# **NEWBORO 1 SOLAR**

# SunE Newboro 1 Solar Farm

# **Consultation Report**



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#### 1. Public Notices

## 1.1 Notice of Project Commencement and Public Meeting #1

The SunE Solar Farm Renewable Energy Approval process began in 2011 with a Notice of Project and Public Meeting #1 published in The Review-Mirror on August 25, 2011 and on September 22, 2011, respectively, as detailed in Table 1, below. The Initial Public Meeting was held on September 27, 2011 at the Crosby Community Centre 3579 Highway 15, Crosby, Ontario.

Notices were made available on the proponent's website (<a href="www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1">www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1</a>). On August 30, 2011 a copy of the notice was also hand distributed to all residences within 120 m of the project location (as shown in Appendix F-B) which included to residences along McCann Road and Narrow Locks Road. Additional mailings were completed to non-resident landowners and the mailing list has been included in Appendix F-E. Copies of the notice were sent to the clerk of the Township of Rideau Lakes (single-tier municipality), the clerk of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (upper-tier municipality), the MOE District Manager (Kingston District) and the MOE Director of Approvals. The notice contained information on the project location, the proposed size of the project, the proponent, the process and a key map of the original Project Area. Copies of the Draft Project Description Report were also mailed to the clerks and the MOE and a copy was posted on the proponent's website (<a href="www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1">www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1</a>).

A copy of the Public Meeting #1 notice, list of attendees and the display boards presented at the open house are included in Appendix F-B. Further details of the public meeting are included in Section 5.

## 1.2 Notice of Public Meeting #2

The notice of Public Meeting #2 was published in the local newspapers (May 16, 2012 and June 28, 2012) in The Review-Mirror, as detailed in Table 1, below, and were made available on the proponent's website (<a href="www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1">www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1</a>). On May 10, 2012 a copy of the notices was also hand distributed to all residences within 120 m of the project location (as shown in Appendix F-C), as well as any others who had requested that they be added to the mailing list. This included mailing of the notices and also emailing the notices to those requesting to be added to the mailing list at Public Meeting #1. Additional mailings were completed to non-resident landowners and the mailing list has been included in Appendix F-E. Due to the change in venue for Public Meeting #2, a copy of the notices was hand delivered, mailed and emailed again on May 25, 2012 and July 3, 2012.

Copies of the notice were sent to the clerk of the Township of Rideau Lakes (single-tier municipality), the clerk of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (upper-tier municipality), the MOE District Manager (Kingston District) and the MOE Director of Approvals.

In order to conform with the requirements of O.Reg. 359/09, the notice contained information on the project location, the proposed size of the project, the proponents, the process and a key map of the Project Location. Also included in this notice was the location, time and date of Public Meeting #2 and where the draft project reports were available for public review (both hard copy and electronic versions), dates of the review period and to whom and where comments could be forwarded. A copy of the notice, public mailing list, list of attendees and the display boards presented at the open house are included in Appendix F-C.

Table 1: Publication / Distribution of Public Notices

Notice	Date Published	Location of Notice	Days Prior to Public Meeting
Public Meeting #1 (Held September 27, 2011 at the Crosby Community	August 25, 2011	The Review-Mirror	33
Centre)	September 22, 2011	The Review-Mirror	5
	August 30, 2011	Hand delivered or mailed to residents	28
	September 2, 2011	Turtle Island News	25
Public Meeting #2 (Held July 11, 2012 at the Portland Community	May 10, 2012	The Review-Mirror	62
Hall)	June 28, 2012	The Review-Mirror	13
	May 10, 2012	Hand delivered, mailed or emailed	62
	May 25, 2012	Hand delivered, mailed or emailed	47
	July 3, 2012	"Change in venue notice"	8
	June 4, 2012	Turtle Island News	37

#### 1.3 Distribution of Documents for Review

Prior to the final public meeting (held July 11, 2012) the Draft Renewable Energy Approval documents for consultation were made available for public review for at least 60 days, as required by O.Reg. 359/09. These reports were made available on the proponent's website (www.sunedison.ca/Newboro1) on May 10, 2012, and were also made available for review at the Township of Rideau Lakes and United Counties of Leeds and Grenville municipal offices on that same date, 62 days prior to Public Meeting #2.

Section 4 below provides further discussion on the release of the documents to the clerks of the municipalities (Township and United Counties) on April 4, 2012 (greater than 90 days prior to Public Meeting #2).

All project components are proposed to be located within the Township of Rideau Lakes, in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

## 2. Agency Consultation

#### 2.1 MNR Review

On August 16, 2011 information was received from the MNR on the request for Records Review for the Newboro 1 Solar Power Project. GENIVAR completed the Records Review on September 15, 2011 and the following document was submitted to the MNR for review along with the Natural Heritage Assessment Site Investigation Report:

• Newboro 1 Proposed Solar Power Project (February 2012)

On March 10, 2012 the following revised document was also submitted to the MNR for review to ensure compliance with the Natural Heritage requirements of O.Reg. 359/09:

 Natural Heritage Assessment Site Investigation Report, SunE Newboro 1 Solar Energy Project (March 10, 2012) On March 13, 2012 the following revised report was submitted by Ecological Services:

• Natural Heritage Assessment Evaluation of Significance Report, SunE Newboro 1 Solar Energy Project (March 13, 2012)

On March 13, 2012, Ecological Services supplied the following document to the MNR:

 Natural Heritage Assessment Environmental Impact Study Report, SunE Newboro 1 Solar Farm (March 13, 2012)

Final confirmation from the MNR was received on March 20, 2012. Copies of the correspondence and final report can be found in Appendix C. Copies of the reports and the letter were posted on the proponent's website and were made available for review at the Township of Rideau Lakes and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville municipal offices and at Public Meeting #2.

The MNR was also contacted for the Water Body Records Review. On August 16, 2011, the MNR provided a records review request response to GENIVAR. A *Water Body Records Review, Newboro 1 Solar Energy Project, Township of Rideau Lakes, Ontario* (March 2012) report was completed by GENIVAR and is included in Appendix C.

#### 2.2 MTCS Review

The "Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment for SunEdison Newboro 1 Solar Farm, Part of Lots 25 through 27, Concession 1, South Crosby, Township of Rideau Lakes, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario (January 26, 2012) report was submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for review on March 20, 2012 by the Archaeologists Inc. The MTC issued a letter of acceptance on April 13, 2012 agreeing with the findings and recommendations of the report. A copy of the acceptance letter is included in Appendix D.

The Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment: Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes, SunE Newboro 1 Solar Farm, Township of Rideau Lakes, Ontario (March 2012 (May 2012)) report was submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for review on March 15, 2012 by Archaeological Services Inc. The MTCS issued a letter of acceptance on July 6, 2012 agreeing with the findings and recommendations of the report. A copy of the acceptance letter is included in Appendix D.

Copies of the archaeological assessment and cultural heritage resource assessment reports and the letters of acceptance were posted on the proponent's website and were made available for review at the Township of Rideau Lakes and United Counties of Leeds and Grenville municipal offices and at Public Meeting #2.

## 2.3 Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA)

RVCA staff were consulted throughout the REA process to keep them appraised of the project activities and seek input on the proposed project. RVCA staff provided a response to the records review request on September 16, 2011 (included in Appendix D (Natural Heritage Assessment Reports in Appendix A)). RVCA noted that the property was not within a regulated limit or floodplain area and from a regulations perspective written approval would not be required for the project. However, for any watercourses on the property or within the 120 m buffer, RVCA would require appropriate development setbacks and any alteration to a waterway required written approval from RVCA.

## 2.4 Cataragui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA)

RVCA staff were consulted throughout the REA process to keep them appraised of the project activities and seek input on the proposed project. LRCA staff provided a response to the records review request on September 15, 2011 (included in Appendix D (Natural Heritage Assessment Reports in Appendix A)). CRCA noted that the majority of the property was in RVCA's jurisdiction and the portion in CRCA consisted of fields and 'wooded areas' in the southeast corner. CRCA noted that there was nothing their

regulation would cover and so they would not require review of the project.

In April 2012, further emails were exchanged with CRCA regarding the man-made ditch located on the property and less than 15 m from the solar panels. On April 15, 2012 CRCA provided an email response indicating that either the watercourse could be moved (if necessary) or a brief hydraulic study of the floodplain for the ditch could be undertaken. Based on minor modifications to the layout (to avoid H1 archaeological site) and set-back of the fence line to avoid a neighbouring property and further away from Narrows Lock Road, the setback from the development to the watercourse is now 15 m.

## 3. Aboriginal Consultation

Aboriginal consultation has been undertaken by GENIVAR and Patricia Stirbys on behalf of SunEdison in order to meet the requirements to consult. These activities are detailed below.

#### 3.1 Director's List

On August 25, 2011, a copy of the Draft Project Description Report was submitted to the Director of Approvals in order to receive the List of Aboriginal Communities to Consult. A response was received from the MOE on October 11, 2011 and identified the following First Nations groups to consult:

- 1. Alderville First Nation Mississaugas of Alderville may have constitutionally protected treaty or aboriginal rights which may be impacted by the project;
- 2. Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Rice Lake may have constitutionally protected treaty or aboriginal rights which may be impacted by the project;
- 3. Curve Lake First Nation Mississaugas of Mud Lake may have constitutionally protected treaty or aboriginal rights which may be impacted by the project;
- 4. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation may have constitutionally protected treaty or aboriginal rights which may be impacted by the project;
- 5. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation may have constitutionally protected treaty or aboriginal rights which may be impacted by the project; and
- 6. Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte may be interested in any negative effects of the project.

## 3.2 Distribution of Notices and Reports

In the absence of a Director's List, SunEdison undertook consultations prior to receiving the list. The table below identifies the notices and documents sent to each First Nation's group. A copy of the correspondence is provided in Appendices F-H and F-I. A copy of the letters sent out on August 30, 2011 are not all available since this was done by mail merge and only some of the original letters were retained. A list from Purolator is provided to show that the packages were sent by courier. Hiawatha First Nation does not have a courier address and this package was mailed out. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation indicated that their preference is to receive only email copies of documents, so emails were sent out with the information.

Table 2: Distribution of Public Meeting #1 Notices and Reports

Group	Public Meeting #1 Notice	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #1	Project Description Report	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #1
Mohawks of Akwesasne	August 30, 2011	27	July 22, 2010	27
Mohawks of the	August 30, 2011	27	July 22, 2010	27

Group	Public Meeting #1 Notice	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #1	Project Description Report	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #1
Bay of Quinte				
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation	August 30, 2011	27	July 22, 2010	27
Alderville First Nation	August 30, 2011	27	July 22, 2010	27
Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Rice Lake	August 30, 2011 (mail only)	27	July 22, 2010	27
Curve Lake First Nation Mississaugas of Mud Lake	August 30, 2011	27	July 22, 2010	27
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	August 30, 2011	27	July 22, 2010	27
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	August 30, 2011  (as requested – email only)	27	July 22, 2010	27

Table 3: Distribution of Public Meeting #2 Notices and Reports

Group	Public Meeting #2 Notice	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #2	Draft REA Documents	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #2
Mohawks of Akwesasne	May 8, 2012	64	May 8, 2012	64
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte	May 8, 2012	64	May 8, 2012	64
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation	May 8, 2012	64	May 8, 2012	64
Alderville First Nation Mississaugas of Alderville	May 8, 2012	64	May 8, 2012	64
Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Rice Lake	May 8, 2012 (mail only)	64	May 8, 2012	64
Curve Lake First Nation	May 8, 2012	64	May 8, 2012	64

Group	Public Meeting #2 Notice	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #2	Draft REA Documents	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #2
Mississaugas of Mud Lake				
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	May 8, 2012	64	May 8, 2012	64
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	May 8, 2012 (as requested – email only)	64	May 8, 2012	64

## 3.3 Consultation Summary

Table 4: Summary of additional consultation activities with Aboriginal communities

Group & Consultation Date (2011)	Discussion Summary
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Thurs Aug 25, 2011)	Telephoned "Lori" in reception regarding which Aboriginal newspapers they received; other newsletters, website, bulletin board for posting Notices for SunE projects. Also asked for names and contact details for Economic Dvmt or Consultation Officer. Confirmed Chief's name: R. Donald Maracle *Emailed Notice and information regarding SunE Westbrook solar project to Kelly Maracle, Econ Dvmt officer for Mohawks of Bay of Quinte as well as Environmental officer, Kristin Maracle; Sandra Green (newsletter); Chris Maracle (IT manager); Reception "Lori" (bulletin board); Bev H (Consultation)
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan FN (Tues Aug 30, 2011)	Telephoned Vicky Two-Axe, Executive Director. Discussed SunE Bruining and Newboro 1&4. Stated projects quite far away to be of interest. Said I would send link to project description.
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Wed Aug 31, 2011)	Telephoned Chief Donald Maracle. Left message on his voicemail that packages for SunE Newboro were sent to Chief & Council. Left phone number for him to call with any questions.
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (Fri Sept 2, 2011)	Email to Vicky Two-Axe with brief description of Bruining and Newboro 1&4 projects, date of PICs, attachments to project description and Notices. Offer to meet with community.
Turtle Island News (Friday, Sept 2, 2011)	Ordered placement of 3 PIC Notices in half-page format for publication Wednesday, Sept 7, 2011: Westbrook, Bruining, Newboro 1 & 4.
Mohawks of Akwasasne (Wed Sept 7, 2011)	Message left with Carmella Jacobs re whether receipt of Westbrook, Newboro 1&4 packages
Mohawks of Bay of Quinte (Wed Sept 7, 2011)	Spoke with Kristen Maracle-Packages received for Bruining, Newboro1&4 and Westbrook
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan FN (Wed Sept 7, 2011)	Spoke with Vicky Two-Axe - All projects are too far (Bruining, Newboro 1 & 4).

Group & Consultation Date (2012)	Discussion Summary
MARCH 2012	
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (March 14, 2012)	Telephoned Elizabeth Nanticoke, Project officer, Environment, to confirm contact at Akwesasne. Followed up with email and link to Newboro 1 & 4. Elizabeth will be contact for solar projects. Akwesasne also has a group that reviews archaeological studies. Confirmed address. Elizabeth said project is within Algonquin territory and gave email for Larry McDermott w/ Algonquins: larryplentycanada@gmail.com
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (Fri. March 23, 2012)	Returned call to Jim Ransom, Dir. Overseeing Environ./Ec Dev/Emergency Measures - confirmed that SunE sent information to Elizabeth Nanticoke who will forward info to his attention.
Algonquins (Fri. March 23, 2012)	Email to Larry McDermott with link to Newboro projects.
MAY 2012	
Kawartha Nishnawbe FN (Thurs. May 10, 2012)	Sent email to Chief Nahrgang with link to Newboro 1 & 4 projects. Followed with telephone call re. email sent.
Curve Lake FN (Fri. May 18, 2012)	Telephoned K Coppaway to confirm receipt of Newboro 1&4 project packages. K Coppaway said yes, package received.
Mississaugas of Scugog (Fri. May 18, 2012)	Telephoned/left message for M Murray to confirm receipt of Newboro 1&4 project packages.
Kawartha Nishnawbe FN (Fri. May 18, 2012)	Telephoned/left message for Chief Nahrgang to confirm receipt of Newboro 1&4 project packages.
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Fri. May 18, 2012)	Telephoned/left message for K Maracle to confirm receipt of Newboro 1&4 project packages.
Mississaugas of Scugog Wed. May 23, 2012)	Received email from M Maracle stating that project package was received. Will contact us if he has any questions or concerns once he has a chance to review documents. SunE response to let SunE know of any concerns re. impacts relating to aboriginal/treaty rights.
Alderville FN (Mon. May 28, 2012)	Emailed updated PIC 2 Notice to D Simpson re. change of venue for PIC 2 being held July 11.
Hiawatha FN (Mon. May 28, 2012)	Called and Emailed L Ritter/D Sheridan an updated PIC 2 Notice with change of venue for PIC 2 being held July 11.
Curve Lake FN (Mon. May 28, 2012)	Emailed updated PIC 2 Notice to K Coppaway re. change of venue for PIC 2 being held July 11.

Group & Consultation Date (2012)	Discussion Summary
Mississaugas of Scugog (Mon. May 28, 2012)	Emailed updated PIC 2 Notice to M Murray re. change of venue for PIC 2 being held July 11.
Kawartha Nishnawbe FN (Mon. May 28, 2012)	Emailed updated PIC 2 Notice to Chief Nahrgang re. change of venue for PIC 2 being held July 11.
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Mon. May 28, 2012)	Emailed updated PIC 2 Notice to K Maracle re. change of venue for PIC 2 being held July 11.
JUNE 2012	
Turtle Island News (Mon June 4, 2012)	Email to Amy to publish PIC Notice in June 6 edition.

## 4. Municipal Consultation

SunEdison Canada is actively engaging in consultation with the local municipalities of the Township of Rideau Lakes and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. As the project will be entirely located in the Township of Rideau Lakes, the majority of discussions have been with the Township. A "Renewable Energy Approval Consultation Form: municipalities, local authorities" (MOE) form was distributed (details provided in Section 4.2 below) to the clerks of the Township of Rideau Lakes and the United Counties of Leeds Grenville more than 90 days prior to the final public meeting.

#### 4.1 Consultation Form

A "Renewable Energy Approval Consultation Form: municipalities, local authorities" (MOE) form was distributed to the Clerk of the Township of Rideau Lakes and the Clerk of United Counties of Leeds and Grenville as noted in the table below. Included with the consultation form was a copy of the Draft Renewable Energy Approval Documents for Consultation.

Table 5: Municipal Consultation Form Distribution

Recipient of Consultation Form	Date of receipt of Form	Included Documents	Date of Receipt of Notice	# Days Prior to Public Meeting #2
Dianna Breese, Clerk, Township of Rideau Lakes	August 24, 2011	Draft Project Description Report, August 24, 2011		
	April 4, 2012	Draft REA Documents, April 4, 2012	April 4, 2012 July 5, 2012	105
Lesley Todd, County Clerk, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	August 24, 2011	Draft Project Description Report, August 24, 2012		
Locas and Grenville	April 16, 2012	Draft REA Documents, April 16, 2012	April 16, 2012	105

A completed municipal consultation form was received from the Township of Rideau Lakes on July 5, 2012. A completed copy of the municipal consultation form was received from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville on August 9, 2012. Copies of the municipal consultation forms and the correspondence are included in Appendix F-E. A summary of issues raised and how they were addressed are summarized below:

Table 6: Municipal Feedback

	Comments Received	Response
To	wnship of Rideau Lakes Municipal Consultation	Form
•	Project shall not negatively impact Township's adjacent road network. Construction agreement be entered into with the Township to ensure construction traffic uses Narrows Lock Road	The Traffic Management Plan has since been developed that uses Narrows Lock Road (County Road 14) to access the site. SunEdison will work with the Township to sign Road Use Agreement
•	All temporary parking areas established for construction employees be returned to original condition	Construction employees will park on the project site in part of the designated laydown area
•	Operational noise be within existing background noise levels from all adjacent public and private sites of reception	MOE noise guidelines will be met on the site. A level of less than 35 dBA is anticipated at the site boundary
•	Landscape plan be submitted for Township review with provisions to buffer the facility from views from adjacent Narrows Lock Road and adjacent dwellings	SunEdison will work with the Township and adjacent residents to minimize visual impacts
•	Internal roads shall be constructed to a standard acceptable to the Fire Chief	Discussions will be held with the Township regarding access road construction
•	Full spectrum baseline water testing of adjacent (within 300 m) wells be conducted prior to construction commencing  Ensure no contamination with construction, maintenance or decommissioning of the project	Groundwater Monitoring Plan has been included in the REA submission which commits to testing adjacent wells prior to, during and post construction (if required)
•	Construction be done as per the Township's Noise Bylaw	Construction activities will adhere to the Township's Noise Bylaw
•	44kv line extending from the substation to hydro lines along County Road be buried to reduce visual impact to neighbouring property across the road and the travelling public	SunEdison works with Hydro One regarding connection, proposing above ground in public road right-o-ways
•	Building permits will be required for all structures including temporary construction trailers	SunEdison will obtain necessary building permits
	nited Counties of Leeds and Grenville Municipal C	
•	Narrows Lock Road is a County Road (CR14) and a commercial entrance permit will be required.	SunEdison will work with the County to sign Road Use Agreement and to obtain commercial entrance permit.
•	CR14 is not built to full highway standard and is therefore subject to load restrictions during spring thaw (5 tonnes per axle). Request preconstruction wheel rutting survey and periodic review during construction. Developer responsible for any deterioration identified and this should be reflected in Road Use Agreement.	The Traffic Management Plan has since been developed and will be reviewed with the County. SunEdison will work with the County to sign Road Use Agreement.

	Comments Received	Response
•	Any utility installations on County Road Allowance requires review and approval.	SunEdison will review and work with the County if any utility installations are required on County Road 14.

## **4.2 Consultation Summary**

Table 7 Summary of Municipal Consultations

Municipality & Consultation Date	Discussion Summary		
Township of Rideau Lakes			
September 27, 2011	<ul> <li>Introduced the project and outlined the REA process and how Rideau Lakes would be consulted throughout the development, construction and operation of the solar farm</li> </ul>		
July 11, 2012	Discussed REA work undertaken to date.		
	<ul> <li>Discussed various issues with Councillors that attended the public meeting</li> </ul>		
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville			
September 27, 2011	<ul> <li>Introduced the project and outlined the REA process and how the County would be consulted throughout the development, construction and operation of the solar farm</li> </ul>		

## 5. Public Consultation

### **5.1** Summary of Comments

The summary presents all types of comments received but does not contain each instance where there were multiple comments. Refer to the comment sheets in Appendices F-B (Public Meeting #1) and F-C (Public Meeting #2) to see the original comments. Responses and References are included to demonstrate whether and how the comments were considered and/or addressed in the Final REA submission.

#### 5.1.1 Public Meeting #1, September 27, 2011

Approximately 16 people attended the first public meeting, with 16 signing the sign-in sheet. One of the attendees was a member of the local media organization (newspaper). Generally, comments were positive with people enquiring about how solar PV works and whether people would notice the site after construction. Some questions were raised regarding construction traffic and project noise and reflection.

Written responses were provided on December 9, 2011 to the completed those comment sheets where an address was provided. The responses are provided in Appendix F-D.

Table 8: Summary of Written Comments Received From the Initial Public Meeting

Written Comments Received (From Public Meeting #1 September 27, 2011)	Response	Reference
<ul> <li>There is more than one company proposing solar project in the are, if there is well contamination how is the responsibility between the different companies acc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SunEdison has developed a Groundwater Monitoring Plan as part of the REA submission which commits to testing wells before and during construction and post-construction (if required). This provides SunEdison with specific information related to Newboro 1 and groundwater well conditions</li> </ul>	Appendix G Technical Reports – Groundwater Monitoring Plan
<ul> <li>Will SunEdison compensate for property value decline, renovated house and 3 sides of house proposed for solar farm</li> <li>Visual impacts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Studies on renewable energy projects have not shown solar projects result in property value decline. SunEdison will work to minimize impact to neighbouring properties through plantings and siting the layout setback from the road.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Site Plan Appendix A –         Site Plan Layout</li> <li>Design and Operations         REA Report</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Heart and lung condition and concerned that will not be able to breath during construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SunEdison will provide information on when construction will be undertaken and dust suppression will be used, where possible, during construction</li> </ul>	Design and Operations     REA Report
<ul> <li>Wintering yard for white-tailed deer on the site, what will be the effect on the deer population</li> </ul>	The portion of the site used for the solar panels will be fenced with the remainder available for use by	Appendix C – Natural     Heritage Assessment

Written Comments Received (From Public Meeting #1 September 27, 2011)	Response	Reference
<ul> <li>Run-off into creek/lake</li> <li>Chemicals used to clean panels</li> <li>Herbicides used to keep foliage down</li> <li>Groundwater contamination issue</li> <li>Aesthetics – will it be screened from view</li> <li>Noise attenuation for neighbours</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the deer, minimal impact anticipated with only small portion of woods affected</li> <li>Stormwater Management Plan has been developed as part of the REA submission and addresses drainage on the property</li> <li>No chemicals are used (only greases that are removed from the site) and no pesticides or herbicides are used in the maintenance activities</li> <li>SunEdison has developed a Groundwater Monitoring Plan as part of the REA submission which commits to testing wells before and during construction and post-construction (if required)</li> <li>SunEdison will</li> <li>Noise from the inverters and substation will meet the MOE regulation and the noise modeling conducted demonstrates that approximately 35 dBA will be the level at the property location limits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appendix G Technical Reports – Stormwater Management Plan</li> <li>Section 2.1.2 Design and Operations Report</li> <li>Appendix G Technical Reports – Groundwater Monitoring Plan</li> <li>Appendix E – Noise Study Report</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Well testing</li> <li>Property line fencing at buffer</li> <li>Drainage</li> <li>Possible addition / extension of project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SunEdison has developed a Groundwater Monitoring Plan as part of the REA submission which commits to testing wells before and during construction and post-construction (if required)</li> <li>SunEdison will fence the property and has been discussing the layout of the fence with adjacent property owners</li> <li>Stormwater Management Plan has been developed as part of the REA submission and addresses drainage on the property</li> <li>SunEdison is seeking approval for the Newboro 1 project and there is no addition/extension requested, any extension would be considered a new project requiring re-starting of the process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appendix G Technical Reports – Groundwater Monitoring Plan</li> <li>Appendix G Technical Reports – Groundwater Monitoring Plan</li> </ul>

### 5.1.2 Public Meeting #2, July 11, 2012

Approximately 9 people attended the second public meeting, with 6 signing the sign-in sheet. One of the attendees was a member of the local media organization (newspaper). Generally, comments were positive with no significant concerns.

An email was received from a resident raising the issue of the proximity of the fence line to a neighbouring property and the use of the area by snowmobilers. The email and a response to this email are provided in Appendix F-D.

Table 9: Summary of Written Comments Received From Public Meeting #2

	Written Comments Received (From Public Meeting #2 July 11, 2012)		Response		Reference
•	Good information	•	No response required	•	Not applicable
•	Where is the Narrow Locks Road right of way where is it located?	•	Overhead electrical connection line would run south within the Narrows Lock Road right of way and then north-west within Country Road 42 right of way to connect to east-west distribution line	•	Project Description Report
-	Attending staff and displays were very informative	•	No response required	•	Not applicable
•	Implementation of solar power projects bodes well now and for grandson's future needs				

## 6. Consideration of Public, Municipal and Aboriginal Input

## 6.1 Alterations to the Proposal to Engage in the Project

After consultations with the public, landowners and the municipalities, there were no significant concerns with the project proposal which could not be resolved. Some minor details in the layout were made and these are detailed in Table 10.

Table 10: Alterations to the Proposal to Engage in the Project

Comment / Concern	Alteration to the Project
<ul> <li>Fence line should be shifted away from being around neighbouring property (Scott Smith) to west/northwest</li> </ul>	Fence line has been relocated to be on southwest side of the ditch and further away from neighbouring property
<ul> <li>Snowmobilers use the property during the winter and need access around the fencing</li> </ul>	Fence line at front of property has been pushed back away from Narrows Lock Road providing access for snowmobilers between the road and the fence line
<ul> <li>Project shall not negatively impact Township's adjacent road network. Construction agreement be entered into with the Township to ensure construction traffic uses Narrows Lock Road (County Road 14)</li> </ul>	The Traffic Management Plan was developed that uses Narrows Lock Road (County Road 14) to access the site. SunEdison will work with the Township to sign Road Use Agreement
Landscape plan be submitted for Township review with provisions to buffer the facility from views from adjacent County road and adjacent dwellings	SunEdison will work with the Township and adjacent residents to minimize visual impacts

## 6.2 Alterations to the Required REA Reports

After consultations with the public, landowners and the municipalities, minor modifications to the proposed layout were also made with minor changes to the draft documents released for public review. The fence line modification will set the infrastructure for the property back 15 m from the unnamed watercourse (man-made ditch) and further away from neighbouring properties. As well a few solar panels were shifted further back on the property away from the road and neighbours to avoid archaeological site H1.