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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Description

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to develop and operate a 6.5-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (Solar PV) facility, 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”.

1.2 Legislative Requirement

Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 359/09 – *Renewable Energy Approvals Under Part V.0.1 of the Act*, (herein referred to as the REA Regulation) made under the *Environmental Protection Act* identifies the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) requirements for renewable energy projects in Ontario. As per Section 4 of the REA Regulation, ground-mounted solar facilities with a nameplate capacity greater than 12 kilowatts (kW) are classified as Class 3 solar facilities and do require a REA.

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) issued a REA for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (No. 9070-8TRQM4) on May 29, 2012.

Since receipt of the REA, RE Orillia 3 ULC has commenced a detailed review of the Site Plan and associated engineering and determined that several changes to the Project are required to ensure that the site layout maximizes the amount of energy generated by the proposed facility in an efficient manner. These changes include the addition of 23 ha of new lands adjacent to the existing Project location. The addition of new lands has resulted in a revised Project location and Site Plan. These proposed changes require an amendment to the existing REA.

Pursuant to Part IV.1 Section 32.3 (1) of O. Reg. 359/09, additional Aboriginal, public and agency consultation is required when Significant Amendments to the REA are proposed. This Consultation Report Addendum summarizes the consultation undertaken in support of the proposed Project changes.

All additional consultation undertakings and the Consultation Report Addendum are in accordance with Sections 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the REA Regulation and amendments of O. Reg. 521. Also, the recommendations outlined in the “*Technical Bulletin Five – Guidance for Preparing the Consultation Report*” (MOE, 2010) were followed. As well, the “*Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approval*” (MOE, 2011a) and “*Draft Aboriginal Consultation Guide for preparing a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application*” (MOE, 2011b) provided additional information and guidance on the consultation process.

1.3 Additional Consultation Process

Additional consultation for the proposed Project changes has been conducted with adjacent landowners, government agencies [e.g., MOE, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)], the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), local municipalities (upper and lower tier; County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte), Aboriginal communities, and the public. The objectives of the additional consultation process have been to obtain information about the revised Project location, identify issues and potential concerns regarding the proposed Project changes, and to identify potential impacts associated with the proposed Project changes.

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 addendum report sections provide

- an outline and description of all additional consultation activities for the public, government agencies, 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, where applicable.

2. Consultation with the Public

2.1 Stakeholders

The stakeholder mailing list used for distribution of consultation materials was developed throughout the consultation undertaken in support of the original REA Application and included all landowners within 1 km of the Project location, as well as any members of the public who signed in at public information centres or corresponded with RE Orillia 3 ULC or Hatch during the REA process. A total of 99 interested parties are included in the mailing list. The stakeholder mailing list is provided in Appendix A.

2.2 Methods of Consultation with the Public

Consultation methods included the following:

- Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting
 - ♦ Direct mail regarding the Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting was sent to all members of the stakeholder mailing list. A total of 99 letters were mailed to public members on October 2, 2012, in advance of the Public Meeting. A copy of these letters and the Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting are provided in Appendix B.
 - ♦ Postings on Friday, October 5, 2012 and Friday, October 12, 2012, in the *Orillia Packet and Times* which has a general circulation in the Project area. Tear sheets from these postings are included in Appendix B.
- A website (www.ontariosolarfuture.ca) with Project and proponent information, Notices and new/amended Project documents posted when available.
- Hard copies of all new/amended REA Project documents prepared in support of the proposed Project changes available for review at the Township of Oro-Medonte office:
 - ♦ Notice of Public Meeting
 - ♦ Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments
 - ♦ Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) – Amendment Report
 - ♦ Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment – Additional Lands
 - ♦ Heritage Assessment Report
 - ♦ Noise Assessment Study.

- The Public Meeting in support of the proposed Project changes was held on Monday, November 5, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 877 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, Ontario. Display boards regarding the Project were presented (Appendix C). The purpose was to
 - ♦ provide the community with detailed information about the proposed Project changes
 - ♦ answer any questions about the Project
 - ♦ obtain any comments or concerns with respect to the Project.
- Means to obtain comments on the Project by having comment sheets available at the Public Meeting and advertisement of phone numbers, fax and emails for the public to make comments.
- All the new/amended Draft REA Project documents, and original REA application supporting documents available for review at the Public Meeting.
- Handouts of printed copies of display boards available at the public meetings.

During the consultation activities, all stakeholders were encouraged to provide comments or questions via telephone, fax, email or mail at any time during the consultation 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.

2.3 Results of Consultation: Public Comments and Concerns

Through these methods of consultation with the public, information, questions, comments, feedback and concerns regarding the Project changes were obtained and then utilized and addressed. All public comments and concerns, responses, and the impact to the Project are provided in the following sections and summarized in Table 2.1.

2.3.1 *Public Communication at the Amendment Public Meeting*

There were nine attendees at the November 5, 2012, Public Meeting (see completed sign-in sheet in Appendix D). No comment sheets were completed and provided back to any Project representative (the comment sheet that was distributed at the meeting is provided in Appendix D).

During the public meeting, questions were answered by representatives from the Proponent and Hatch. Verbal comments made by attendees at the meeting as well as the response from RE Orillia 3 ULC or Hatch representatives at the meeting are documented in Table 2.1.

2.3.2 *Other Public Communication*

The public was encouraged to communicate with the representatives from Proponent and Hatch outside of the public meetings and contact information was provided on the Notice discussed in Section 2.2. However, no additional correspondence was received.

Table 2.1 Summary of Public Comments/Concerns and Responses

Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project	Amendments to Project or Project Reports
Verbal Comments from Amendment Public Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are the additional lands being added? 	The additional lands are being added to ensure that sufficient space is available for Project components in order to meet the 6.5-MW capacity requirement specified in the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) contract while ensuring that the efficiency of the layout is maximized. The space provided by the additional lands allows for a more efficient design in terms of panel spacing, panel tilt and shading avoidance, among other constructability and efficient factors, which allows for more energy generation at certain times of the day and year.	Not required.
Verbal Comments from Amendment Public Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When could construction start on the Project? 	The commenter was informed that some Project construction activities (e.g., those associated with the original Project for which the REA is in place such as site fencing, vegetation removal and grading on the original Project location) may commence in November 2012. However, the majority of the construction, including any construction on any Project component which is the subject of this proposed amendment, could not start until the amended REA is received and any other necessary permits/approvals are obtained. This is anticipated to be in spring 2013.	Not required. Scheduling information is provided in the <i>Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments</i> document.
Verbal Comments from Amendment Public Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What about the seepage areas on the original RE Orillia 3 Project location? 	The commenter was informed that the areas identified as seepage areas on the RE Orillia 3 Project location were previously considered during the original REA for that Project and found to not meet the definition of a seepage area under the REA Regulation.	Not required. Addressed in previous application.
Verbal Comments from Amendment Public Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assessment of woodland significance does not seem adequate since only an hour and half was spent during the field investigation. 	The field investigation and resulting evaluation of significance was performed in accordance with MNR's requirements for Natural Heritage Assessment. MNR agreed with the findings and conclusions that the woodland was not significant and issued a Confirmation letter confirming their agreement.	Not required. Woodland significance already discussed in NHA and EIS Amendment Report.

Comment or Concern	Response: Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project	Amendments to Project or Project Reports
Verbal Comments from Amendment Public Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have you done site-specific soil studies for this Project and can we obtain a copy of the results?	The assessment of soil types and associated requirements was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the OPA, as identified in the FIT Contract Rules. The soil classifications of the additional lands property have not been released for public review since they are not required under the REA process, but have been provided to the OPA for review.	Not required.

3. Consultation with Agencies

3.1 Agencies

Consultation with relevant government agencies including provincial ministries, conservation authorities and local municipalities was completed as per O. Reg. 359/09, O. Reg. 521/10 and MOE's guidance documents (MOE, 2010 and 2011a) in support of the proposed Project changes. The following agencies were consulted:

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

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

3.2 Methods of Consultation with the Agencies

The methods of consultation with the agencies for the Project include the requirements identified in the REA Regulation, as well as additional measures deemed necessary to ensure adequate consultation. The consultation methods included:

- New/Amended REA Project documents
 - ♦ The writing of the following new or amended REA Project documents and the active communication with applicable agencies (e.g., MNR and MTCS) in order to incorporate their comments and requests:
 - Notice of Public Meeting
 - Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments
 - Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) – Amendment Report
 - Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment – Additional Lands
 - Heritage Assessment Report
 - Noise Assessment Study
 - ♦ The documents noted above were sent on October 3, 2012 for examination to NVCA, County of Simcoe and the Township of Oro-Medonte for their review:
- Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting
 - ♦ Direct mail regarding the Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting was sent on October 3, 2012, to the NVCA, County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte. The MOE was provided a mailed Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting on

October 2, 2012. Copies of these letters are found in Appendixes E and F while a copy of the Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting is found in Appendix B.

- ♦ Postings on Friday October 5, 2012 and Friday, October 12, 2012, in the *Orillia Packet and Times* which has a general circulation in the Project area. Tear sheets from these postings are included in Appendix B.
- Agencies have access to all other publicly available means of communication (e.g., website, hard copy at the Township of Oro-Medonte office, Amendment Public Meeting) as described in Section 2.2 of this report.

3.3 Results of Consultation: Agencies Comments and Concerns

Through these methods of consultation with the agencies, information, questions, comments, feedback and concerns regarding the Project changes were obtained, utilized and addressed. All agency comments and concerns and responses are provided in the following sections. Correspondence with the government agencies is included in Appendix E while correspondence with municipalities is found in Appendix F.

3.3.1 Ontario Ministry of the Environment

- On October 2, 2012, Hatch provided the MOE (Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, and District Manager, Barrie District) with the Notice of Pubic Meeting Regarding the Project changes and Project documents (Appendix E1).
- On October 4, 2012, the Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments document was provided to MOE for review.
- On October 10, 2012, the MOE responded, stating the Project changes identified in the Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments constitutes a major Project change and confirmed the requirement of the public meeting.

3.3.2 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

- A Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Amendment Report was sent to the MNR Southern Region Renewable Energy Operations to provide details on the changes occurring at the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (Appendix E2).
- MNR provided comments on the NHA and EIS Amendment Report through ongoing discussions, as provided in Appendix E2.
- On September 25, 2012, MNR provided their Confirmation Letter confirming that the NHA and EIS Addendum report meets the REA Regulation requirements (Appendix E2).

3.3.3 Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

- On September 19, 2012, Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) Inc. submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) a Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment for the additional lands entitled '*Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments RE Orillia 3 Solar Project – Additional Lands (FIT-FJJB35) Part Lot 7, Concession 13-14, Geographic Township of Oro, Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County, Ontario.*'

- The MTCS provided a response letter on October 25, 2012, as per S.22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 in regards to the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment for the additional lands (Appendix E3).
- On August 29, 2012, ARA submitted to the MTCS an Heritage Report entitled '*Heritage Assessment Report RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (FIT-FJ)QB35) Part of Lot 7, Concessions 13–14 Geographic Township of Oro Township of Oro-Medonte Simcoe County, Ontario.*'
- The MTCS provided a response letter as per S.23(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 in regards to the Heritage Report (Appendix E3).

3.3.4 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

- On October 3, 2012, Hatch provided the NVCA with the Notice of Pubic Meeting Regarding the Project changes and Project documents (Appendix E4).
- As of the time of this report, no acknowledgment of receipt or any comments have been received from the NVCA.

3.3.5 County of Simcoe

- On October 2, 2012, Hatch provided the County of Simcoe with the Notice of Pubic Meeting Regarding the Project changes and Project documents (Appendix F1).
- On October 3, 2012, Hatch provided the County of Simcoe with an additional Notice of Pubic Meeting regarding the Project changes and the Project documents (Appendix F1).
- On October 12, 2012, the County of Simcoe provided a letter requesting information relating to the soils classifications of the Project location (Appendix F1). RE Orillia 3 ULC is currently preparing a response to the County.
- Discussion with the County confirmed that the Project is exempt from tree cutting by-laws (Appendix F1).

3.3.6 Township of Oro-Medonte

- Representatives from RE Orillia 3 ULC met with Township staff on August 20, 2012, to discuss the Project. Topics of discussion included an update on the current status of the Project, road user agreement requirements, requirements for crossing Line 13 North with an underground intra-facility connection line and fire safety training requirements.
- On October 2, 2012, Hatch provided the Township of Oro-Medonte with the Notice of Pubic Meeting Regarding the Project changes and Project documents (Appendix F2).
- On October 3, 2012, Hatch provided the Township of Oro-Medonte with an additional Notice of Pubic Meeting regarding the Project changes and the Project documents (Appendix F2). At this point in time, no acknowledgment of receipt or any comments have been received from the municipality.
- On October 10, 2012, the Proponent met with Jerry Ball, Director Transportation and Environmental Services, and Lisa McNiven, Manager Engineering and Environmental Services at the Township to review the Road User agreements for the applicable Projects as well as the road crossings for the distribution line in regards to the Project. The Road User agreement was to

undergo further review followed by council's approvals, while the distribution line crossing was agreed to by the Township staff.

4. Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

4.1 Aboriginal Communities

Consultation with Aboriginal communities was completed as per O. Reg. 359/09, O. Reg. 521/10, MOE's guidance documents (MOE, 2010 and 2011a). As well technical bulletin titled "*Draft Aboriginal Consultation Guide for Preparing a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application*" (MOE, 2011b) provided additional information and guidance on First Nation consultation. The following Aboriginal communities were consulted:

- Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation; Chippewas of Rama – 15 km away from the Project
- Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation – 25 km away from the Project
- Chippewas of Christian Island First Nation; Beausoleil First Nation – 60 km away from the Project
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation – 100 km away from the Project
- Georgian Bay Métis Council
- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Wahta Mohawk First Nation – 50 km away from the Project
- Moose Deer Point First Nation – 70 km away from the Project
- Shawanaga First Nation – 120 km away from the Project
- Wasauksing First Nation – 100 km away from the Project
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation – 65 km away from the Project
- Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation – 120 km away from the Project
- Alderville First Nation – 115 km away from the Project
- Curve Lake First Nation – 90 km away from the Project
- Hiawatha First Nation – 110 km away from the Project
- Mississuagas of the New Credit – 175 km away from the Project.

4.2 Method of Consultation with the Aboriginal Communities

The methods of consultation with the Aboriginal communities for the Project include the requirements identified in the REA Regulation. The first step was the determination of Aboriginal communities in relation to the Project, then consultation measures deemed necessary to ensure adequate consultation were performed.

4.2.1 Determination of Aboriginal Communities in Relation to the Project

On December 22, 2009, RE Orillia 3 ULC provided the MOE with the Draft Project Description Report. 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 (Appendix G).

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-km radius of the Project were identified by Hatch (Appendix H), and the consultation process for the original REA Application commenced with these Aboriginal communities, before receipt of the MOE list. Once MOE provided their list of Aboriginal communities to consult with, the Hatch and MOE lists were combined and all communities were consulted with throughout the original REA process.

The Aboriginal communities list used for the additional consultation regarding the Project changes consists of all 16 communities found MOE's and Hatch lists (Section 4.1).

4.2.2 Consultation Activities

The consultation methods with the Aboriginal communities included:

- New/amended REA Project documents and Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting
 - ♦ Direct mail regarding the Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting was sent to the ten identified Aboriginal communities related to the Project. Letters were provided to the Aboriginal communities on October 3, 2012, in advance of the Amendment Public Meeting. As per O. Reg. 359/09, the letter requested written information regarding any potential impacts and possible mitigating measures for any potentially impacted treaty or constitutional protected lands. Appendix I contains a copy of all letters that were sent to the Aboriginal communities while Appendix B shows the Notice of Project Amendment Public Meeting.
 - ♦ The following amended REA Project documents were sent for examination to the sixteen identified Aboriginal communities related to the Project on October 3, 2012, for review:
 - Notice of Public Meeting
 - Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments
 - Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) – Amendment Report
 - Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment – Additional Lands
 - Heritage Assessment Report
 - Noise Assessment Study.
 - ♦ Postings on Friday, October 5, 2012 and Friday, October 12, 2012, in the *Orillia Packet and Times* which has a general circulation in the Project area. Tear sheets from these postings are included in Appendix B.

- Aboriginal Communities have access to all other publicly available means of communication (e.g., website, hard copy at the Township of Oro-Medonte office, Amendment Public Meeting) as described in Section 2.2 of this report.

4.3 Result of Consultation: Aboriginal Communities 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.

Through these methods of consultation with the Aboriginal communities, information, questions, comments, feedback and concerns regarding the Project changes would have been obtained and then utilized and addressed.

Table 4.1 presents a summary of correspondence with the Aboriginal communities and shows that no comments regarding the proposed Project changes have been received from any Aboriginal community.

Table 4.1 Summary of Aboriginal Communities Comments/Concern and Responses

Community / Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities	Response, Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Alderville First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Chippewas of Christian Island First Nation; Beausoleil First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation; Chippewas of Rama	No comments received.	None required.
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Curve Lake First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Georgian Bay Métis Council	No comments received.	None required.
Hiawatha First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Métis Nation of Ontario	No comments received.	None required.
Mississaugas of the New Credit	No comments received.	None required.
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	No comments received.	None required.

Community / Group	Details of Additional Consultation Activities	Response, Mitigation, Resolution and/or Amendment to Project
Moose Deer Point First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Shawanaga First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Wahta Mohawk First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Wasauksing First Nation	No comments received.	None required.
Williams Treaty First Nations Coordinator	No comments received.	None required.

4.3.1 *Aboriginal Stakeholders Communication at the Amendment Public Meeting*

Section 2.3.1 provides information on the Amendment Public Meeting. No individuals identifying themselves as representatives of any Aboriginal community attended the public meeting.

4.3.2 *Other Aboriginal Stakeholders Communication*

Aboriginal stakeholders were encouraged to communicate with the representatives from the Proponent and Hatch outside of the public meetings.

No correspondence has been received from Aboriginal communities following the Project amendment.

5. Conclusions

Since April 2010, the stakeholder engagement program for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project has been active. Consultation regarding the proposed Project changes commenced in October 2012. There has been open dialogue with the public, agencies, Aboriginal groups and the local municipalities regarding the Project and the proposed Project changes. The purpose of this Consultation Report Addendum is to ensure a transparent and meaningful consultation process for all participants with an interest in the Project, where all comments and questions received are documented, reviewed and addressed.

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

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Appendix A

Public Stakeholder Lists

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or Landowner
RR 1
HAWKESTONE, ON L0L 1T0

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or Landowner
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HAWKESTONE, ON L0L 1T0

Linda and Allan Baker
or Landowner
638 Horseshoe Valley Road E, RR 4
Coldwater, ON L0K 1E0

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BIG CEDAR ESTATES
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HAWKESTONE, ON L0L 1T0

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FLESHERTON, ON N0C 1E0

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ORILLIA, ON L3V 6H1

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and MARTHA CAMERON
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TORONTO, ON M5A 1Z5

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1384 LINE 10 N RR 2
HAWKESTONE, ON L0L 1T0

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28 COOK LANE RR #1
ORILLIA, ON L3V 6H1

CARLEY FARMS INC
or Landowner
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HAWKESTONE, ON L0L 1T0

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Appendix B

Notices and Sample Letters

October 2, 2012

Addressee
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**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Project Change**

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing amendments to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) received for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (REA number:9070-8TRQM4). This Project is located in the Township of Oro-Medonte and is considered a Class 3 Solar Facility, with a nameplate capacity of 6.5 MW. The proposed amendment to the REA is required due to Project changes which are necessary to ensure that the required 6.5-MW capacity can be met. This Project 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 amendment process.

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

In accordance with Section 32.3 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, October 5, 2012 and again on Friday, October 12, 2012.

As per O. Reg. 359/09, the documents outlining the proposed changes for the Project including the Summary Amendment Report, Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study – Amendment Report, Heritage Assessment Report, Archaeological Assessment Report and Noise Assessment Study are available for public review on-line at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at the Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office on Friday, October 5, 2012. The information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Public Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2012, at the Old Town Hall, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, ON. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed Project changes would be greatly appreciated.



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October 2, 2012

Correspondence should be directed to:

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Yours faithfully,

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Noel Boucher, B.Sc.,
NB:mg
Attachment(s)/Enclosure
Notice of Public Meeting – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project



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Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Changes to a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

Project Applicant: RE Orillia 3 ULC

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

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The Public Meeting will be an open house format. You are welcome to drop in anytime during the hours noted below.

Meeting Location:

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Old Town Hall, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, ON

Project Change:

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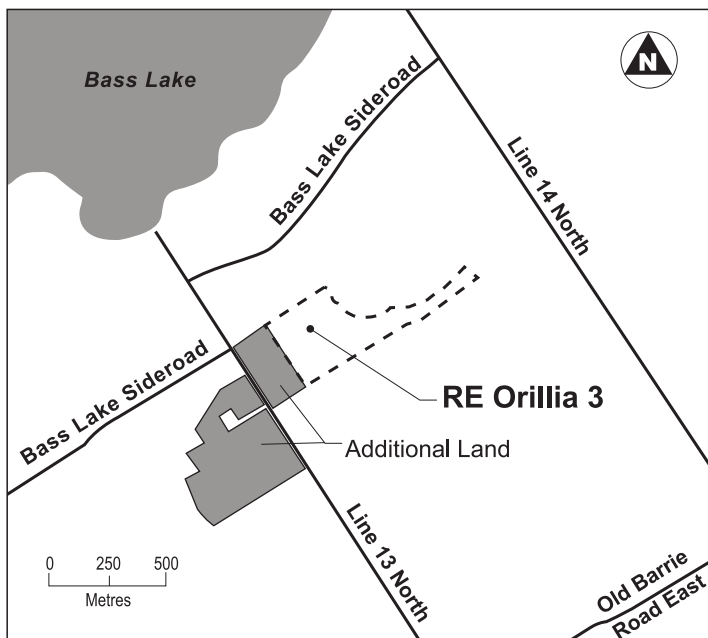
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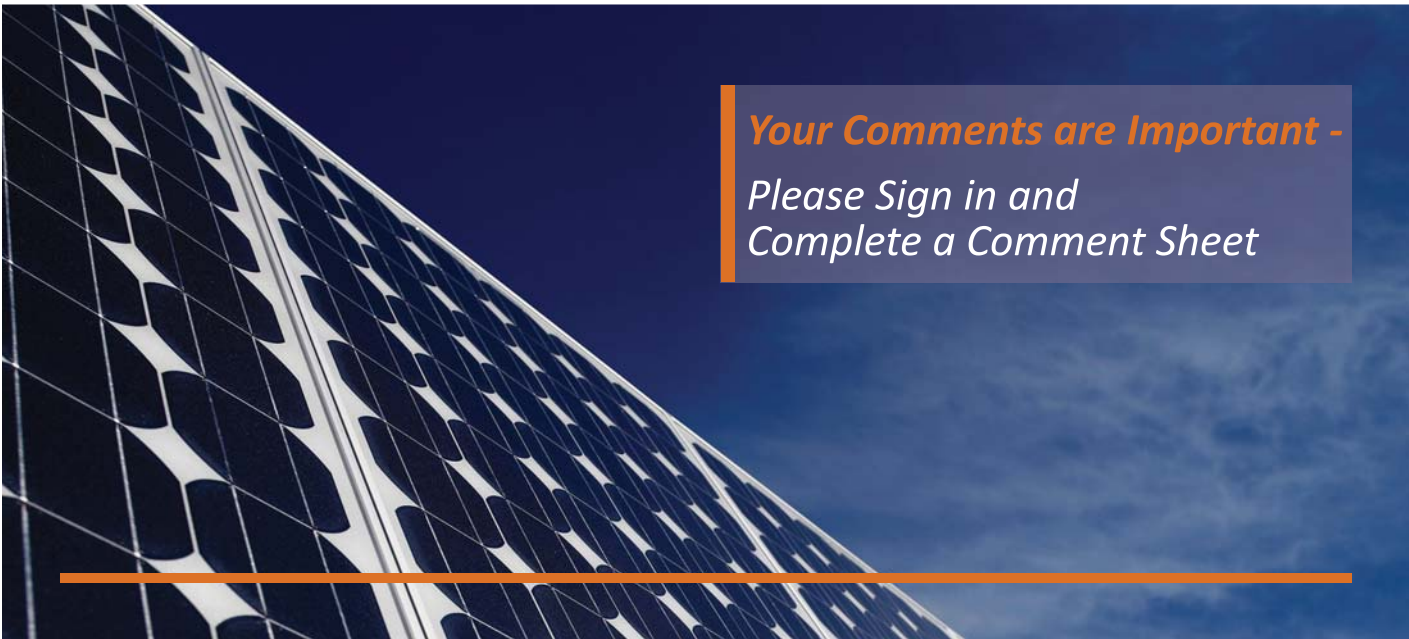
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*RE Orillia 3 ULC
Welcomes You
to a Public Meeting
for the RE Orillia 3
Solar Project*

Monday, November 5, 2012



***Your Comments are Important -**
Please Sign in and
Complete a Comment Sheet*

Purpose of the Meeting

This Public Meeting provides an opportunity for you to:

- Ask questions regarding the proposed changes to the Project 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 can 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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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



Region	Type	Projects
● Northern	Ground	6
● Central	Ground	10
● Southern	Ground	4

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

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 power close to communities, and is quiet enough to be located near homes.

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

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



Solar Technology

Source: First Solar

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.

FIT

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.

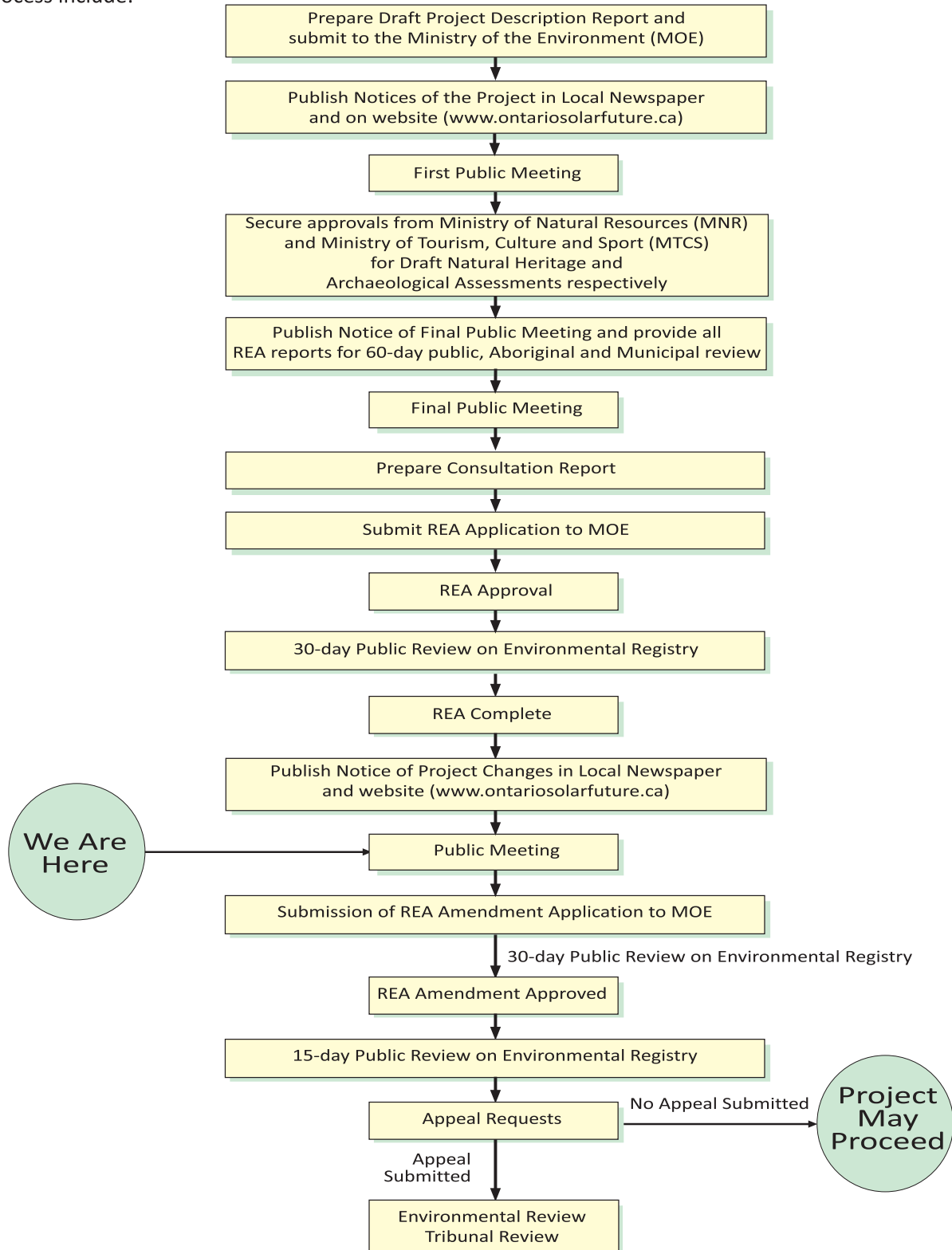
The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) awarded Recurrent Energy a total of 20 contracts for proposed developments throughout Ontario. These projects will be privately financed by Recurrent Energy and will only receive payment for the energy that is produced by these facilities. These projects are now proceeding through the Renewable Energy Approval process.



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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:

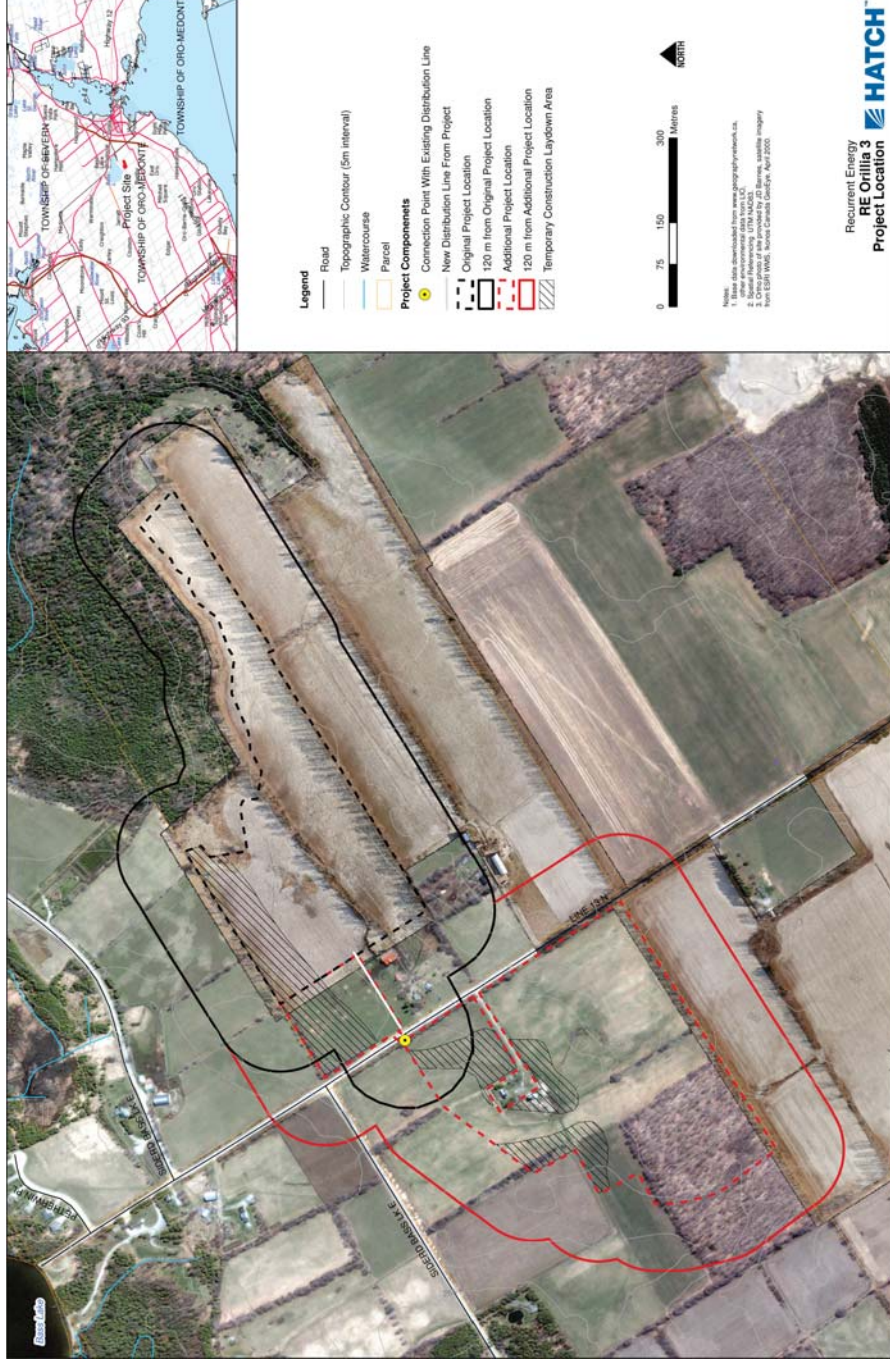


Project Location

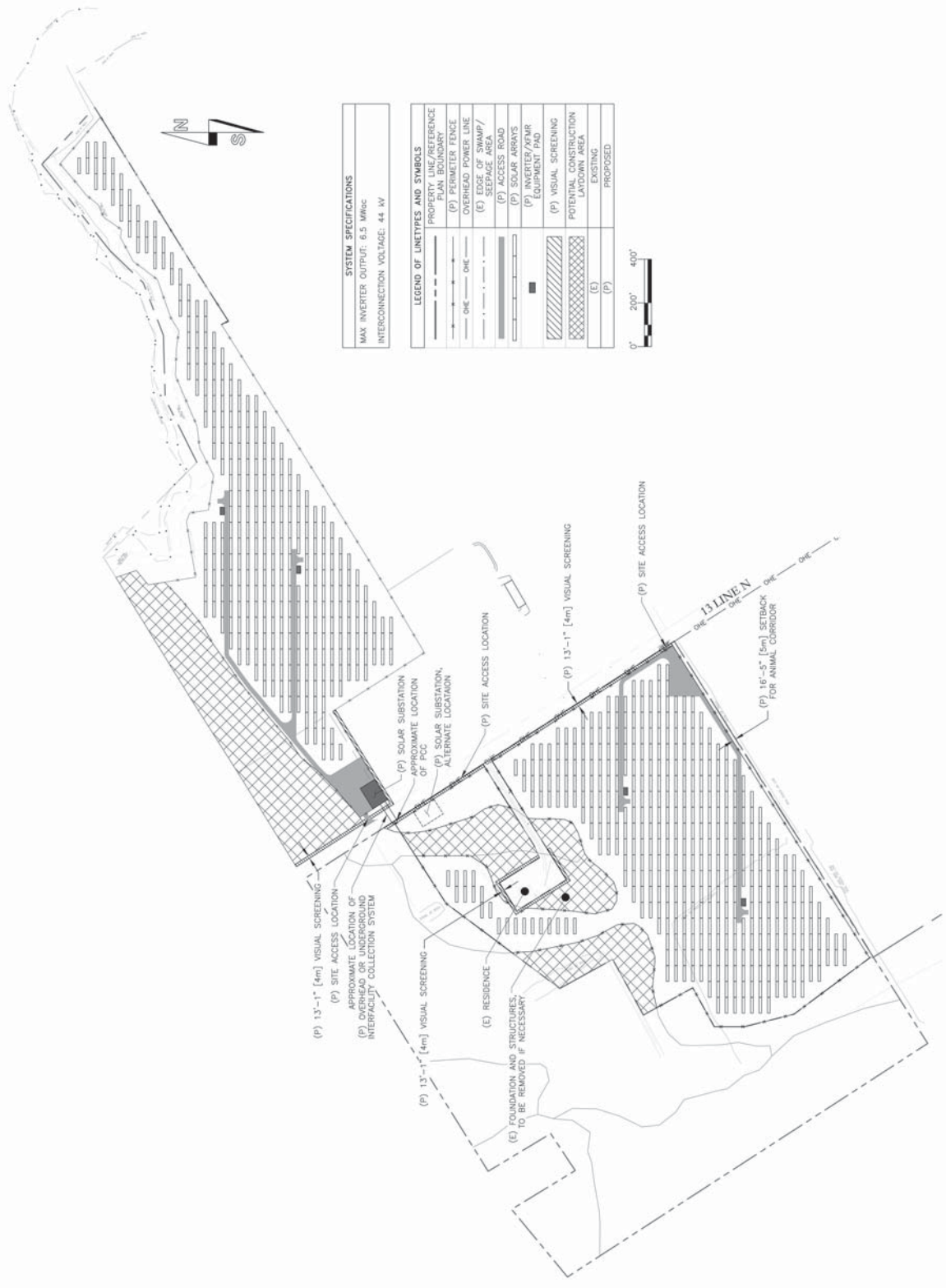
The proposed Project is 6.5 MW in size and is located on Line 13 North in Hawkestone, west-southwest of Orillia. If approved, the proposed Project will be constructed on privately owned lands.

Project Schedule

- FIT Application – November 2009
- Submission of Project Description to MOE – December 2009
- FIT Contract Award – April 2010
- First Public Meeting – June 2010
- Submission of Reports to MNR – July 2010
- Submission of Reports to MTCS – July 2010
- Receipt of Confirmation Letter from MTCS – August 2010
- Receipt of Confirmation Letter from MNR – April 2011
- Second Public Meeting – July 2011
- REA Application Submission – August 2011
- REA Received – May 2012
- REA Amendment Public Meeting – November 2012
- Start of Construction – late November 2012
- Commercial Operation Date – October 2013



Site Plan



Noise

Recurrent Energy has conducted an extensive noise assessment study to ensure complete compliance with MOE requirements for two different potential layouts, with different substation locations. As a result of these tests, we were successful in demonstrating that both options meet all noise requirements - specifically, we demonstrated that even at the closest receptor the sound level was less than 40 dBA (the sound level of a quiet room).

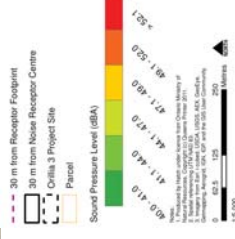
Ontario uses the most conservative sound modeling available nationally and internationally, which is supported by experiences in the province and in other jurisdictions

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

North Substation Alternative



South Substation Alternative



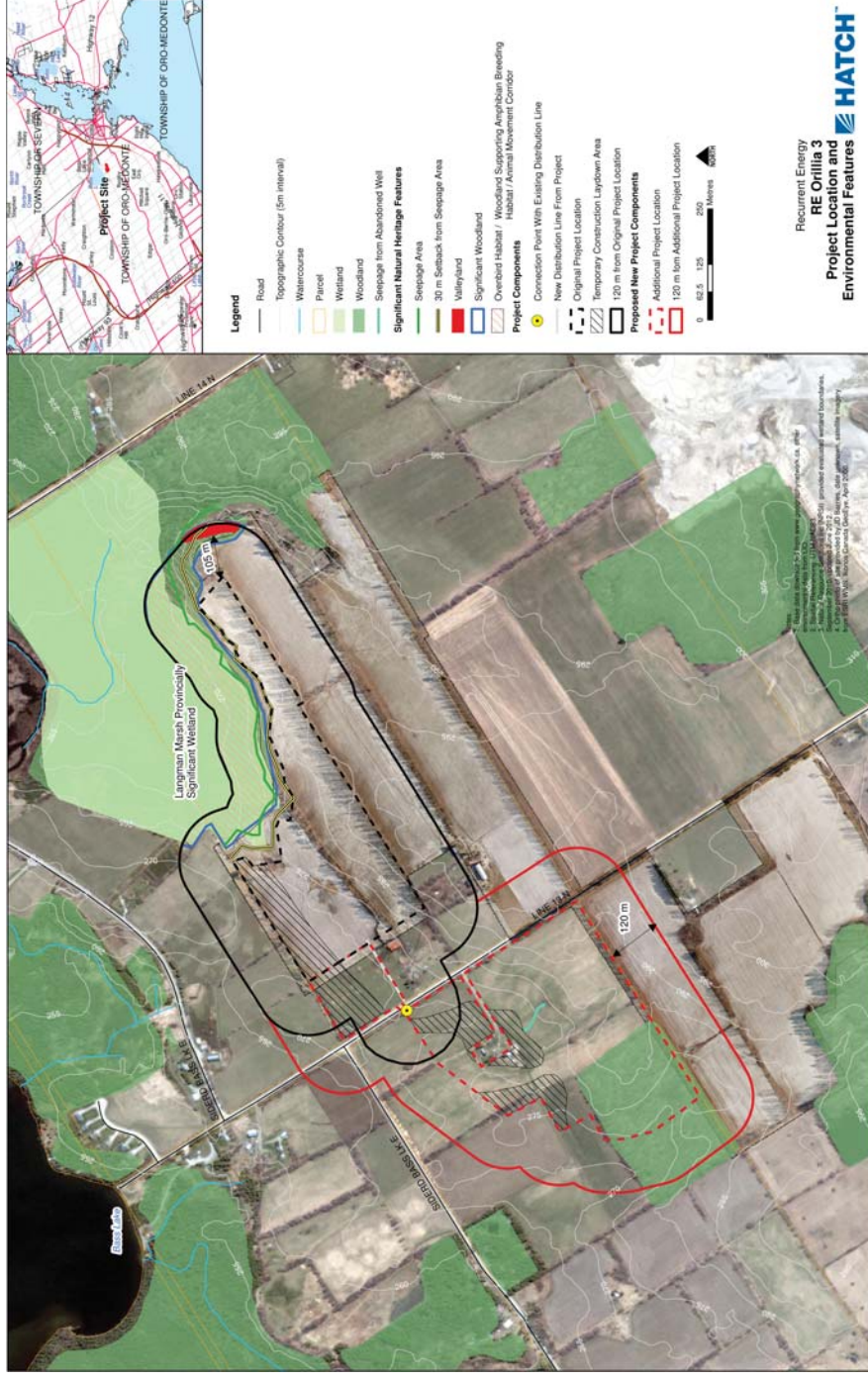
Overview of Project Changes

- An additional 23-ha parcel of land, located west of the existing Project location.
- The site layout, including solar panel, access road and inverter cluster locations has been revised to take into consideration the additional lands, as well as other factors arising from detailed engineering review of the original site layout, including shading, topography and general constructability.
- No new waterbodies or significant natural features were determined to be located on the revised Project location.

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 movement beyond designated work areas
- Erosion and sediment controls (e.g., silt fencing, site stabilization, construction phasing)
- Stormwater management measures (e.g., site revegetation, enhanced vegetation swales).



Next Steps in Process

The next step in the process is for Recurrent Energy to provide responses to any comments or concerns raised during this public meeting in a Report.

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.

Appendix D

Copies of the Sign-in Sheet and Comment Sheet of the Amended Public Meeting

Please Sign In
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RE Orillia 3 ULC – Public Meeting

Project: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012

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Bernard Rose	3417 Bass Lakeshore	Markham	L0C1 R0	705-623-1043
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RE Orillia 3 ULC – Public Meeting

Project: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

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Introduction

Welcome to the Public Meeting for the proposed **RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (the Project)**. Changes to the Project are proposed that require an amendment to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) that has been received from the MOE. In accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act and the Renewable Energy Approval Regulation, this Public Meeting provides information on the proposed changes to the Project.

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

Purpose of this Meeting

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to:

1. Provide information on the proposed Project changes.
2. Provide an opportunity for you to discuss the Project 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 amendment 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
- Discuss any aspects of the Project 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 3 ULC* – company who will own and operate the Project
- *Hatch* – the consulting company retained to assist with the REA process

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 the comment submission box 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 to:
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4342 Queen St, Suite 500, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 7J7
Phone: 905-374-5200 Fax: 905-374-1157 Email: nboucher@hatch.ca

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Appendix E

Correspondence with Government Agencies

Appendix E1

Correspondence with Ontario Ministry of Environment

October 2, 2012

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

Dear Ms. Hood

**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Project Change**

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Cindy Hood
October 2, 2012

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NBoucher", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Noel Boucher, B.Sc.,
NB:mg
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October 2, 2012

Agatha Garcia-Wright, Director
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Ave., W, 12A Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5

Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright

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From: Raetsen, Sarah (ENE) [Sarah.Raetsen@ontario.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 11:06 AM
To: Boucher, Noel; Schroter, Vic (ENE)
Cc: Bob Leah; Sean Caffyn; 334680
Subject: RE: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Hi Noel,

Based on the proposed change for RE Orillia 3 presented to the MOE in the *DRAFT Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments* document prepared by HATCH, the MOE considers the change to be a major project change, specifically due to the increase in project location size.

I understand from your e-mail below that you are proceeding with a public meeting on November 5, 2012 to consult on the proposed change for Orillia 3. I would ask that you also consult with the upper and lower tier municipalities, in particular, to ensure that there are no requirements to obtain a tree-cutting bylaw, as I note that the project change does require some removal of vegetation from a woodland. Please also ensure that you consult with the Aboriginal communities on your Section 14 list.

When the MOE receives the REA application we will screen the application for completeness. If the projects meet the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, the application will be deemed complete, and proposal notice posted on the Environmental Registry for 30 day comment. The six month standard clock will start when the proposal is posted on the Registry.

Please note that should you require any other permits and/or approvals from other Provincial ministries or agencies, such as the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Transportation or a conservation authority, please ensure that you contact that ministry or agency immediately to coordinate the timing of their approvals with the REA.

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

Thanks,
Sarah

Sarah Raetsen
Senior Program Support Coordinator
Approval Services Unit - Team 5
Phone: (416) 325-3306

From: Boucher, Noel [<mailto:NBoucher@Hatch.ca>]
Sent: October 4, 2012 2:17 PM
To: Raetsen, Sarah (ENE); Schroter, Vic (ENE)
Cc: Bob Leah; Sean Caffyn; 334680
Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Hi Sarah and Vic,

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to add additional lands to the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project, which already has a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) in place (No. 9070-8TRQM4). It is our understanding that this requires an amendment to the REA.

We have prepared a document entitled *Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments*, similar to what we have done for other Projects.

RE Orillia 3 ULC has issued this report, as well as other new/amended reports supporting the Project change, for a 30-day public review period and a public meeting is being held on November 5, 2012 to discuss the proposed changes. Following that, an application for an amendment to the REA will be submitted to the MOE.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the proposed Project changes at this point.

Regards,
Noel

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Appendix E2

Correspondence with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

From: Halloran, Joe (MNR) [Joe.Halloran@ontario.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Thanks for the information Sean,

Based on your emails, all fields within the new additional lands appear to be active agriculture. If this is the case then these are my comments on the addendum.

Site Investigation

- Provide specific details that prove that the fields within the additional lands are being used for active agriculture (field visit, photos, discussions with landowners)
 - o As per the Ecoregion Criterion Schedule grasslands are not Class 1 or 2 agricultural lands, and not being actively used for farming (i.e. no row cropping or intensive hay or livestock pasturing in the last 5 years)
- Update the ELC map to designate the fields within the additional lands as being agricultural (i.e. ag-hay, ag-crop, ag-pasture)
- Section 4.3.3 Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat should not be carried forward to the EOS as the criteria in the Ecoregion Criterion Schedule has not been met (no cultural meadows)

Evaluation of Significance

- Remove all reference to Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat

Environmental Impact Study

- Remove all reference to Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat

Additional Question

- It is unclear where the significant animal movement corridor is on the new additional lands. Based on the Ecoregion Criterion Schedule, animal movement corridors would not apply. Is the significant animal movement corridor on the new additional lands connected with significant animal movement corridor on the original lands? I will have additional comments based on your response.

Thanks,

Joe Halloran
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Ministry of Natural Resources
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joe.halloran@ontario.ca

From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 6, 2012 10:51 AM
To: Halloran, Joe (MNR)
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

I mean it was harvested and hay removed when I was out there. Only a couple of centimeters of grass remained.

I will get in touch with the landowner to confirm whether cows have pastured in that field in the last 5 years. I was on site today, and can confirm that cows have now been pastured in the northwestern field on the property which was reported as previously undisturbed.

Thanks,

Sean

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.

Terrestrial Ecologist, Environmental Assessment & Management
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From: Halloran, Joe (MNR) [mailto:Joe.Halloran@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Sean,

Can you confirm what you mean by 'cut short'? Is this for hay? Could it be a hayfield or used as pasture? Anything that you or the landowner could provide that would confirm this as active agriculture would be needed.

Thanks,

Joe Halloran
Renewable Energy Planning Ecologist
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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 5, 2012 3:54 PM
To: Halloran, Joe (MNR)
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Joe,

Yes, they would be more correctly active agriculture. I've attached a marked up EIS figure that shows where fields are pastured vs. harvested hay vs. other.

Do you want me to make this change or will other edits be coming?

Thanks,

Sean

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.

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Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 2:33 PM

To: Male, Sean
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR)
Subject: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Sean,

In regards to the addendum for the Orillia 3 Solar Project, can you confirm if the cultural meadows (CUM) in the new project area are cultural meadows or if they are actually agricultural lands?

If the cultural meadows are agricultural lands please provide rationale i.e. class 1 or 2 agricultural lands that are actively being used for farming (row cropping, intensive hay and livestock pasturing in the previous 5 years). If this is the case then the habitat use studies for open country breeding birds would not be required as agricultural lands do meet the habitat criteria.

If the cultural meadows are cultural meadows (as per ELC) than candidate wildlife habitat for open country breeding birds would apply as well as raptor wintering habitat. In this case both wildlife habitats would be treated as significant with a commitment provided in the NHA to conduct pre-construction surveys (habitat use studies) with mitigation measures provided if found to be significant.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Joe Halloran
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Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

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Hi Sean,

Below are additional comments on the Orillia 3 Addendum specifically related to Animal Movement Corridors.

In reviewing the EOS reports for Orillia 1 and 2, the animal movement corridor for the new additional lands on Orillia 3 should be classified as not-significant. Though the Orillia 1 NHA had identified the animal movement corridor as being significant, the Orillia 2 NHA identified it as not being significant as the hedgerow is narrow and broken by Line 13 North. Therefore my comments are:

Evaluation of Significance

- 4.4 Section 3.1.3 – The hedgerows on the additional lands does not meet the SWH Ecoregion Criterion Schedule criteria for animal movement corridors. The hedgerow that runs from the woodland in the south-west corner was previously identified as not being a significant animal movement corridor (Orillia 2 NHA) and as such will be treated in the same manner.

Environmental Impact Study

- Remove all reference to Animal Movement Corridors within the new additional lands as this wildlife habitat is not significant.

I have no further comments on the addendum. Please update the addendum as per my comments on open country breeding birds and animal movement corridors. I will draft a new confirmation letter whilst awaiting your revised addendum.

Thanks,

Joe Halloran
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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 6, 2012 11:42 AM
To: Halloran, Joe (MNR)
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Joe,

Thanks for the comments.

With respect to the animal movement corridor, the animal movement corridor is a holdover of a corridor that was assessed as significant in the Orillia 2 (north of the site) and Orillia 1 (south of the site) NHA reports. The feature was originally assessed as significant as a result of the connections between the significant woodland west of Orillia 2, and

the significant woodland/PSW complex east of Orillia 1 and 3. I agree that by the definitions in the current Ecoregion criteria schedule, it would not meet the requirements, however I had kept this in there to ensure consistency with past reports.

The feature is a hedgerow that separates Orillia 2 and the additional lands on Orillia 3. Recurrent is proposing to cut down the trees within this hedgerow to remove shading for the additional lands on Orillia 3, and in order to compensate for this removal, replant a shrub community to ensure the corridor remains.

Thanks,

Sean

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From: Halloran, Joe (MNR) [mailto:Joe.Halloran@ontario.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Thanks for the information Sean,

Based on your emails, all fields within the new additional lands appear to be active agriculture. If this is the case then these are my comments on the addendum.

Site Investigation

- Provide specific details that prove that the fields within the additional lands are being used for active agriculture (field visit, photos, discussions with landowners)
 - o As per the Ecoregion Criterion Schedule grasslands are not Class 1 or 2 agricultural lands, and not being actively used for farming (i.e. no row cropping or intensive hay or livestock pasturing in the last 5 years)
- Update the ELC map to designate the fields within the additional lands as being agricultural (i.e. ag-hay, ag-crop, ag-pasture)
- Section 4.3.3 Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat should not be carried forward to the EOS as the criteria in the Ecoregion Criterion Schedule has not been met (no cultural meadows)

Evaluation of Significance

- Remove all reference to Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat

Environmental Impact Study

- Remove all reference to Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat

Additional Question

- It is unclear where the significant animal movement corridor is on the new additional lands. Based on the Ecoregion Criterion Schedule, animal movement corridors would not apply. Is the significant animal movement corridor on the new additional lands connected with significant animal movement corridor on the original lands? I will have additional comments based on your response.

Thanks,

Joe Halloran
Renewable Energy Planning Ecologist
Ministry of Natural Resources

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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 6, 2012 10:51 AM
To: Halloran, Joe (MNR)
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

I mean it was harvested and hay removed when I was out there. Only a couple of centimeters of grass remained.

I will get in touch with the landowner to confirm whether cows have pastured in that field in the last 5 years. I was on site today, and can confirm that cows have now been pastured in the northwestern field on the property which was reported as previously undisturbed.

Thanks,

Sean

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From: Halloran, Joe (MNR) [mailto:Joe.Halloran@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Sean,

Can you confirm what you mean by 'cut short'? Is this for hay? Could it be a hayfield or used as pasture? Anything that you or the landowner could provide that would confirm this as active agriculture would be needed.

Thanks,

Joe Halloran
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From: Male, Sean [mailto:SMale@Hatch.ca]
Sent: July 5, 2012 3:54 PM
To: Halloran, Joe (MNR)
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR); 334680; Sean Caffyn; Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Joe,

Yes, they would be more correctly active agriculture. I've attached a marked up EIS figure that shows where fields are pastured vs. harvested hay vs. other.

Do you want me to make this change or will other edits be coming?

Thanks,

Sean

Sean K. Male, M.Sc.

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From: Halloran, Joe (MNR) [mailto:Joe.Halloran@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 2:33 PM
To: Male, Sean
Cc: Gryck, Emily (MNR); Cameron, Amy (MNR)
Subject: Orillia 3 Solar Project Addendum

Hi Sean,

In regards to the addendum for the Orillia 3 Solar Project, can you confirm if the cultural meadows (CUM) in the new project area are cultural meadows or if they are actually agricultural lands?

If the cultural meadows are agricultural lands please provide rationale i.e. class 1 or 2 agricultural lands that are actively being used for farming (row cropping, intensive hay and livestock pasturing in the previous 5 years). If this is the case then the habitat use studies for open country breeding birds would not be required as agricultural lands do meet the habitat criteria.

If the cultural meadows are cultural meadows (as per ELC) than candidate wildlife habitat for open country breeding birds would apply as well as raptor wintering habitat. In this case both wildlife habitats would be treated as significant with a commitment provided in the NHA to conduct pre-construction surveys (habitat use studies) with mitigation measures provided if found to be significant.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Joe Halloran
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September 25, 2012

RE Orillia 3 ULC
c/o Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy LLC
214 King St. W
Suite 401-2
Toronto, ON M5J 2H5

RE: Modifications to RE Orillia 3 Solar project location

Dear Mr Leah,

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has received the document dated August 16, 2012 which describes modifications to the RE Orillia 3 Solar project location made subsequent to MNR's letter confirming the Natural Heritage Assessment in respect of the project.

Upon review of the modifications, MNR is satisfied that the Natural Heritage Assessment requirements of Ontario Regulation 359/09 have been met. Please add this letter as an addendum to the confirmation letter issued April 29, 2011 for the RE Orillia 3 Solar project.

If you wish to discuss, please contact me at amy.cameron@ontario.ca or 705-875-7481.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Cameron".

Amy Cameron
Coordinator
Renewable Energy Operations Team
Southern Region MNR

cc Emily Gryck, Renewable Energy Operations Team, Project Manager, MNR
Erin Cotnam, Renewable Energy Operations Team, Project Manager, MNR
Mark Shoreman, District Manager, Midhurst District, MNR
Narren Santos, Environmental Approvals Access & Service Integration Branch, MOE
Zeljko Romic, Environmental Approvals Access & Service Integration Branch, MOE

Appendix E3

Correspondence with Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Ministère du Tourisme, de la Culture et du Sport

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October 25, 2012

Kathleen Vukovics
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RE: **RE Orillia 3 Solar Project – Additional Lands**

Part of Lot 7, Concession 13-14, Geographic Township of Oro, Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County

FIT Number: FIT-FJJQB35

MTCS PIF Number: P007-409-2012

MTCS File Number: HD00488

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 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the report.*

The report recommends the following:

Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Additional Lands (FIT-FJJQB35), Part of Lot 7, Concession 13-14, Geographic Township of Oro, Township of Oro-Medonte, Simcoe County, Ontario," Dated September 19, 2012, Filed by MTCS Toronto Office on September 27, 2012, MTCS Project Information Form Number P007-409-2012, FIT Number FIT-FJJQB35, MTCS RIMS Number HD00488

- Based on these findings, ARA recommends that no further archaeological assessment be required within the additional lands for the RE Orillia 3Solar Project. In the event that the project location is modified in the future (i.e. it is altered to accommodate new proposed infrastructure), further archaeological work may be required. A *Letter of Review and Acceptance into the Provincial Register of Reports* is requested, as provided for in Section 65.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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,

Wai Kok
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Paul Racher, Archaeological Research Associates Ltd.

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Appendix E4

Correspondence with

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

October 3, 2012

Patti Young
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line,
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Dear Ms. Young:

**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
Notice of Public Meeting for Project Changes and Project Documents**

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing amendments to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) received for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (REA Number: 9070-8TRQM4). This Project is located in the Township of Oro-Medonte and is considered a Class 3 Solar Facility, with a nameplate capacity of 6.5 MW. The proposed amendment to the REA is required due to Project changes which are necessary to ensure that the required 6.5-MW capacity can be met. This Project 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 amendment process.

In accordance with Section 32.3 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Notice of Public Meeting has been prepared and a copy is enclosed. This Notice will also be published in the *Orillia Packet and Times* on Friday, October 5, 2012 and again on Friday, October 12, 2012.

Please find enclosed a copy of the documents for the Project for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for any clarifications.

Yours faithfully,



Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator

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Appendix F

Correspondence with Municipalities

Appendix F1 Correspondence with County of Simcoe

October 2, 2012

Bruce Hoppe, Manager of Development
Planning Department County of Simcoe
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0

Dear Mr. Hoppe

**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
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Bruce Hoppe
October 2, 2012

Correspondence should be directed to:

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Yours faithfully,

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Noel Boucher, B.Sc.,
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October 2, 2012

David Parks, Director of Planning and Development
Planning Department County of Simcoe
1110 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0

Dear Mr. Parks

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Yours faithfully,

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Noel Boucher, B.Sc.,
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October 3, 2012

Mr. David Parks, Director of Planning, Development and Tourism
County of Simcoe, Planning Department
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Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0

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Gibson, Melissa

From: Noel Boucher [nboucher3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Boucher, Noel
Subject: Fwd: tree cutting exemption
Attachments: FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW 5635 OFFICE CONSOLIDATION.pdf; ATT590184.htm

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From: Aman Maharaj <Aman.Maharaj@recurrentenergy.com>
Date: 11 October, 2012 12:21:56 PM EDT
To: Bob Leah <bob.leah@recurrentenergy.com>, Sean Caffyn <sean.caffyn@recurrentenergy.com>, Noel Boucher <nboucher3@hotmail.com>
Subject: FW: tree cutting exemption

Please see attached with the exemption....

From: Barrette, Larry [<mailto:Larry.Barrette@simcoe.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 12:07 PM
To: Aman Maharaj
Subject: RE: tree cutting exemption

Hello Aman,
I have attached, a copy of the Forest Conservation By-Law 5635. Under section 6 Exemptions; 6.1 (14) identified the exemption for 'successful applications under the Green Energy Act'.
Hope this helps.

Larry Barrette M.L.E.O.
Forest Conservation
County of Simcoe, Forestry Department
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From: Aman Maharaj [<mailto:Aman.Maharaj@recurrentenergy.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:56 AM
To: Barrette, Larry
Subject: tree cutting exemption

Hi Larry –as per our discussion, if you could please provide the by-law exemption that states that if a project has MOE approval, then the tree cutting by-law regarding clearing does not apply, that would be greatly appreciated

Thanks

Aman

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Aman Maharaj

Contracts Associate, Development, East Region

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BY-LAW NO. 5635
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE

A By-law to promote Sustainable Forest Management Practices and to prohibit or regulate the harvest, injuring or destruction of trees in woodlands in the County of Simcoe and to Repeal and Replace By-law No. 5289.

WHEREAS Section 135(2) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, permits the enactment of a By-law by the Council of the County of Simcoe to prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees in woodlands;

AND WHEREAS Section 135(7) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, permits Council to require that a permit be obtained to harvest, injure or destroy trees in woodlands specified in the By-law and impose conditions on a permit, including conditions relating to the manner in which destruction occurs and the qualification of persons authorized to injure or destroy trees.

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that it is desirable to enact such a By-law for the purpose of maintaining and improving the woodlands of the County;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The County of Simcoe hereby enacts as follows:

Part 1 - DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this By-law:

"Basal Area" means the area of the cross-section of the stem of a tree taken at a point of measurement 1.37 metres (54 inches) above the point on the tree where the ground meets the stump.

"Building permit" means a building permit issued under the *Building Code Act*, S.O. 1992, c. 23, as amended.

"Business day" means any day falling on or between Monday and Friday of each week but does not include a statutory holiday.

"Circumference" means the measurement of the perimeter or outer boundary of a stem or trunk of a tree with such measurement including the bark of the stem or trunk.

"Clerk" means the Clerk of the County of Simcoe and his or her designate.

“Conifer Plantation” means an artificially reforested area established by planting or by direct seeding of trees belonging to the order Coniferae, usually evergreen with cones, needle-shaped leaves and producing wood known commercially as softwood.

“Coppice Growth” means more than one tree stem grows from a single tree stump.

“Council” means the Council of the County of Simcoe.

“County” means the Corporation of the County of Simcoe.

“Diameter” means the diameter of the stem or trunk of a tree measured outside the bark at a specified point of measurement.

“DBH or 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.

“Forest Stand” means that part of a woodlands that is a continuous group of trees sufficiently uniform in species composition, arrangement of age classes and condition to be a homogeneous and distinguishable unit.

“Good Forestry Practices” means the proper implementation of harvest, renewal and maintenance activities known to be appropriate for the forest and environmental conditions under which they are being applied and that minimize detriments to forest values including significant ecosystems, important fish and wildlife habitat, soil and water quality and quantity, forest productivity and health and the aesthetics and recreational opportunities of the landscape. Good Forestry Practices also includes the forestry management practices set out in the Provincial Silvicultural Guidelines as referred to in the Forest Operations and Silviculture Manual and its revisions prepared under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, S.O. 1994, c. 25. These Provincial Silvicultural Guidelines include, but are not limited to: A Silvicultural Guide to Managing Southern Ontario Forests, Silvicultural Guide for the Tolerant Hardwood Forest in Ontario, A Tree Marking Guide for the Tolerant Hardwood Working Group in Ontario, A Silvicultural Guide for the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Conifer Forest in Ontario.

“Harvest” means to fell or cut a tree.

“Injure” a tree means irrevocable and lasting damage done to a tree which has the effect of inhibiting or terminating its growth, but does not include pruning or removing branches for maintenance purposes. This may include the destruction or elimination of a tree by cutting, burning, bulldozing or other means.

“Municipality” means a local municipality within the County of Simcoe or a local board thereof.

“Officer” means a police officer, a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, County Forester or other person appointed by Council to administer and enforce this By-law.

“Owner” means a person having any right, title, interest or equity in land and includes the person for the time being managing or receiving the rent of the land and includes a lessee or occupant of the land.

“Own Use” means use that does not include a sale, exchange or other disposition of trees harvested, injured or destroyed.

“Permit” means a permit issued pursuant to this By-law by the County.

“Person” includes an individual, a corporation, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, or other duly appointed representatives.

“Point of Measurement” means that point on the tree trunk measured above the point on the tree where the ground meets the stump. For coppice growth the “Point of Measurement” shall be at the point on the tree trunk where the tree stems separate provided that such point of separation is less than 1.37 metres (54 inches) from where the ground meets the stump.

“Qualified Tree Marker” means:

- (a) an individual who is certified through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Certified Tree Marker Program; or
- (b) a Registered Professional Forester qualified to do tree marking; or
- (c) an associate member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association qualified to do tree marking; or
- (d) a forest technician qualified to do tree marking.

“Registered Professional Forester” means a member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association entitled to use the designation “Registered Professional Forester” under the Professional Foresters Act, S.O. 2000, c.18.

“Sensitive Natural Area” includes:

- (a) provincially or regionally identified Significant Wetlands; or
- (b) any portion of woodlands located within 30.5 metres (100 feet) of the water’s edge of a lake, river, stream, or provincially or regionally identified significant wetland; or
- (c) provincially designated Life Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest.

“Silviculture” means the theory and practice of controlling forest establishment, composition, growth and quality of forests to achieve the objectives of forest management.

“Silvicultural Prescription” means a site specific operational plan that describes the existing forest conditions and the forest management objectives for an area, and which prescribes the methods for harvesting the existing forest stand and a series of silvicultural treatments that will be carried out to establish a free-growing stand in a manner that accommodates other resource values as identified;

“Tree” means any species of woody perennial plant, including its root system, which has reached or can reach a height of at least 4.5 meters (15 feet) at physiological maturity;

"Woodlands" means lands with at least:

- (a) 1000 trees per hectare (400 trees 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
- (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 (8 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.

Part 2 - APPLICATION OF BY-LAW

- 2.1 This By-law shall apply to all Woodlands within the County having an area of one (1) hectare (2.47 acres) or more.

Part 3 - GENERAL PROHIBITION

- 3.1 No person shall harvest, cause or permit to be harvested or injure, cause or permit to be injured, or destroy, cause or permit to be destroyed any tree located in Woodlands or Sensitive Natural Area:
- (1) unless exempted under the provisions of this By-law; or
 - (2) except in accordance with a valid permit issued by the County pursuant to the provisions of this By-law.
- 3.2 No person shall contravene, cause or permit the contravention of the terms or conditions of a permit issued under this By-law.
- 3.3 No person shall operate a vehicle, machinery or equipment or conduct their operations in such a manner or at such a time that results in excessive damage to the soil, wetlands or other portions of the Woodlands or a Sensitive Natural Area.
- 3.4 No person shall operate a vehicle, machinery or equipment or conduct operations in a manner or a time, that results in the leaving of any part of a tree in a watercourse and this includes a tree that has been cut, pushed, knocked over or otherwise ended up in a watercourse, unless such operation is part of an approved water course restoration project.
- 3.5 No person shall fail to comply with an Order issued under this By-law.
- 3.6 No person shall remove or deface an Order that has been posted pursuant to this By-law.

- 3.7 No person shall fail to notify the County twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of cutting.

Part 4 - APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT

- 4.1 The County hereby delegates to an Officer the power to issue a permit under this By-law, and to impose such terms and conditions in accordance with Good Forestry Practices.
- 4.2 An application to the County for a **Good Forestry Practices permit** to allow for the harvesting of trees is subject to the following:
- (1) submission of a completed application form as provided by the County at least five (5) business days prior to harvesting; and
 - (2) submission of a Silvicultural Prescription prepared by a qualified member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association for the Woodlands or Sensitive Natural Area in which the trees are to be harvested; and
 - (3) the Woodlands or Sensitive Natural Area being marked by a Qualified Tree Marker in accordance with the Silvicultural Prescription as submitted.
- 4.3 An application to the County for a **Conifer Plantation permit** to allow for the harvesting of trees is subject to the following:
- (1) submission of a completed application form as provided by the County at least five (5) business days prior to harvesting; and
 - (2) the Officer is satisfied that the harvesting of trees is consistent with Good Forestry Practices.
- 4.4 An application to the County for a **Harvesting permit** to allow for the harvesting of trees is subject to the following:
- (1) submission of a completed application form as provided by the County at least five (5) business days prior to harvesting; and
 - (2) the trees subject to this permit have attained, at the specified Point of Measurement, the circumference measurement which is equal to or greater than the minimum circumference prescribed for the species as outlined in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this By-law; and
 - (3) the trees subject to this permit are marked with paint to the satisfaction of the Officer; and
 - (4) the harvesting of trees subject to this permit shall not reduce the number of trees per hectare below the minimum number of trees per hectare required to be considered Woodlands; and
 - (5) the harvesting of trees subject to this permit shall not reduce the Basal Area in the Forest Stand below an average of 20m²/ha, and at no point below 15m²/ha, measuring 10 centimeters (4 inches) or more at DBH when sampled using recognized forest sampling procedures.

- 4.5 Despite subsection 4.4 of this By-law, the County may issue a Harvest permit provided that an Officer is satisfied that the harvesting of trees is consistent with Good Forestry Practices.
- 4.6 A permit issued by the County is valid for up to one (1) year and may be renewed by an Officer for one (1) additional year.
- 4.7 An Officer may impose such terms and conditions on a permit that relate to the manner in which the harvesting or injury is to occur.
- 4.8 An application which is not complete will be returned to the applicant within thirty (30) days.
- 4.9 An application for a permit shall be deemed incomplete if:
- (1) the application has not been completed in full; or
 - (2) the owner of the lands has not signed the application; or
 - (3) the party who will be undertaking or responsible for the harvesting, injuring or destruction of trees has not signed the application; or
 - (4) other application requirements have not be met.
- 4.10 An applicant will be notified by an Officer within thirty (30) days of filing an application, when an application is denied.

Part 5 - SPECIAL PERMIT - COUNCIL

- 5.1 An application for a Special Permit to be approved by Council shall be completed on a form provided by the County and shall be submitted to the Clerk at least three (3) months prior to the anticipated commencement of work.
- 5.2 At least fifteen (15) business days prior to consideration of the application for a Special Permit, the Clerk shall send, by regular mail, written notice to the applicant, all assessed owners of each parcel of land that abuts the subject lands and to such other persons as prescribed by Council.
- 5.3 Council shall hear any person who wishes to speak for or in objection to an application for a Special Permit.
- 5.4 Council may authorize the issuing of a Special Permit for a one (1) year period where the general purpose and intent of this By-law is maintained.
- 5.5 Council may impose such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate to a Special Permit.
- 5.6 The Clerk shall notify the applicant in writing of Council's decision to issue or not issue a Special Permit.
- 5.7 Council may renew a Special Permit for a further one (1) year period.

Part 6 - EXEMPTIONS

6.1 This By-law does not apply to:

- (1) activities or matters undertaken or authorized by a municipality.
- (2) activities or matters undertaken under a licence issued under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994.
- (3) the injuring or destruction of trees by a person licensed under the Surveyors Act to engage in the practice of cadastral surveying or his or her agent while making a survey.
- (4) the injuring or destruction of trees imposed after December 31, 2002 as a condition to the approval of a site plan, a plan of subdivision or a consent under section 41, 51, or 53, respectively, of the Planning Act or as a requirement of a site plan agreement or subdivision agreement entered into under those sections.
- (5) the injuring or destruction of trees imposed after December 31, 2002 as a condition to a development permit authorized by regulation made under section 70.2 of the Planning Act or as a requirement of an agreement entered into under the regulation.
- (6) the injuring or destruction of trees by a transmitter or distributor, as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Electricity Act, 1998, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a transmission system or a distribution system, as those terms as defined in that section.
- (7) the injuring or destruction of trees undertaken on land described in a licence for a pit or quarry or a permit for a wayside pit or wayside quarry issued under the Aggregate Resources Act.
- (8) the injuring or destruction of trees undertaken on land in order to lawfully establish and operate or enlarge any pit or quarry on land,
 - (a) that has not been designated under the Aggregate Resources Act or a predecessor of that Act, and
 - (b) on which a pit or quarry is a permitted land use under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Planning Act.
- (9) the injuring or destruction of trees that is required in order to erect a building or structure in respect of which a building permit has been issued, provided that the total area within which trees are injured or destroyed is within 25 metres (82 feet) of the outer edge of the building or structure or proposed building or structure.
- (10) the injuring or destruction of trees that is reasonably required in order to install and provide utilities to the construction or use of a building or structure in respect of which a building permit has been issued.

- (11) the injuring or destruction of trees that is reasonably required in order to install and provide utilities to a driveway for vehicular access to a building or structure in respect of which a building permit has been issued.
- (12) the harvesting, injury or destruction of trees by the owner of Woodlands for the owner's own use, provided the harvesting, injuring or destruction does not reduce the density of trees below that which is defined as Woodlands.
- (13) the harvesting or injury or destruction of trees where the trees are harvested, injured or destroyed pursuant to a legally binding contract if:
 - (a) the owner of the Woodlands has made application under By-law 5289 prior to the passing of this By-law; and
 - (b) the contract for the work was signed within one year immediately preceding the date on which this By-law was passed; and
 - (c) proof of the signed contract has been submitted to the Officer; and
 - (d) the trees are injured, destroyed or harvested in accordance with the terms and conditions of By-law No. 5289 and in compliance with any permit issued.
- (14) the injuring or destruction of trees that is required to install and operate a Renewable Energy Project pursuant to a successful application under the Green Energy Act. (amended October 2011)

Part 7 - ORDERS

- 7.1 Where an Officer is satisfied that a contravention of this By-law has occurred, the Officer may issue an Order requiring the person who contravened the By-law or who caused or permitted the harvesting, injuring or destruction of trees in contravention of the By-law to stop the harvesting, injuring or destruction of trees.
- 7.2 An Order issued under this By-law may be served in the following manner:
 - (1) personally; or
 - (2) by posting it on the property; or
 - (3) by sending it by mail to the last known address
- 7.3 An Order issued under this By-law may be served on:
 - (1) the owner of the woodlands; and/or
 - (2) the person identified as harvesting, injuring or destroying a tree or trees.
- 7.4 Where service of an Order is made by mail, service shall be deemed to have been made five (5) days after the order is mailed.
- 7.5 If the person to whom the Order is directed is not satisfied with the terms of the Order, the person may appeal to Council by filing a notice of appeal by personal service or registered mail to the Clerk within 30 days of the date of the Order.

- 7.6 Where a notice of appeal has been filed, Council shall hear the appeal and have all the powers and functions of the Officer.
- 7.7 Prior to conducting a hearing, the Clerk shall give notice to such persons or direct that notice be given to such persons as the Clerk considers should receive notice and in the manner directed by the Clerk.
- 7.8 After hearing an appeal, Council may confirm or revoke any Order issued under this By-law or may issue a Permit with conditions, provided that in the opinion of the Council, the general intent and purpose of this By-law is maintained.
- 7.9 The proceedings at the hearing held by Council shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Statutory Powers Procedures Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.22. The decision of Council is final and binding.

Part 8 - ENFORCEMENT & PENALTY

- 8.1 An Officer may enforce the provisions of this By-law.
- 8.2 Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law, or an Order issued under of this By-law, is guilty of an offence and is liable:
 - (1) on first conviction, to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or \$1,000 per tree, whichever is greater; and
 - (2) on any subsequent conviction, to a fine of not more than \$25,000 or \$2,500 per tree, whichever is greater.
- 8.3 Despite Section 8.2, where the person is a corporation the maximum fines are:
 - (1) on first conviction, to a fine of not more than \$50,000 or \$5,000 per tree, whichever is greater; and
 - (2) on any subsequent conviction, to a fine of not more than \$100,000 or \$10,000 per tree, whichever is greater.
- 8.4 If a Person is convicted of an offence for contravening this By-law or an Order issued under this By-law, the court in which the conviction has been entered, and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, may order the Person to rehabilitate the land or to plant or replant trees in such a manner and within such period as the court considers appropriate, including any Silvicultural treatment necessary to re-establish the trees.
- 8.5 Any person who is alleged to have contravened any section of this By-law shall identify themselves to the Officer upon request, failure to do so shall be deemed to have hindered or obstructed the Officer in the execution of their duties.
- 8.6 Any person who provides false information to an Officer shall be deemed to have hindered or obstructed the Officer in the execution of their duties.
- 8.7 No person shall hinder or obstruct an Officer in the enforcement of this By-law.

- 8.8 An Officer may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the By-law is complied with or whether an order issued under this By-law is complied with.

Part 9 - SEVERABILITY

- 9.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section or part of this By-law invalid, it is the intention of Council that the remainder of the By-law shall continue in force.

Part 10 - SINGULAR AND PLURAL USE

- 10.1 In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires words importing the singular shall include the plural and use of the masculine shall include the feminine, where applicable.

Part 11 - ADMINISTRATION

- 11.1 The short title of this By-law is the "Forest Conservation By-law".
- 11.2 By-law 5289 is hereby repealed.
- 11.3 Despite Section 11.2 By-law 5289 shall continue to apply to proceedings in respect of offences that occurred before its repeal and for the purposes of Section 6.1(13).

This By-law has been read a first, second, third time and passed this day of ,
2008.

Chair

Clerk

SCHEDULE A**CIRCUMFERENCE LIMITS BY CATEGORY OF TREE SPECIES**

<u>Category 1: Large</u> Circumference Tree Species	<u>Category 2: Medium</u> Circumference Tree Species	<u>Category 3: Small</u> Circumference Tree Species
<u>Acer saccharum</u> (Sugar Maple) <u>Acer nigrum</u> (Black Maple) <u>Acer rubrum</u> (Red Maple) <u>Acer saccharinum</u> (Silver Maple) <u>Quercus spp</u> (Oak species) <u>Juglans nigra</u> (Black Walnut) <u>Fraxinus americana</u> (White Ash) <u>Tilia americana</u> (Basswood) <u>Pinus strobus</u> (White Pine) <u>Betula alleghaniensis</u> (Yellow Birch)	<u>Pinus resinosa</u> (Red Pine) <u>Larix spp</u> (Larch) <u>Picea spp</u> (Spruce) <u>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</u> (Red & Green Ash) <u>Fagus grandifolia</u> (Beech) <u>Tsuga canadensis</u> (E. Hemlock) <u>Prunus serotina</u> (Black Cherry) <u>Carya spp</u> (Hickory species)	<u>Abies balsamea</u> (Balsam Fir) <u>Thuja occidentalis</u> (White Cedar) <u>Betula papyrifera</u> (White Birch) <u>Populus spp</u> (Native Poplar species) <u>Juniperus virginiana</u> (Red Cedar) <u>Fraxinus nigra</u> (Black Ash) <u>Ulmus spp</u> (Native Elm species)

<u>Height above ground</u>	<u>Category 1 Species</u>	<u>Category 2 Species</u>	<u>Category 3 Species</u>
4 inches (10 cm)	85 inches (216 cm)	69 inches (175 cm)	50 inches (127cm)
8 inches (20 cm)	75 inches (191 cm)	59 inches (145 cm)	37 inches (94 cm)
12 inches (30 cm)	66 inches (168 cm)	50 inches (127 cm)	31 inches (79 cm)
54 inches (137 cm)	50 inches (127 cm)	38 inches (96 cm)	25 inches (64 cm)

Gibson, Melissa

From: Boucher, Noel
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:05 AM
To: Gibson, Melissa
Cc: 334680
Subject: FW: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Melissa,

Here is some information regarding County of Simcoe consultation for the Orillia 3 Consultation Report Addendum.

Thanks
Noel

From: Aman Maharaj [<mailto:Aman.Maharaj@recurrentenergy.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:03 AM
To: Bob Leah; Sean Caffyn
Cc: Boucher, Noel
Subject: RE: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Hi – I already met with the Forest Conservation By-Law Officer, Larry Barrette, for Simcoe County and he confirmed that if a project has MOE approval then it is exempt from the tree clearing by-law. I have also met with Township of Oro-Medonte staff and they have no issues with the tree cutting for Orillia 3.

So we're good here...

Aman

From: Bob Leah
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:37 AM
To: Aman Maharaj; Sean Caffyn
Cc: Boucher, Noel
Subject: FW: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Aman, note request from Sarah that tree removal consultation has to occur with township and county. Please follow through with that.

Noel will notify FN as required.

Bob

From: Raetsen, Sarah (ENE) [<mailto:Sarah.Raetsen@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 10:06 AM
To: Boucher, Noel; Schroter, Vic (ENE)
Cc: Bob Leah; Sean Caffyn; 334680
Subject: RE: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Hi Noel,

Based on the proposed change for RE Orillia 3 presented to the MOE in the *DRAFT Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments* document prepared by HATCH, the MOE considers the change to be a major project change, specifically due to the increase in project location size.

I understand from your e-mail below that you are proceeding with a public meeting on November 5, 2012 to consult on the proposed change for Orillia 3. I would ask that you also consult with the upper and lower tier municipalities, in particular, to ensure that there are no requirements to obtain a tree-cutting bylaw, as I note that the project change does require some removal of vegetation from a woodland. Please also ensure that you consult with the Aboriginal communities on your Section 14 list.

When the MOE receives the REA application we will screen the application for completeness. If the projects meet the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, the application will be deemed complete, and proposal notice posted on the Environmental Registry for 30 day comment. The six month standard clock will start when the proposal is posted on the Registry.

Please note that should you require any other permits and/or approvals from other Provincial ministries or agencies, such as the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Transportation or a conservation authority, please ensure that you contact that ministry or agency immediately to coordinate the timing of their approvals with the REA.

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

Thanks,
Sarah

Sarah Raetsen
Senior Program Support Coordinator
Approval Services Unit - Team 5
Phone: (416) 325-3306

From: Boucher, Noel [<mailto:NBoucher@Hatch.ca>]
Sent: October 4, 2012 2:17 PM
To: Raetsen, Sarah (ENE); Schroter, Vic (ENE)
Cc: Bob Leah; Sean Caffyn; 334680
Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project - Proposed Project Changes

Hi Sarah and Vic,

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing to add additional lands to the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project, which already has a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) in place (No. 9070-8TRQM4). It is our understanding that this requires an amendment to the REA.

We have prepared a document entitled *Proposed Project Changes and Report Amendments*, similar to what we have done for other Projects.

RE Orillia 3 ULC has issued this report, as well as other new/amended reports supporting the Project change, for a 30-day public review period and a public meeting is being held on November 5, 2012 to discuss the proposed changes. Following that, an application for an amendment to the REA will be submitted to the MOE.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the proposed Project changes at this point.

Regards,
Noel

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Aquatic Biologist

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October 12, 2012

Noel Boucher
Environmental Coordinator, Hatch Ltd.
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Mr. Boucher,

RE: Soil Classification for Solar Projects in the County of Simcoe

Hatch Ltd. represents a number of solar projects that are proposed to be constructed in the County of Simcoe. The County of Simcoe as a municipal commenting agency, would like to receive confirmation documentation, studies, and/or investigation reports, for our records, of the soil classifications of each solar project.

If you have any questions with respect to the above noted matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

The Corporation of the County of Simcoe

David Parks MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning, Development and Tourism

Appendix F2

Correspondence with Township of Oro-Medonte

October 2, 2012

Doug Irwin, Director
Corporate Services/Clerk
Township of Oro-Medonte
148 Line 7 South
Oro, ON L0L 2X0

Dear Mr. Irwin

**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Project Change**

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing amendments to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) received for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (REA number:9070-8TRQM4). This Project is located in the Township of Oro-Medonte and is considered a Class 3 Solar Facility, with a nameplate capacity of 6.5 MW. The proposed amendment to the REA is required due to Project changes which are necessary to ensure that the required 6.5-MW capacity can be met. This Project 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 amendment process.

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

In accordance with Section 32.3 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, October 5, 2012 and again on Friday, October 12, 2012.

As per O. Reg. 359/09, the documents outlining the proposed changes for the Project including the Summary Amendment Report, Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study – Amendment Report, Heritage Assessment Report, Archaeological Assessment Report and Noise Assessment Study are available for public review on-line at: www.ontariosolarfuture.ca, and at the Township of Oro-Medonte municipal office on Friday, October 5, 2012. The information provided in these reports will be discussed during the Public Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2012, at the Old Town Hall, 833 Line 7 North, Oro-Medonte, ON. Your comments, queries or information relevant to the proposed Project changes would be greatly appreciated.



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Doug Irwin
October 2, 2012

Correspondence should be directed to:

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Yours faithfully,

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Noel Boucher, B.Sc.,
NB:mg
Attachment(s)/Enclosure
Notice of Public Meeting – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project



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October 2, 2012

Andria Leigh, Director
Development Services Township of Oro-Medonte
148 Line 7S., Box 100
Oro, ON L0L 2X0

Dear Ms. Leigh

**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Project Change**

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Yours faithfully,

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Noel Boucher, B.Sc.,
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Notice of Public Meeting – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

October 3, 2012

Andria Leigh, Director, Development Services
Township of Oro-Medonte
148 Line 7 South, Box 100
Oro Station, ON L0L 2X0

Dear Ms. Leigh:

**Subject: RE Orillia 3 Solar Project -
Notice of Public Meeting for Project Changes and Project Documents**

RE Orillia 3 ULC is proposing amendments to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) received for the RE Orillia 3 Solar Project (REA Number: 9070-8TRQM4). This Project is located in the Township of Oro-Medonte and is considered a Class 3 Solar Facility, with a nameplate capacity of 6.5 MW. The proposed amendment to the REA is required due to Project changes which are necessary to ensure that the required 6.5-MW capacity can be met. This Project 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 amendment process.

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Please find enclosed copies of the documents outlining the proposed changes for the Project. O. Reg. 359/09 requires that a copy of these documents be placed at the municipal office for public review for the duration of the 30-day period. Accordingly, can you please make these copies available for review by the public within your local municipal office, by the morning of Friday October, 5, 2012.

Additionally, please find enclosed a copy of the documents for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for any clarifications.

Yours faithfully,



Noel Boucher, Environmental Coordinator
NB:mg

Attachment(s)/Enclosure
Notice of Public Meeting – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project

Summary Amendment Report – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project
Cultural Heritage Assessment – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project
Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Amendment Report – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project
Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project
Noise Assessment Study – RE Orillia 3 Solar Project



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Appendix G

List of Aboriginal Communities from MOE

Ministry of the Environment

Environmental Assessment and
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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 reviewed 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))

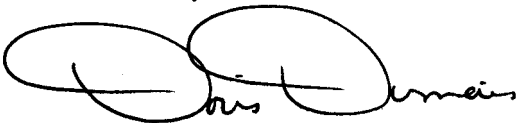
Aboriginal Community
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Métis Nation of Ontario Consultation Unit 500 Old St. Patrick St, Unit 3 Ottawa ON K1N 9G4

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

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

Sincerely,



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 H

List of Aboriginal Communities from Hatch

Chief Rodney Monague Jr and Council
Beausoleil First Nation
General Delivery
Cedar Point , On
L0K 1C0

Chief Blaine Commandant and Council
Wahta Mohawk First Nation
PO BOX 260
Bala , On
P0C 1A0

Chief Sharon Stinson-Henry and Council
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
5884 Rama Road, Suite 200
Rama , On
L0K 1T0

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

Chief Barron King and Council
Moose Deer Point First Nation
PO BOX 119
Mactier , On
P0C 1H0

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

Chief Shane Tabobondung and Council
Wasauksing First Nation

PO BOX 250
Parry Sound , On
P2A 2X4

Chief Tracy Gauthier and Council
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
22521 Island Rd
Port Perry , On
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5884 Rama Rd, Suite 200
Rama, On
L0K 1T0

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

Roseneath, On
K0K 2X0

Chief Keith Knott and Council

Curve Lake First Nation

General Delivery
Curve Lake , On
K0L 1R0

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Hiawatha First Nation
123 Paudash Street
Hiawatha , On
K0L 2G0

Chief M. Bryan LaForme and Council
Mississaugas of the Credit
RR 6
Hagersville , On ,
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Appendix I

Correspondence with Aboriginal Communities

October 3, 2012

Chief and Council
Beausoleil First Nation
1 Ogema Street
Cedar Point, ON L0K 1C0

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Virginia Beach Marina Gas Bar
7751 Black River Road
Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

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Métis Nation of Ontario, Consultation Unit
500 Old St. Patrick Street, Unit D
Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4

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Lakefield, ON K0L 2H0

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Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0

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