likely be required.





4.7 RE Midhurst 6

• GF indicated that the tributary shown as arising on the property may be a seepage zone, due to topography and aerial photography, which appears to show that the area is not cropped. GF indicated that this should be checked during the site investigation. GF indicated that MNR would be concerned about soil erosion and downstream impacts associated with a seepage. Hatch to consider this feature during site investigation.

Hatch

- GF indicated that the tributaries on and adjacent to the property flow into Aunt Maggie's Creek north of the site. This is a tributary of Matheson Creek and provides cold water brook trout habitat.
- GF noted that there was no definition of Agricultural Land Class 5T on the Coville Soils Classification figure in the ESR.

Recurrent

4.8 RE Waubaushene 3

- GF indicated that he had not reviewed this site, since it was not included in the information package sent to MNR in advance of the meeting. GF indicated he would review and provide comments.
- SC indicated that there may be water crossing requirements at this site. GF
 indicated that MNR would not approve of a ford crossing and would prefer
 clear span crossing to avoid impacts.
- GF noted that MNR mapping on the PDR figure showed a portion of the farmed land as being agricultural but concluded that this designation appeared incorrect.
- GF confirmed that MNR would not likely be looking for a re-evaluation of the non-provincially significant wetland in the woodlot adjacent to the site, but that the woodlot itself would have to be considered for significance if development occurs within the setback.
- SC noted that there are no restrictions on development due to agricultural land class on this site since it is designated as "Rural".
- SC noted that Recurrent was also considering development of a portion of the parcel to the south, but this was not currently included in the lease.





4.9 RE Waubaushene 4

- GF noted that the Chippewa's of Mnjikaning are located approximately 30 km away from this site.
- SC indicated that a water crossing may be required to provide access over the
 drainage ditch crossing the site, although Recurrent may consider providing
 separate accesses for each side of the property, depending on the lease
 agreements.
- GF indicated that MNR would not likely have any fish community assessment requirements if the water course is to be crossed only by an overhead transmission line.
- GF indicated that MNR would not likely have much site-specific fisheries data
 for this site. GF noted that if fisheries sampling was being proposed due to a
 watercourse crossing, Hatch would have to get a permit to collect fish for
 scientific purposes. Hatch will obtain permit if necessary.
- GF indicated that the woodlot to the south of the projects appears wet based on aerial photography and would have to be assessed for significance.

4.10 RE Waubaushene 5

- GF noted that the Chippewa's of Mnjikaning are located approximately 30 km away from this site.
- GF indicated that the creek is incorrectly named on the Coville figure in the PDR. The correct name is the North River.

Recurrent

- GF indicates that rapids/falls upstream from the Project site are known to provide spawning habitat for walleye and salmonids.
- GF indicated that MNR had no information on flood hazards at this site, and that information would have to be determined during the Site Investigation.

Hatch

5. Additional Questions/Comments

The following additional items were discussed during the meeting:

- AM indicated that the Midhurst District Species at Risk (SAR) Biologist (Suzanne Robinson) had provided some general comments, including
 - Hatch should review the NHIC's Biodiversity Explorer for information on SAR in proximity to the sites.

Hatch

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• Consideration should be given to grassland SAR birds including whipporwhils, chimney swifts and loggerhead shrike.





- There may be timing windows for investigations for some species (e.g., nesting birds).
- A permit under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and/or the ESA may be required for some sampling activities (e.g., salamander egg mass collections). A permit under the ESA would take 2 months to obtain.
- A schedule C permit under the ESA to kill, harm, harass an endangered species as a result of the project could take 6-9 months to obtain.
- MNR stressed that specific locations of Species at Risk should not be noted in any document available for public review.

Hatch

• NB asked for guidance regarding SAR, particularly with respect to site investigations. AM indicated that Recurrent is responsible under the ESA and that it would be in their best interests to do a full site investigation to assess SAR on the sites. GF asked about the effort/protocols that were being undertaken to assess SAR during the site investigations. NB indicated that he was not sure of the exact scope of the site investigations that have been/will be undertaken and would have to get Hatch's Terrestrial Biologist (Sean Male) to contact AM to discuss in more detail

Hatch/MNR

- AM indicated that, in the absence of MNR guidance documents (which are now expected in summer 2010), MNR will using the Natural Heritage Reference Manual and the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide.
- AM indicated that the County of Simcoe Greenlands Study may be useful for the Records Review. However, MNR does not feel that the County's determinations regarding significance would be sufficient for our purposes. It could be used as background information to base our assessment on. Hatch will review.

Hatch

- AM indicated that if butternut trees were observed on site, they should be assessed by a certified butternut health assessor. MNR can provide a list of certified assessors if necessary.
- NB asked if MNR had guidance with respect to determining high water mark
 for a watercourse. NB noted that Hatch would be considering the Flood
 Hazard information from Conservation Authorities, vegetation changes and
 debris accumulation at the high water mark. GF noted that he would consider
 using similar indicators of the high water mark and indicated we could check
 the Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol (OSAP) as well.
- GF indicated that water crossings could trigger an LRIA approval requirements.



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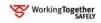
- GF indicated that DFO should be contact for fish habitat related impacts associated with water crossings or other works in water in areas with no Conservation Authority (e.g., the three Waubaushene sites).
- NB asked if MNR had information regarding Flood and Erosion Hazards in the
 areas with no Conservation Authority. MNR indicated that they generally did
 not have mapping in a similar manner as the Conservation Authorities. Such
 features would have to be assessed during the Site Investigation.
- GF indicated that MNR can provide information regarding fisheries in proximity to each site as part of the records review.
- NB asked how they should initiate a request from MNR to provide background information for the Records Review. AM/GF suggested sending an email with maps of the project features (site and transmission line) and MNR would review and provide information.

Hatch

• NB indicated that Hatch could send the project features (e.g., leased area boundary and transmission line) to MNR in GIS shapefile, if that would make it easier. AM indicated that it would be helpful.

Hatch

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Sent via email

RE:

Natural Heritage Assessment Package

Recurrent Energy

RE Orillia 3 Solar Project Township of Oro-Medonte

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR's) role in the provincial Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) process is to provide a sign off for the Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 359/09.

Midhurst District of the MNR has received the Draft NHA package for RE Orillia 3 dated July 19 2010. Staff have undertaken a review of the Records Review, Site Investigation, Evaluation of Significance and Environmental Impact Study reports included in the package.

At this time the Ministry is unable to provide sign off on the NHA, as the MNR is not yet satisfied that the reports meet the requirements of the regulation.

The NHA package provided does not adequately investigate and evaluate candidate significant wildlife habitat to meet the requirements of the REA regulation and the MNR's technical guidelines (Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (SWHTG) and Natural Heritage Reference Manual).

Please find attached detailed comments pertaining to the individual NHA reports (Appendix A). In addition, please find attached comments pertaining to the Ministry's Approvals and Permitting Requirement Document (APRD) for Species at Risk (Appendix B).

I trust this information will be helpful. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me by phone at 705-725-7560 or by e-mail at whitney.moore@ontario.ca.

Yours Truly,

originally signed by

Whitney Moore
Lands and Renewable Energy Specialist
Midhurst District

APPENDIX A

Natural Heritage Assessment Comments

Wildlife Habitat

Although woodlands, wetlands and potential wildlife habitat were identified on site it appears as though not all features were thoroughly considered. The entire project area is described as 'wildlife habitat', however it does not seem as though this 'wildlife habitat' was considered a natural feature. In addition, if the entire area were actually wildlife habitat this would need to be evaluated for significance. It is recommended that any natural features identified (ie. wildlife habitat) be mapped as per the mapping requirements in Section 26 of O. Reg 359/09 so the boundaries of these features in relation to the project site are clear. Although the study area is predominately an agricultural site a more thorough site inventory and assessment of features and potential wildlife habitat may be required.

The intent of the Records Review Report is to identify all candidate significant wildlife habitat in the area based on available information, not to include any kind of evaluation or conclusions about the wildlife habitat. For example, in the Records Review it states that Black Tern and various other species are not expected to occur. As these documents will eventually become public, removing any kind of evaluation of features from the Records Review and Site Investigation reports will prevent confusion for those reading the reports as well as remove any suggestions of significance which could be misinterpreted by readers.

Although these species are mentioned again in the Site Investigation Report, more information is required on the methods and criteria used for locating individuals and potential habitat, rather than observations alone. Although wildlife observations can be helpful in identifying candidate habitat, wildlife observations do not provide a comprehensive depiction of the site as things like weather conditions, time of day, and time of year largely determine which species you will observe on site. It is recommended that these observations be used in context with wildlife habitat features.

The Site Investigation Report indicates that one site visit was conducted for a total of 3 hours, and includes comments suggesting that there are no wildlife habitat features on site including seasonal concentration areas, rare vegetation communities, or specialized wildlife habitats found on the project site. Given that the investigations occurred on dates within a month of one another in early summer, many species and seasonal habitats may have been overlooked such as spring/ fall breeders and nesting sites. Therefore, more rationale as to why the time and duration of these site visits was sufficient to investigate all possible habitats on site is required.

In section 4.1 Vegetation Observations of the Site Investigations Report the presence of several hedgerows on and around the project site are noted. However, in section 3.3.1.4 Animal Movement Corridors of the Evaluation of Significance Report is states that

"Suitable habitat conducive to use as an animal movement corridor is not present within 120 m of the Project site." This section will need to be revised to provide further clarification of why there are no animal movement corridors on site and why these hedgerows weren't considered or evaluated.

It is recommended that the information gaps mentioned in the Records Review and Site Investigation reports be addressed before completion of the Evaluation of Significance Report, as at this stage this report does not meet MNR requirements. Further information on the criteria, methodology and work associated with the identification and evaluation of significance is also required; this will include confirming that criteria and methods in the NHRM and SWHTG were used for evaluation of the individual features.

For straightforwardness these could also be presented as checklists or tables following the NHRM and SWHTG guidelines.

In order to conduct an accurate review of the reports it is recommended that specific natural features mentioned be related back to Fig. 1.1 or the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) mapping. ELC mapping is identified as a critical component of the identification of candidate significant wildlife habitat in the SWHTG. It is recommended that the most up to date ELC information be used when doing this work. This information is available on the Kawartha Conservation website. It is also recommended that the ELC mapping be included in the Site Investigation Report and the ELC field cards be attached as field notes.

Prior to reviewing the Environmental Impact Study, the Site Investigation and Evaluation of Significance reports should be updated with the required information and resubmitted to MNR. The Environmental Impact Study should then be updated to reflect any changes made to the Site Investigation and Evaluation of Significance reports.

Wetlands

The map includes a revised wetland boundary from, however the boundary line is incomplete, and therefore it is difficult to determine from this image how it connects to the rest of the wetland. It is recommended that the complete revised boundary line be added to the map for clarity. Further, if the shapefiles for these revised boundaries are available they should be provided to MNR to update the information in our system.

Species at Risk-Special Concern Species

The reports list eight bird species at risk whose ranges may overlap with the project area. With the exception of Bobolink, these are all listed as Special Concern under the ESA and therefore their habitats are considered candidate significant wildlife habitat.

There is also mention of five reptiles and amphibians species at risk whose ranges may potentially overlap with the 'project site'. Milksnake and Snapping Turtle are both listed as Special Concern under the ESA and should therefore be considered as candidate

significant wildlife habitat. In the Records Review it states that turtle species are not expected to occur on site. Given that these should be considered as candidate significant wildlife habitat, more rationale is required as to why they would not occur on site as well as methods used for locating potential habitat for these species.

It is recommended that the Endangered and Threatened species section be included as an appendix, as these species would be subject to the ESA and the MNR's APRD requirements.

Please see Appendix B regarding for further information on Endangered and Threatened species.

Terminology

Throughout the Records Review as well as the Site Investigation, Evaluation of Significance and the Environmental Impact Study, the reports discuss the 'project site' which does not appear to include the 120 metres of adjacent lands. Further clarification is required as to whether the reports are based on the 'project site' or based on the entire 'study area' as shown in Figure 1.1.

Municipalities

The Records Review Report mentions that there are no municipal planning authorities within the jurisdiction of the 'project site'. This statement is incorrect there is both a lower tier (Township of Oro-Medonte) and an upper tier (Simcoe County) municipal planning authority. This needs to be corrected in the document.

The report also indicates that the County's website was consulted. Please clarify whether the planning department at the County and municipality were contacted for further information.

APPENDIX B

Species at Risk Comments

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Approvals and Permitting Document (APRD) outlines the Ministry's application, review and decisions regarding the approval of Renewable Energy projects where the Ministry has a legislative responsibility. Section 6.3.5.1 of the APRD provides an overview of the requirements for the Ontario *Endangered Species Act* (ESA). MNR Midhurst District staff have reviewed the Species at Risk data found within the Natural Heritage Assessment Package submitted and would like to offer the following comments regarding Endangered species and Threatened species.

It is noted in *section 4.3 Species at Risk* of the Site Investigation Report that Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) was recorded on site during the investigations. It is then stated in section 3.3.1.3 Habitat of Species of Special Concern of the Evaluation of Significance Report that all agricultural lands in this area are considered to be significant wildlife habitat for Bobolink. Bobolink has been assessed as Threatened by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO). In accordance, Bobolink now has species protection under Section 9, as well as regulated habitat protection under Section 10 of the Act. If additional information, such as the number, location, habitat and behaviours observed, is available regarding this observation it should be provided to MNR. In addition, further information on the types of crops grown in recent years is required to determine the suitability of the agricultural lands for Bobolink habitat.

It is recommended the proponent consult with Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff on this matter to discuss the approach, protocols and any authorizations which may be required to further assess the habitat. Additional field study in the 2011 breeding season may be necessary to determine with greater certainty the potential for this species to be utilizing the subject lands.

Sections 2.1.2. Results and 3.2 Reptiles and Amphibians of the Records Review Report notes the potential presence of Blanding's Turtle and Spotted Turtle in the project area. The ESA lists Blanding's Turtle as Threatened and Spotted Turtle as Endangered, and they are therefore provided protection from killing, harming or harassing under Section 9 of the Act. Wood Turtle are also listed in this section of the report however since we do not have any records for Wood Turtle in this area, we will not require any further information on that species.

The following was stated in 3.2 Reptiles and Amphibians of the Records Review Report; "Due to the lack of watercourses on the Project site, and adjacent land being used for aggregate resource use, it is not expected for these turtles to occur on the Project site". Additional consideration of these habitats and this species may be necessary. As these species were identified as potentially occurring on site, it is recommended that further rationale be provided as to why these turtle species are not expected to occur in the project area.

The MNR provided a list of additional species which could potentially occur on the site based on their habitat requirements.

Wooded areas and hedgerows are located within and adjacent to the proposed project site. It is recommended that any hedgerows and woodlands be investigated for Butternut. If any Butternut trees are found on site they will likely require a Butternut Health Assessment by an MNR certified Butternut Health Advisor.

Ministry of Natural Resources

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April 29, 2011

RE Orillia 3 ULC c/o Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy LLC 800 E. Northwest Highway Suite 611 Palatine, Illinois 60074

Dear Mr. Leah,

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's (MOE's) Renewable Energy Approvals regulation (O.Reg.359/09), applicants are required to prepare a natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study using evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The regulation requires MNR to confirm that the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, including mitigation measures, were prepared using established procedures acceptable to MNR. The MNR's confirmation letter, along with other required project documentation, must be submitted to MOE as part of an application for a Renewable Energy Approval for consideration by MOE in making their Renewable Energy Approval decision.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study for RE Orillia 3 Solar Project in the Township of Oro-Medonte submitted by RE Orillia 3 ULC on April 26, 2011.

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

- 1. The MNR confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
- 2. The MNR confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR, if no natural features were identified.
- 3. The MNR confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR (if required).
- 4. The MNR confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.

5. The MNR confirms that the environmental impact study report has been prepared in accordance with procedures established by the MNR.

MNR is providing this confirmation letter based on the review of the information provided in your natural heritage assessment reports. Applicants should be aware of the transition provisions under section 62 of the amended Renewable Energy Approvals regulation and fulfill natural heritage assessment requirements accordingly.

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

This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, including those sections describing the environmental effects monitoring plan and construction plan report. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the natural heritage assessment, MNR may need to undertake additional review of the natural heritage assessment.

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

If you wish to discuss any part of the confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact Whitney Moore, Renewable Energy Planning Ecologist, at (705) 725-7560.

Sincerely,

Mark Shoreman District Manager

Midhurst District, MNR

cc. Jim Beal, Renewable Energy Provincial Field Program Coordinator, Regional Operations Division, MNR

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Appendix F3 Correspondence with MTC

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August 12, 2010

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RE: Orillia 3 Solar Generation Facility, Lot 7, Concession 14, Oro Geographic Township, Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County, Ontario, FIT-FJJQB55, MTC File no. HD00488, PIF No. P316-064-2010.

Dear Proponent:

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

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

The report [P316-064-2010] recommends the following:

As detailed in Section 5.0 of this report, the Stage 1 background study determined that there were no documented past archaeological investigations within the RE Orillia 3 property. However, it was also determined that the property was flanked to the north and east by known First nations archaeological sites, and that the property has a moderate to high potential for as-yet undiscovered sites.

Notwithstanding the inferred potential, the subsequent Stage 2 survey of the RE Orillia 3 property determined that no archaeological sites are present within the property. In view of the negative results of the survey, it is recommended that no further archaeological investigations or concerns are warranted for the proposed RE Orillia 3 Solar Generation Facility.

Further to the above, it is recommended that the Ministry of Tourism and Culture issue a letter accepting the present report into the Provincial Registry [sic] of archaeological reports. In view of the negative results of the assessment it is also recommended that the letter include a statement that the Ministry concurs with the recommendations and other findings presented in this report. Finally, it is requested that a copy of the letter be forwarded by email to Bob Leah, Director of Development, Canada, Recurrent Energy. His email address is Bob.Leah@recurrentenergy.com. In due course, this letter and the related archaeological assessment report will be submitted by Recurrent Energy and Hatch Ltd, to the Ontario

Ministry of the Environment as part of the complete REA application for the development of the proposed solar generation facility on the RE Orillia 3 property.

The above conclude the property-specific recommendations of this report. Nevertheless, it should be emphasized that no archaeological assessment can be considered to totally negate the potential for deeply buried cultural remains, including human burials. In recognition of that fact, the archaeological technical guidelines formulated by the Province of Ontario require that all reports on archaeological assessments include recommendations to address the possibility that deeply buried remains may be encountered during earthmoving and construction (MCTR 1993:12).

In accordance with the above, it is recommended that archaeological staff of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture be notified immediately if any deeply buried archaeological remains should be discovered during earthmoving or construction related to the proposed solar generation facility. In the event that human remains should be encountered, it is similarly recommended that the proponent immediately contact Jim Sherratt, Archaeological[sic]Review Officer, Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture (email address <u>Jim.Sherratt@ontario.ca</u>), telephone 416-314-7132) and Michael D'Mello, the Registrar of Cemeteries of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services (telephone #416-326-8404; email address <u>Michael.D'Mello@ontario.ca</u>) (pages 17and 18).

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jim Sherratt

Archaeology Review Officer

Eastern Region

c. Ms. Sherri Pearce, D.R. Poulton & Associates Inc.

Mr. Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy

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Appendix F4 Correspondence with NVCA

From: Patti Young [pyoung@nvca.on.ca]
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2010 11:23 AM

To: Boucher, Noel

Subject: RE: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects in the Nottawasaga Watershed

Noel,

I'm having difficulty with Orillia 1 – what is the cross road at the connection point? Thanks,
Patti

Patti Young, B.Sc., MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON LOM 1TO
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From: Boucher, Noel [mailto:NBoucher@Hatch.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 9:11 AM

To: Patti Young

Cc: Sean Caffyn; Arnold, Kimberley; 334680

Subject: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects in the Nottawasaga Watershed

Hi Patti,

As per our discussion on the phone a while back, Recurrent Energy is planning to develop a total of six solar energy projects (subject to receipt of Feed-In Tariff Contracts from the OPA) within the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority jurisdiction.

Recurrent Energy has commenced the preliminary stages of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process for each of the projects. As part of the REA process (under the REA Regulation – On.Reg. 359/09), we are required to undertake a Water Records Review to determine if the proposed project (including ancillary project components such as the transmission line) is situated within 120 m of the average annual high water mark of a lake, permanent or intermittent stream or seepage area. We are also required to undertake a Natural Heritage Records Review to determine if the proposed project is located within 120 m of a Natural Feature, including ANSI's, wetlands, valleylands, wildlife habitat or woodlands. The Conservation Authority is identified in the REA Regulation as one of sources of information that must be reviewed as part of the Records Review.

By way of this email, I would like to request that NVCA review the six proposed solar energy projects, with the view of providing whatever information may be available for our Records Review, as described above. I have included maps showing the locations of the property boundaries as well as the proposed transmission lines for each project (the maps include some environmental features that we have already identified in proximity to each site). We are required to undertake this Records Review for the property as well as the transmission line (including areas within 120 m of the project components). Please note that one of the project sites (Midhurst 3) in right on the watershed boundary (LSRCA has been contact regarding this property as well). I am also aware that the transmission line from the Orillia projects crosses into the Lake Simcoe watershed.

I can also provide the legal property description for the properties (but not the proposed transmission lines) if necessary to assist in your review. I also understand that there may be a cost for the provision of this information.

Also, as part of our Records Review, we are required to prepare maps showing the water and natural heritage features that we have identified. I am wondering if it is possible for you to provide whatever information may be available in shapefile format for us to insert into our GIS mapping? Further, it would be great if you were able to provide the Regulated Areas boundary line work, as well as any break down of the flooding, erosion hazards, wetland buffers etc, that may be included within the Regulated Areas limit. I understand that there may be an additional fee for providing this digital data.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information in order to process this information request. It would be great if you were able to provide confirmation that this request is possible and an indication of your potential turnaround time.

Thanks very much for your assistance with this, it is much appreciated.

Regards, Noel

Noel Boucher Aquatic Biologist

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Sean Caffyn Recurrent Energy 214 King Street West, Suite 402 Toronto, ON M5J 2H5

Attention: Sean Caffyn

Re: "Orillia 3"

> 1599 Line 13 North, Lot 7, Concession 14 Township of Oro-Medonte, County of Simcoe

Member Municipalities

Adjala-Tosorontio

Amaranth

Barrie

The Blue Mountains

Bradford-West Gwillimbury

Clearview

Collingwood

Essa

Grey Highlands

Melancthon

Mono

Mulmur New Tecumseth

Oro-Medonte

Shelburne

Springwater

Wasaga Beach

Watershed Counties

Dufferin

Simcoe

Sincerely

Barb Perreault C.E.T., MLEO(C) – Environmental Officer

Officer under the Conservation Authorities Act

Celebrating 50 Years in Conservation 1960-2010

Member of



Thank you for consulting the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) with regard to property clearance for the above noted transaction. The NVCA has reviewed the environmental information related to the property and we have determined the following:

- 1. That a portion of the property, as identified on the attached map approved under Ontario Regulation 172/06, is located within the regulatory jurisdiction of the NVCA under the Conservation Authorities Act;
- 2. That a permit (or approval) from the NVCA is required for any proposed works within the regulated area under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act;
- 3. That the regulated area includes a portion of the protective buffer area associated with an adjacent unevaluated wetland feature;
- 4. That any pond works will require approval from the NVCA in accordance with the NVCA's Ponds Policy developed under Section 20 of the Conservation Authorities Act: and
- 5. That the property contains natural heritage features and functions such as woodlands which have led to the property's inclusion within the Greenlands designation of the County of Simcoe Official Plan.

In addition, there are no breaches, orders or directives against the property under the Conservation Authorities Act.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at extension 245.

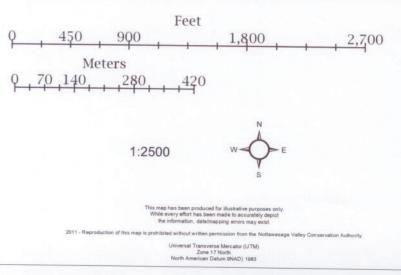
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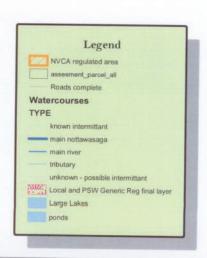
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Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 1599 Line 13 North, Oro-Medonte





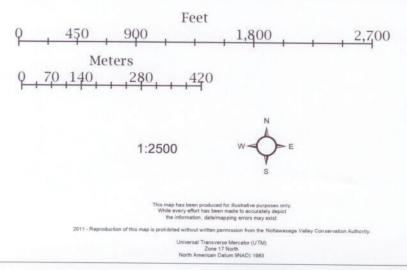


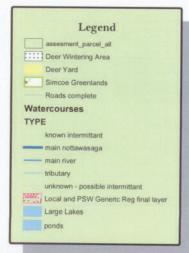


Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 1599 Line 13 North, Oro-Medonte











Appendix G Correspondence with Municipalities



Minutes of Meeting

March 10, 2010

Recurrent Energy Inc.
Renewable Energy Approvals Recurrent Energy Solar Projects

DISTRIBUTION

Those present +
David Brochu, Recurrent Energy
Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy
Kimberley Arnold, Hatch

Project Kick-off Meeting with Township of Oro-Medonte

MEETING DATE: March 8, 2010

LOCATION: Township Office, Oro, Ontario

PRESENT: Andria Leigh (AL), Oro-Medonte Township Sean Caffyn (SC), Recurrent Energy

Noel Boucher (NB), Hatch

PURPOSE: To introduce Recurrent Energy and their

five proposed projects within the Township of Oro-Medonte

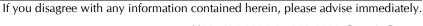
ITEM ACTION BY

1. Agenda

- SC opened the meeting by discussing the agenda and addressing the purpose:
 - to introduce Recurrent Energy (RE) and Hatch, and the proposed Project to the municipality

WorkingTogether

- to discuss Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process and municipal involvement
- to discuss potential issues/concerns associated with each Project
- to discuss municipality review process





2. Introduction to Recurrent Energy

- SC provided background information on RE.
- SC provided information on the Feed In Tariff (FIT) contract applications and anticipated timing of receipt of FIT contracts. SC indicated that, at this time, it is not known which of the proposed projects would be awarded FIT contracts, but that RE is anticipating that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) will start awarding contracts around mid-April.

3. Renewable Energy Approvals Process and Municipal Consultation

- NB briefly described the REA process, including the preliminary activities currently being undertaken and the process steps that will occur once RE is awarded FIT contracts.
- AL suggested that NB should send her GIS shapefiles of the project components and the Township would be able to provide addresses for the landowners within 120 m for use in developing the stakeholder notification list.

Hatch/Township

- NB provided and described the Municipal Consultation Form and what is required from the Township. AL indicated that she would be passing the Municipal Consultation Form by the Township's senior management team once the required documentation is provided by RE and that filling out the form could take 3 weeks or so. The Township would aim to return the form prior to the second Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project.
- AL suggested that the appropriate Conservation Authority should also be consulted for each project. NB indicated that they had already been contacted as part of the natural heritage and water bodies records reviews.



4. Project Description

 SC/DB provided a description of the general arrangement of a typical solar project and provided a picture of a typical solar farm.

- SC described the leasing arrangements, site selection process and due diligence RE undertook to obtain the rights to develop the proposed properties.
- AL indicated that the off ramp from Highway 11 at RE Midhurst 4 may be under jurisdiction of the MTO and not the Township. AL indicated that she will confirm this and get back to RE/Hatch.

Township

- AL asked about agricultural land classifications for the projects. SC confirmed that no development would occur on Class 1 and 2 lands and that there would be some development on Class 3 lands. SC confirmed that the majority of the land on the RE Orillia projects is Class 6 land.
- SC/NB indicated that transmission line construction and upgrade work would be done by Hydro One. The maps provided to the Township are based on the currently preferred interconnection location, but this could be subject to change pending the results of the Connection Impact Assessment (CIA).
- AL asked if the transmission line would ever cross private property (i.e., to reach an alternative interconnection point). SC indicated that it would be RE's preference to keep it in municipal right of ways.
- AL indicated that she had no specific concerns/comments on RE Midhurst 3 or RE Midhurst 4.

5. Additional Questions/Comments

The following provides a summary of additional discussion topics

- AL indicated that an application for a solar energy facility had commenced under the old rezoning process prior to implementation of the Green Energy Act, so there was some previous experience with solar energy development in the Township. That former process had brought to light some public concern regarding solar development.
- AL indicated that members of the public may have a hard time assessing the scale of the proposed solar projects. SC indicated that visuals would be used in PIC to assist the public in visualizing the projects.
- AL indicated that noise and security concerns had also been discussed by the public during the other solar farm process. SC indicated that RE would want



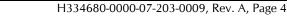


to address concerns such as these as part of consultation efforts (e.g., on PIC boards).

- AL also advised that members of the public may ask what the benefit of the
 project is to adjacent landowners. AL suggested that information such as the
 number of houses that the facility would power may be useful in showing
 this. NB suggested that information would be provided at PICs and during
 other consultation opportunities.
- AL also advised that members of the public may want to know why Oro-Medonte is being proposed for five projects (50% of the projects in Simcoe County). SC suggested that the site selection process was based on site suitability (suitable agricultural classes, topography, terrain and proximity to transmission lines).
- AL asked where REA documents would be made available for public review.
 NB indicated that they would be posted on RE website, but that hard copies would likely be made available at other places such as the Township office or a local library.
- NB asked about suitable locations for a PIC. AL indicated that Council Chambers at the Township office or the banquet hall at the Township Arena may be appropriate venues.
- AL indicated that the local newspapers for posting of Notices included the Orillia Packet & Times, Midland Free Press (not a daily paper) and Barrie Examiner.
- SC asked about tree clearing requirements. AL indicated that the Township
 does not have its own tree clearing by-law and that it defers to the County
 by-law. AL indicated that a tree clearing permit may not be required if the
 project was subject to some other development permit such as a building
 permit.
- AL indicated that buildings on site (e.g., transformer building) and pads with a
 footprint > 108 square feet may be subject to a building permit and that the
 typical turnaround time for a building permit is 10 days.
- AL indicated that temporary site trailers during construction would require a temporary building permit and possibly a financial security to ensure they are properly removed following construction.
- AL indicated that she would talk about the projects with the senior management team and let SC/NB know if there were any additional comments/concerns/questions.

Township

Noel Boucher





McRae, Elizabeth

From: Vukovics, Kathleen

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:32 PM

To: 334680

Subject: Recurrent Energy - Proposed Solar Energy Projects: Township of Oro-Medonte **Attachments:** Orillia_1_2_3_One Page Handout.pdf; Recurrent NOAP_RE Orillia_1_2_3.pdf

As you may be aware, Recurrent Energy is proposing to construct three solar energy projects within the Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County. We are providing you this information in advance of it being published to help prepare you for any phone calls that you may receive from your constituents.

The proposed solar energy projects will have an installed capacity of 10 MW (RE Orillia 1 and RE Orillia 2) and 6.5 MW (RE Orillia 3). These projects will require a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Recurrent Energy has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the REA process.

In accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of a Proposal by Recurrent Energy to engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and will be published on Friday, May 28, 2010 and Friday, June 4, 2010 in the *Orillia Packet and Times*. Please find attached, for your information, a copy of this notice, as well as an informational brochure, pertinent to the proposed project.

As per Section 17 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, draft Project Description Reports and further information about these projects and about Recurrent Energy can be found online at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca.

Any comments or questions regarding the proposed should be directed to:

Noel Boucher, BSc Environmental Coordinator Hatch Ltd 4342 Queen St., Suite 500 Niagara Falls, ON, L2E 7J7 Phone: 905-374-0701, Ext 5757

Fax: 905-374-1157 Email: nboucher@hatch.ca

(Sent on behalf of Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator, Hatch Ltd.)

Thank you,

Kathleen Vukovics

Environmental Scientist / Environmental Assessment & Management



Tel: +1 905 374 0701 ext. 5313

Fax: +1 905 374 1157

4342 Queen Street, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada L2E 7J7

McRae, Elizabeth

From: Boucher, Noel

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:55 PM

To: aleigh@oro-medonte.ca

Cc: Sean Caffyn; Arnold, Kimberley; Vukovics, Kathleen; 334680

Subject: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects - Orillia 1, 2 & 3

Hi Andria,

As you are aware, Recurrent Energy (RE) is proposing to construct a total of five solar energy projects in the Township of Oro-Medonte. Three of these (RE Orillia 1, RE Orillia 2 and RE Orillia 3) are the subject of this particular email. These projects are currently proceeding through the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process which is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. A Notice of a Proposal by Recurrent Energy to engage in a Renewable Energy Project and Notice of Public Meeting will be published in the *Orillia Packet and Times* on Friday, May 28, 2010 and Friday, June 4, 2010.

A copy of the Draft Project Description Reports for the proposed projects will be mailed to yourself this week. In accordance with the Ministry of Environment (MOE)'s *Technical Bulletin Five: Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report*, can you please make these copies available for review by the public within your local municipal office.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Noel

Noel Boucher Environmental Coordinator

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Doug Irwin, Director, Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Oro-Medonte 148 Line 7 South Oro, ON LOL 2X0

Subject: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting

Recurrent Energy - Solar Projects: RE Orillia 3

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Yours truly,

Noel Boucher, BSc

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Environmental Coordinator

nb:srg

Attachment - Notice of a Proposal/Notice of Public Meeting Orillia 1, 2 and 3







Andria Leigh, Director, Development Services Township of Oro-Medonte 148 Line 7S., Box 100 Oro, ON LOL 2X0

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Yours truly,

Noel Boucher, BSc

Environmental Coordinator

nb:srg

Attachment - Notice of a Proposal/Notice of Public Meeting Orillia 1, 2 and 3





Minutes of Meeting

March 2, 2011

RE Orillia 2 ULC RE Orillia 2 Solar Project

Distribution

Those present +

David Brochu, RE Orillia 2 ULC

Meeting with Township of Oro-Medonte

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2011

LOCATION: Oro-Medonte Municipal Office, Oro, Ontario

PRESENT: Andria Leigh (AL), Township

Glenn White (GW), Township Doug Irwin (DI), Township Jerry Ball (JB), Township Shawn Binns (SB), Township Richard Playfair (RP), Township Donna Hewitt (DH), Township Bob Leah (BL), RE Orillia 2 ULC Sean Caffyn (SC), RE Orillia 2 ULC

Noel Boucher (NB), Hatch

PURPOSE: To Discuss REA Reports and Municipal Consultation Form

1. Introduction

- BL thanked Township Staff for hosting and attending the meeting and indicated that the purpose
 was to discuss the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Reports and address any questions the
 Township may have to facilitate completion of the Municipal Consultation Form (MCF).
- AL discussed the internal Township process that will be followed for completion of the MCF.
 Township staff will complete the MCF and present a draft copy to Council. It is anticipated that this will occur at either the March 9 or 23 Council meetings.

2. Questions/Comments from Glenn White (Manager of Planning Services)

- GW asked how the sites were selected. BL described the selection criteria.
- GW asked how much topsoil stripping would be done during construction. BL indicated that
 topsoil would be stripped from transformer/inverter locations and access roads and that overall, it
 would be <5% of the site. Topsoil stripping may also be required in some areas that require

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grading to level the land. Topsoil would be stripped, stockpiled and replaced following grading. This would be on up to 12% of the property.

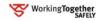
- GW indicated that the Chief Building Official had inquired about the type of foundations that
 would be installed. BL indicated that it would most likely be straight pile or sheet pile, but that
 screw piles or concrete sleeves may be utilized.
- GW asked about the lighting and security systems that would be installed. BL indicated that there would be lighting for maintenance purposes at the substation and possibly motion sensing lights at the inverters. SC indicated that inward-facing security cameras may also be installed. SC indicated that barbed wire on the perimeter fencing as an option.
- GW asked about the panel cleaning requirements. BL described the anticipated cleaning
 requirements and other maintenance requirements including grass cutting. SC indicated that
 maintaining the landscaping along the Line 13 N frontage would also be conducted throughout
 the life of the project.

3. Questions/Comments from Andria Leigh (Director, Development Services)

AL inquired about visual screening. BL indicated that visual screening was proposed and that the
conceptual plan was presented at the Final Public Meeting. NB indicated he would send the
conceptual landscaping information to AL and that it would be included in the final version of
the Design and Operation Report. (Post-Meeting Note: NB provided the conceptual landscaping
plan information from the Final Public Meeting to AL on February 23, 2011.)

4. Questions/Comments from Richard Playfair (Director of Fire & Emergency Services)

- RP provided the following list of information requirements and comments that will be necessary to address
 - Size of substation?
 - Are any buildings occupied and will emergency lighting, exits and extinguishers be provided?
 - Will there be a main power disconnect, what training will be required and who will the training be provided?
 - Fire department should have their own key for the gate in a lock box
 - The access road for the facility should be appropriate sized to facilitate emergency vehicle
 access. SC asked for information on road sizing requirements. JB indicated that access roads
 would need to be more than 11' wide.
 - What precautionary measures would be necessary for EMS personnel on the site?
 - Would there be provision for sector shutdowns or a single master site shutdown?

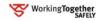




- Will there be remote shutdown capability?
- There will have to be precautionary signage around the facility including contact names and numbers in the event of an emergency.
- The Township will require a detailed Emergency Response Plan
- False alarms would be subject to levies, per requirements for other commercial establishments
- Two gates should be provided so that there is an in gate and an out gate, such that emergency vehicles do not have to back up at any point to exit the facility.
- Training for EMS personnel should be ongoing and this should be specified in the Emergency Response Plan.
- EMS may require that access roads on the existing Site Plan Layout be extended further around the perimeter of the facility to allow access to all areas of the project.
- Appropriate extinguishers would be necessary at the substation.
- The access roads would need to be constructed to handle heavy emergency vehicles.
- BL and SC indicated that there will need to be open communication with the Township to
 ensure that all these requirements are met during the detailed design process. AL concurred and
 that these requirements should be addressed/confirmed as soon as possible.
- RP asked if the there is potential for inverters to catch on fire.
- RP asked if the access roads will be maintained during the winter. BL indicated that there will likely be a contract in place with a snow removal company on an as-required basis.

5. Questions/Comments from Jerry Ball (Director, Transportation and Environmental Services)

- JB inquired about the number of trucks anticipated during construction. BL indicated that approximately 1500 trucks are anticipated over the 8-month construction period. SC indicated that they would comply with any half-load restrictions. BL confirmed that they expect that they will be required to fix any road damage as a result of use during construction.
- JB asked if drainage plans have been developed for the site. BL indicated that it is expected that existing drainage patterns and rates will be maintained.
- JB asked if Hydro-One had to install a new transmission line for the project. SC indicated that they would have to install a new 3-phase line to the site from Bass Lake Side Road.
- JB asked about traffic management plans. BL confirmed that a traffic management plan would be prepared for the Township. BL requested input from the Township on suitable haul routes.





6. Questions/Comments from Donna Hewitt (Director, Corporate and Strategic Initiatives)

- DH asked if there was any intent to source construction materials locally? BL described the 60% Ontario content requirements and indicated they would be contacting local union halls and would hope to staff locally. DH indicated that utilization of union labour may preclude a significant number of local companies. DH indicated that the Township could provide contacts for local construction industries.
- DH indicated that there is lots of raw materials in the area that could be used for construction (e.g., gravel and aggregate).
- DH asked about what happens if the site is abandoned. BL described the decommissioning process and indicated that the value of the contract and the materials on the site is significant and it is unlikely that it would be left in place.

7. Questions/Comments from Doug Irwin (Director, Corporate Services/Clerk)

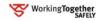
- DH indicated that the legal property description should be reviewed.
- DH asked if the fire department would require a hook-up on the Project well. RP indicated they likely would.

8. Questions/Comments from Shawn Binns (Director, Recreation and Community Services)

- SB asked who the contact person would be post-construction. BL indicated that it would be the Toronto office.
- SB indicated that the Township would like to enter into dialog with RE Orillia 2 ULC regarding potential partnership opportunities for projects in the Township.

9. Permit and Approval Requirements

- BL asked for confirmation on permitting and approval requirements from the Township.
- JB indicated that Entrance Permits (\$50 fee) and Wide Load Permits (\$20 fee) would be required.
- AL indicated that Building Permits would be required, but likely only for the substation and
 inverters. AL indicated that the cost of the permit would be related to the construction value of
 the building.
- AL indicated that Development Charges may be in effect as of July 1, 2011.
- AL agreed to provide information regarding permit requirements and costs to NB.





10. Municipal Consultation Form

• AL indicated that the Township would proceed to fill out the MCF for Council's review and if any questions came up, they would contact NB.

Noel Boucher

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Attachment(s)/Enclosure





May 12, 2011

Doug Irwin, Director, Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Oro-Medonte 148 Line 7 South Oro, ON LOL 2X0

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Minutes of Meeting

March 10, 2010

Recurrent Energy Inc.
Renewable Energy Approvals Recurrent Energy Solar Projects

DISTRIBUTION

Those present +
David Brochu, Recurrent Energy
Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy
Kimberley Arnold, Hatch

Project Kick-off Meeting with Simcoe County

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2010

LOCATION: Simcoe County Office, Midhurst, Ontario

PRESENT: Bryan MacKell (BM), Simcoe County (SC)

Bruce Hoppe (BH), SC Graeme Davis (GD) SC Sean Caffyn (SC)

Recurrent Energy (Recurrent) Noel Boucher (NB), Hatch

PURPOSE: To introduce Recurrent Energy and their

ten proposed projects within Simcoe County

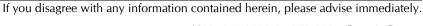
ITEM ACTION BY

1. Agenda

- SC opened the meeting by discussing the agenda and addressing the purpose:
 - to introduce Recurrent and Hatch, and the proposed Project to the County
 - to discuss Renewable Energy Approval Process REA) and municipal involvement

WorkingTogether

- to discuss potential issues/concerns associated with each Project
- to discuss municipal review process.





2. Introduction to Recurrent Energy and Hatch

- SC provided background information on Recurrent Energy.
- NB provided background information on Hatch and their role in this project.

3. Renewable Energy Approvals Process and Municipal Consultation

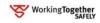
- NB briefly described the REA process, including the preliminary activities currently being undertaken and the process steps that will occur once RE is awarded Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts.
- NB provided the Municipal Consultation Forms (which were previously emailed to Simcoe County) and indicated that the Municipality would receive supporting documentation at a later date in order to fill out the forms.
- BM indicated that the County does not have specific policies for specific lands and that the County's input to the Municipal Consultation Forms would likely be limited, with the lower tier Municipalities having more involvement.
- BH suggested that the County may meet with the lower tier municipalities when it comes time to fill out the Municipal Consultation Forms to ensure coordinated input.

4. Project Descriptions

- SC provided a description of the general arrangement of a typical solar project.
- SC described the leasing arrangements, site selection process and due diligence Recurrent undertook to obtain the rights to develop the proposed properties.
- BH indicated that the names of the proposed projects (i.e., based on the transformer station they would tie into) may create some confusion and there may be political sensitivities. BH suggested that Recurrent should consider changing the project names to be more reflective of their actual locations.

Recurrent

Discussion on each individual project ensued, as per following sections.





4.1 RE Orillia 1, 2 and 3

 BH noted that the Orillia/Oro-Medonte municipal border was in the wrong location on the Environmental Constraints map. Hatch to revise accordingly.

Hatch (NB)

- SC indicated that the hedgerow on the property would likely require clearing (see Section 6 for discussion on tree clearing considerations).
- BM indicated that there were no County roads in this area and that the proposed transmission line should not cause any concerns.
- BM asked if Recurrent selected project locations to be close together on purpose. SC indicated that having sites in close proximity helps to minimize transmission line requirements.

4.2 RE Midhurst 3 and 4

- NB indicated that these two sites were located in close proximity to each other.
- SC noted that the presence of Agricultural Class 1 and 2 lands on RE Midhurst 4 limited the actual area available for development.
- It was noted that there are no County roads in proximity to projects.
- BH asked what would be done with the Class 1 and 2 lands where development could not occur. SC indicated that would have to be determined in consultation with the landowner.

4.3 RE Midhurst 2

- SC indicated that a portion of the land on this site was Class 2 and would therefore not be available for use. SC indicated that some tree clearing is being considered at the east end of the property to increase the area available for development (see discussion regarding tree clearing in Section 6).
- BH advised that there were no County roads in proximity to project.

4.4 RE Midhurst 6

- BH noted that the Environmental Constraints Analysis map was missing street
 Hatch (NB)
- BH advised that there were no County roads in proximity to project.





4.5 **RE** Waubaushene 3, 4 & 5

 BH indicated that the proposed RE Waubaushene 3 site is located in proximity to County Forests. NB to review Official Plan Schedules mapping for additional information.

Hatch (NB)

BH indicated that Upper Big Chute Road, in the vicinity of RE
Waubaushene 5 is a County Road but felt this should not be a concern for the
proposed development since it is unlikely that an entrance would be required
to the site from this road.

5. Additional Questions/Comments

The following provides a summary of additional discussion topics:

- BM asked about setback requirements from adjacent residents. SC indicated
 that there are no setback requirements from residences, but that a noise study
 is required to ensure that the transformers/inverters meet MOE noise emission
 requirements.
- BH asked about cleaning requirements and potential impacts due to dust. SC indicated that panels would likely be cleaned with water several times per year.
- BM asked about the tax considerations of the potential developments. SC indicated that this issue was not clear at the present time and that Recurrent would look into this issue more.

Recurrent

BH noted that lower tier municipalities may be concerned about issues such
as taxation and potential environmental effects. SC indicated that Recurrent
wants to accommodate the Townships, if possible and that they will ensure
that sufficient information to answer Township questions will be provided in
future project documentation and at consultation opportunities.



6. Tree Cutting Considerations

- BH noted that Simcoe County had an extensive network of County forests.
- GD indicated that Simcoe County does have a tree cutting by-law.
- GD indicated that cutting of hedgerows would not likely be an issue since the by-law is primarily concerned with clearing of woodlands. Scrub trees may not qualify as woodland either depending on size and density.
- GD indicated that if a building permit is in place from a lower tier municipality, then the County tree cutting By-Law would not apply to the proposed projects.

Noel Boucher



McRae, Elizabeth

From: Vukovics, Kathleen

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:32 PM

To: 334680

Subject: Recurrent Energy - Proposed Solar Energy Projects: Township of Oro-Medonte Attachments: Orillia_1_2_3_One Page Handout.pdf; Recurrent NOAP_RE Orillia_1_2_3.pdf

As you may be aware, Recurrent Energy is proposing to construct three solar energy projects within the Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County. We are providing you this information in advance of it being published to help prepare you for any phone calls that you may receive from your constituents.

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As per Section 17 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, draft Project Description Reports and further information about these projects and about Recurrent Energy can be found online at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca.

Any comments or questions regarding the proposed should be directed to:

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(Sent on behalf of Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator, Hatch Ltd.)

Thank you,

Kathleen Vukovics

Environmental Scientist / Environmental Assessment & Management



Tel: +1 905 374 0701 ext. 5313

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4342 Queen Street, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada L2E 7J7





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Renewable Energy Approval Consultation Form: municipalities, local authorities ss. 18(2) Ontario Regulation 359/09

Ce formulaire est disponible en français

Ministry of the Environment

PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE SUBMITTING TO MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITY

			Section 1 - Pr	roject Description			
	1.1 - Renewable En	nergy Project					
	Project Name (Proje RE Orillia 3 S	ect identifier to be used as Solar Project	s a reference in corre	espondence)			
	Project Location						
	Same as Applicant Phys	rsical Address? Yes	No (If no, plea	ase provide site address informat	tion below)		
	Civic Address- Street in	nformation (includes street num	nber, name, type and dir	<u>rection)</u>		Unit Identi	ifier (i.e. apartment number)
	1683 Line 13 N	North, Hawkestone					
	Survey Address (Not required if Street Information is provided) Lot and Conc.: used to indicate location within a subdivided township and consists of a lot number and a concession Lot Conc. Part and Reference: used to indicate location within unorganized territory, and consists of a part and a reference plan number indicating the location within that plan. Attach copy of the plan. number. Reference Plan						
Location Information (includes any additional information to clarify physical location)(e.g. municipality, ward/ township) Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County							
	<u> </u>	. southwest corner of property)					
	Map Datum	<u>Zone</u>	Accuracy Estimate	Geo Referencing Method	<u>UTM Ea</u>	sting	<u>UTM Northing</u>
	Construction – Consubstructures for arrafacility to the connect 10 months	rays, construction of concre ection point, and site restor	laydown area preparete pad for transform ration of disturbed an	oning activities) ration, installation of undergoner station and inverter, erectives. Fencing and security large occasional cleaning with	ction of a 4 lighting to k	4 kV distribut be installed. (tion connection from the Construction duration 6 t

1.2 - Environmental Context

areas, after 30 years of service

Describe any negative environmental effects that may result from engaging in the project (consider construction, operation and decommissioning activities.)

Environmental effects that may occur from this project include, but are not limited to:

- erosion and sedimentation into adjacent watercourses and natural areas

Decommissioning – removal of all project infrastructure and site restoration of disturbed

- removal of some natural vegetation and tree species
- disturbance of local wildlife and some loss of habitat
- noise emissions from transformers

produced. Estimated COD February 2012

Propose early avoidance/prevention/mitigation concepts and measures.

- Standard sediment/erosion control measures will be used on site
- Impacts to areas of natural vegetation will be minimized where possible
- No construction to occur within at least 30 m of the high water mark of a water body, including a groundwater discharge zone
- A spill clean-up procedure/emergency response plan will be developed for the site by the construction contractor
- Noise studies carried out in order to ensure no impact on receptors; noise barriers will be installed

1.3 - Renewable Energy Generation Facility							
Type of Facility / Operation (select all that apply & complete all appropriate sections)							
Wind Fa	Wind Facility (Land Based) Wind Facility (Off-Shore) Biogas Facility (Anaerobic Digesters)] 🗆	Biofuel Facility			
☐ Wind Fa			X	Solar Photo Voltaic Facility			
Biogas				Other Describe :			
Biomas	Biomass Facility (Thermal Treatment)			Class (if applicable): 3			
Name Plate Capacity Expected Generation			Service Area	Total Area of Site (hectares)			
6.5 MW 9,220,259 kWh in first ye		ear	Orillia Transformer Station	15			
Provide a description of the facilities equipment or technology that will be used to convert the renewable energy source or any other energy source to electricity.							
Solar photovoltaic panels will be installed on the site to convert solar energy into electricity. The exact panels to be used remain to be determined. DC electricity generated from the PV panels is converted in AC electricity by an inverter. The inverter steps up electricity to distribution level							

1.4 - Renewable Energy Generation Activities

voltages by a series of transformers

Describe the activities that will be engaged in as part of the renewable energy project

The facility will operate 365 days per year, when sufficient solar radiation exists to generate electricity. Typical electricity generation begins shortly after sunrise and stops shortly before sunset. Operation is remotely monitored. The facility requires periodic visits for maintenance during the operation phase, such as checking and replacing worn parts, checking electrical connections and cleaning panels.

Section 2 - Supporting Documents

7.4		Date available to Municipal or Local Authority Contact	
2.1 - Requirement	Name of Draft documents distributed for consultation	or Escal Additionty Solitact	
DRAFT Project Description Report	Draft Project Description Report	March 2, 2010	
DRAFT Design and Operations Report	Draft Design and Operations Report	May 13, 2011	
DRAFT Construction Plan Report	Draft Construction Plan Report	May 13, 2011	
DRAFT Decommissioning Plan Report	Draft Decommissioning Plan Report	May 13, 2011	
List of other Documents	Draft Natural Heritage Assessment	May 13, 2011	
	Draft Water Body Assessment	May 13, 2011	
	Draft Executive Summary	May 13, 2011	
	Draft Noise Assessment Study	May 13, 2011	
	Draft Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment Report	May 13, 2011	

Location where written draft reports can be obtained for public inspection (physical location for viewing and the applicants project website if one is available):

A copy of the reports will be made available on the applicant's website (www.ontariosolarfuture.ca). Copies will be made available for public inspection at the municipal office. A hard copy of the reports will also be provided to the municipality for review.

Section 3 - Applicant Address and Contact Information

	ation (Owner of project/facilit	• •					
Applicant Name (legal name RE Orillia 3 ULC	e of individual or organization as e	videnced by legal documents)			E	Business Identification Number	
RE Offina 3 OLC						1809991	
Business Name (the name under which the entity is operating or trading - also referred to as trade name) Same as Applicant Name						Applicant Name	
Civic Address- Street information (includes street number, name, type and direction) Unit Identifier (i.e. aparti					entifier (i.e. apartment number)		
c/o Recurrent Energy LLC, 300 California St., 8 th Fl.							
Survey Address (Not required if Street Information is provided)							
Lot and Conc.:		Part and Reference:					
used to indicate location with consists of a lot number and	•	used to indicate location within an unsubdivided township or unsurveyed territory, and consists of a and part and a reference plan number indicating the location within that plan. Attach copy of the plan.					
Lot Conc. Part .			Reference Plan				
Municipality	County/District	Province/State Country			Postal Code		
San Francisco			California	United Sta	ates	94104	

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITY

Section 4 - Municipal or Local Authority Contact Information (check the one that applies)

Local Municipality (inc	lude each local municipality in	which project location is si		. Tes	s. No	
Name of	Address	Phone	Clerk's Name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address	
Municipality						
				<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	ty (include each upper tier mu			☐ Yes	. —	
Name of	Address	Phone	Clerk's name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address	
Municipality	1110 Highway 26	(705) 726-9300	Brenda Clark		brenda.clark@simcoe.ca	
County of Simcoe	Midhurst, ON L0L	IXU				
Local roads area (incl	ude each local roads area in w	high project leastion is situ	l atod)	Yes	No No	
Name of local	Address	Phone	Secretary-treasurer's	Secretary-treasurer's	E-Mail Address	
roads board	Addiess	THORE	Name	Phone/Fax	L-Iviali Address	
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Board Area (include ea	ch board area in which project	location is situated)		☐ Yes	No No	
Name of Local	Address	Phone	Secretary's name	Secretary's	E-Mail Address	
Service Board				Phone/Fax		
	_					
	8	Section 5: Consultati	on Requirement			
5.1 - Project Location	n					
	the project location with re	enect to infrastructure	and servicing			
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5.2 - Project Roads						
	the proposed project's plai	ns respecting proposed	l road access.			
Provide comment on the proposed project's plans respecting proposed road access.						
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to road access						
Provide comment on	any proposed Traffic Man	agement Plans				
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5.3 - Municipal or Local authority Service Connections
Provide comment on the proposed project plans related to the location of and type of municipal service connections, other than roads.
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the type of municipal service connections, other than roads.
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5.4 - Facility Other Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
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Provide comment on the proposed project plans for emergency management procedures / safety protocols.
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Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to any Easements or Restrictive Covenants associated with the Project Location
5.5 Project Construction
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed rehabilitation of any temporary disturbance areas and any municipal
or local authority infrastructure that could be damaged during construction.
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of fire hydrants and connections to existing
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Provide comment on the proposed project plans with respect to Building Code permits and licenses.
Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification of any significant natural features and water bodies within the municipality or territory.
The DRAFT Natural Heritage Site Investigations, Natural Heritage Records Review, Natural Heritage Environmental Impact Study, and Natural Heritage Evaluation of Significance Reports identified a forested area on the subject properties. It is not clear however if any clearing of the woodlots is required and if so how much. Therefore, if clearing is required you should be made aware the County of Simcoe's Forest Conservation By-law 5635 to promote Sustainable Forest Management Practices is applicable to the Renewable Energy Approval process if the subject properties meet the By-law's "woodlands" criteria.
a) 1000 trees per hectare (400 per acre) of any diameter at DBH; or _b) 750 trees per hectare (300 per acre) measuring over 5 centimetres (2 inches) in diameter at DBH; or _b) 750 trees per hectare (300 per acre) measuring over 5 centimetres (2 inches) in diameter at DBH; or
c) 500 trees per hectare (200 per acre) measuring over 12 centimetres (5 inches) in diameter at DBH; or d) 250 trees per hectare (100 per acre) measuring over 20 centimetres (12 inches) in diameter at DBH but does not include a cultivated fruit or nut orchard, or a plantation established for the purpose of producing Christmas trees unless said
plantation has not been managed for its intended purpose for a period of 15 years or more.
[DBH = means the diameter of the stem or trunk of a tree measured at a point that is 1.37 metres (54 inches) above the ground].
A link to the County's Forest Conservation By-law is attached for your information. http://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/cf/bylaw/index.htm
In addition, a provincially significant wetland has also been identified on the subject property, that is worthy of protection as a part of a larger natural heritage feature.
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Appendix H List of Aboriginal Communities From MOE

Ministry of the Environment

Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch

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June 23, 2010

MOE File #: CR-10-SF-0030

Mr. Sheldon Kimber Recurrent Energy 300 California Street, 8th Floor San Francisco, CA, 94104

Dear Mr. Kimber:

RE: Director's Aboriginal Communities List - Orillia Solar Projects Sites 1, 2 & 3

The Ontario Ministry of Environment has reveiwed the information provided in the draft of the Project Description Report (PDR) received for the Orillia Solar Projects Sites 1, 2 & 3. We have reviewed the anticipated negative environmental effects of the project (as described in the PDR) relative to our current understanding of the interests of aboriginal communities in the area.

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

i) have or may have constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project; or

ii) otherwise may be interested in any negative environmental effects of the project. (O. Reg 359/09 s14(b)(i) and (ii))

Aboriginal Community

Common Name:

Reserve Name:

Contact Information:

Chippewas of Mniikaning First Nation

Chippewas of Rama

Mniikaning First Nation 32

5884 Rama Road, Suite 200

Rama ON LOK 1T0

Phone (705) 325-3611

Fax (705) 325-0879

Chippewas of Georgina Island

Chippewas of Georgina Islands First Nation

RR 2, PO BOX 13

Sutton West ON L0E 1R0

Phone (705) 437-1337

Fax (705) 437-4597

Beausoleil

Chippewas of Christian Island

Christian Island 30

General Delivery

Cedar Point ON L0K 1C0

Phone (705) 247-2051

Fax (705) 247-2239

Kawartha Nishnawbe

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

PO Box 1432

Lakefield ON K0L 2H0

Georgian Bay Métis Council

355 Cranston Crescent,

PO Box 4

Midland ON L4R 4K6

Phone (705) 526-6335

Fax (705) 526-7537

Métis Nation of Ontario

Consultation Unit

500 Old St. Patrick St, Unit 3

Ottawa ON K1N 9G4

None of the foregoing should be taken to imply approval of this project or the contents of the draft of the *Project Description Report*. This response only addresses the requirement of the Director to provide a list of aboriginal commuities to you as required in s. 14 of *O. Reg. 359/09*. You should also be aware that information upon which the above comments are based is subject to change. Aborginal communities can make assertions at any time, and other developments, for example the discovery of Aboriginal archaeological resources, can occur that might require additional communities to be notified. Should this happen, the ministry will contact you. Similarly, if you recieve any feedback from any aboriginal communities not included in this list as part of your public consultation, we would appreciate being notified.

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

Sincerely,

Doris Dumais Director

Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch

Ministry of Environment

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



Appendix I List of Aboriginal Communities From Hatch

Chief Rodney Monague Jr and Council

Beausoleil First Nation

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L0K 1C0

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Wasauksing First Nation

PO BOX 250 Parry Sound , On P2A 2X4

Chief Ralph Akiwenzie and Council Chippewas of Nawash First Nation RR #5 Wiarton, ON N02H 2T0

Chief Keith Knott and Council

Curve Lake First Nation

General Delivery Curve Lake, On K0L 1R0

Chief M. Bryan LaForme and Council Mississaugas of the Credit RR 6 Hagarsville , On NOA 1H0 Chief Blaine Commandant and Council Wahta Mohawk First Nation

PO BOX 260 Bala , On POC 1A0

Chief Donna Big Canoe and Council Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation RR 2, PO BOX 13 Sutton West , On L0E 1R0

Chief Dan Pawis and Council Shawanaga First Nation RR 1 Nobel , On P0G 1G0

Chief Tracy Gauthier and Council Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation 22521 Island Rd Port Perry , On L9L 1B6

Chief James (JimBob) Marsden and Council Alderville First Nation PO BOX 46

Roseneath, On K0K 2X0

Chief Laurie Carr and Council Hiawatha First Nation 123 Paudash Street Hiawatha , On K0L 2G0



Appendix J Letters to Aboriginal Communities





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Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation Virginia Beach Marina Gas Bar 7751 Black River Road Sutton West, ON LOE 1R0

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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation 22521 Island Road Port Perry, ON L9L 1B6

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Alderville First Nation 11696 2nd Line Road Roseneath, ON K0K 2X0

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Hiawatha First Nation 123 Paudash Street Hiawatha, ON KOL 2G0

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Wausaksing First Nation 13 Bowes Street Parry Sound, ON P2A 2K7

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Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation RR 5, 33 Maadookii Crescent Wiarton, ON NOH 2T0

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Curve Lake First Nation 22 Winookeedaa Road Curve Lake, ON KOL 1RO

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Appendix K Subsequent Correspondence with Aboriginal Communities

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A Proud Progressive First Nation Community

May 24, 2011

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

Attention: Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator

Re: Notice of Final Public Meeting and REA Supporting Documents for Review: Orillia 1 and 3 Solar Projects

Dear Mr. Boucher:

Rama First Nation acknowledges receipt of your letters of May 11, 2011, which were received on May 17, 2011.

Please be advised that at this time Rama First Nation has no concerns with this project. However, please continue to provide further information to Rama First Nation in regards to this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Chief Sharon Stinson Henry

c: Council, Rama First Nation Jeff Hewitt, General Counsel

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CURVE LAKE, ONTARIO KOL 1R0

July 6th, 2011

Noel Boucher 4342 Queen Street, Suite 500 Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 7J7

Dear Noel Boucher,

RE: Notice of Final Public Meeting: Orillia 2 and Orillia 3 Solar Projects

We would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 5/11/2011 regarding the above noted project.

As you may be aware, the area in which your project is proposed is situated within the Traditional Territory of Curve Lake First Nation. Our First Nation's Territory is incorporated within the Williams Treaty Territory and is the subject of a claim under Canada's Specific Claims Policy. We strongly suggest that you provide Karry Sandy-Mackenzie, Williams Treaty First Nation Claims Coordinator, 8 Creswick Court, Barrie, ON L4M 2S7, with a copy of your proposal as your obligation to consult to also extend to the other First Nations of the Williams Treaty.

Although we have not conducted exhaustive research nor have we the resources to do so, Curve Lake First Nation Council is not currently aware of any issues that would cause concern with respect to our Traditional, Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

Please note that we have particular concern for the remains of our ancestors. Should excavation unearth bones, remains or other such evidence of a native burial site or any Archaeological findings, we must be notified without delay. In the case of a burial site, Council reminds you of your obligations under the *Cemeteries Act* to notify the nearest First Nation Government or other community of Aboriginal people which is willing to act as a representative and whose members have a close cultural affinity to the interred person. As I am sure you are aware, the regulations further state that the representative is needed before the remains and associated artifacts can be removed. Should such a find occur, we request that you contact our First Nation immediately.

If any new, undisclosed or unforeseen issues should arise, that has potential for anticipated negative environmental impacts or anticipated impacts on our Treaty and Aboriginal rights we require that we be notified regarding these as well.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of consultation and respecting your duty to consult obligations as determined by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely.

Chief Keith Knott

Curve Lake First Nation

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June 16, 2010

Hatch Ltd. Suite 500-342 Queen Street Niagara Falls, ON L2E 7J7

Attention: Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator

Re: Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting Recurrent Energy—Solar Project Orillia 1, 2, 3 and Waubaushene 3

Dear Mr. Boucher:

Rama First Nation acknowledges receipt of your letters of May 27, 2010, which were received on May 31, 2010.

Please continue to provide further information to Rama First Nation in regards to this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Chief Sharon Stinson Henry

c: Council, Rama First Nation

Jeff Hewitt, General Counsel

Rick Morano, CFO

Rob Furlonger, Manager Retail Division

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McRae, Elizabeth

From: Vukovics, Kathleen

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:59 AM

To: 334680

Subject: FW: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects: REA Document Review

Kathleen Vukovics

Environmental Scientist / Environmental Assessment & Management Tel: +1 905 374 0701 Ext. 5343

Niagara Falls

From: Denise Graham [mailto:dgraham@chimnissing.ca]

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:58 AM

To: Vukovics, Kathleen

Subject: RE: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects: REA Document Review

Good morning Kathleen:

I will forward your e-mail to the Chief as well as one of our Councillors who generally responds to such documents and submits the political position of our First Nation. At this time, I will mention that my Chief and Council have been extremely busy with various meetings and commitments that have and may not have had time to review the documents you provided. However, I will inquire on your behalf and they can either respond directly to you or back to me, at which time I will let you know.

Thank you for your patience.

../Denise Graham

From: Vukovics, Kathleen [mailto:KVukovics@hatch.ca]

Sent: July 8, 2011 10:06 AM

To: Denise Graham

Cc: 334680

Subject: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects: REA Document Review

Hi Denise.

To follow-up on our correspondence in June, would you please confirm whether your community is in receipt of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Documents for the RE Midhurst 3 and RE Midhurst 4 ULC Solar Projects sent on May 11, 2011? When we spoke last you had indicated that you were unsure as to whether the Chief had had an opportunity to review these documents.

On May 17 and May 20, 2011 Hatch had also sent the REA Documents for the RE Waubaushene 3 ULC Project, as well as the RE Orillia 1 ULC and RE Orillia 3 ULC Projects, respectively. Would you also confirm whether these documents have been received?

Please indicate whether your community has any question or comments, and either Hatch or Recurrent Energy would be please to respond. In addition, would you please indicate whether your community will be preparing a written response to your review of these documents.

Respectfully,

Kathleen

Kathleen Vukovics

Environmental Scientist / Environmental Assessment & Management Tel: +1 905 374 0701 Ext. 5343 Niagara Falls

From: Vukovics, Kathleen

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 10:17 AM

To: 'dgraham@chimnissing.ca'

Cc: 334680

Subject: RE Midhurst 3 ULC and RE Midhurst 4 ULC Solar Projects

Hi Denise,

Please find attached a copy of the May 11, 2011 Notice of Final Public Meeting which was accompanied by several reports for review. Please confirm whether you have received these documents, and let me know whether you have any questions regarding the information therein.

In addition, please confirm whether your community is planning to submit a written response.

Thanks very much,

Kathleen

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From: Janice Taylor [mailto:jtaylor@georginaisland.com]

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:58 AM

To: Vukovics, Kathleen

Subject: RE: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects: REA Document Review

We are in receipt of the document.

From: Vukovics, Kathleen [mailto:KVukovics@hatch.ca]

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:32 AM **To:** <u>itaylor@georginaisland.com</u>

Cc: 334680

Subject: Recurrent Energy Solar Projects: REA Document Review

Hi Janice,

To follow-up on our correspondence in June, would you please confirm whether your community is in receipt of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Documents for the RE Midhurst 3 and RE Midhurst 4 ULC Solar Projects sent on May 11, 2011.

On May 17 and May 20, 2011 Hatch had also sent the REA Documents for the RE Waubaushene 3 ULC Project, as well as the RE Orillia 1 ULC and RE Orillia 3 ULC Projects, respectively. Would you also confirm whether these documents have been received.

Please indicate whether your community has any question or comments, and either Hatch or Recurrent Energy would be please to respond. In addition, would you please indicate whether your community will be preparing a written response to your review of these documents.

Respectfully,

Kathleen

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From: Vukovics, Kathleen

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 10:51 AM

To: 'jtaylor@georginaisland.com'

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Subject: RE Midhurst 3 ULC and RE Midhurst 4 ULC Solar Projects

Hi Janice,

Please find attached a copy of the May 11, 2011 Notice of Final Public Meeting which was accompanied by a notice and several reports for review. Please confirm whether you have received these documents, and let me know whether you have any questions regarding the information therein.

In addition, please confirm whether your community is planning to submit a written response.

Thanks very much,

Kathleen

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