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Executive Summary

Sagatay Cogeneration LP, with its General Partner, Sagatay Cogeneration Ltd., and Whitesand First Nation (Whitesand) as agent, is proposing to develop, construct and operate a biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility (the Project). The Project is located on Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario. The unorganized territory is administered by the Armstrong Local Services Board and the Project will be located solely on the traditional territory of Whitesand First Nation.

An application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) is being prepared as the cogeneration plant and ancillary equipment is considered a Class 1 Thermal Facility under Ontario Regulation 359/09 (O. Reg. 359/09) of the *Environmental Protection Act*. Consultation is a critical component of the REA process, ensuring stakeholders are informed of and engaged in the Project. For the purpose of organizing records of consultation in accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, Project stakeholders have been categorized as members of the public, Aboriginal communities, local authorities, and government agencies.

Consultation for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project has been conducted in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09. Whitesand First Nation implemented a consultation program that went beyond the minimum requirements of O. Reg. 359/09 to ensure stakeholders were engaged to the greatest extent possible. This Consultation Report has been prepared to provide a record of consultation that has taken place, including comments that were received regarding the Project, how they were considered and responded to, and accommodations or Project modifications that took place as a result.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Overview

Sagatay Cogeneration LP, with its General Partner, Sagatay Cogeneration Ltd., and Whitesand First Nation (Whitesand) as agent, is proposing to develop, construct and operate a biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility (the Project). The Project is located on Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario. The unorganized territory is administered by the Armstrong Local Services Board and the Project will be located solely on the traditional territory of Whitesand First Nation.

The general Project components include a biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, wood pellet plant, maintenance garage, material storage and handling areas, wastewater management system, water storage pond, wells, pump building, and transformer substation. The only biomass used to fuel the cogeneration plant will be woodwaste, making it a Class 1 Thermal Facility under Ontario Regulation 359/09 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (O.Reg. 359/09). The proposed Class 1 Thermal Facility would have a nameplate capacity of up to 3.6 MW, and would displace the energy supply from existing diesel generators servicing the community via a local grid, operated by Hydro One Remote Communities Inc., as well as supply electricity for the Project. The local grid is not connected to the Provincial grid, and there are no such future plans for a transmission connection.

As the cogeneration facility and ancillary equipment is classified as a Class 1 Thermal Facility under O. Reg. 359/09, an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) is being prepared under O. Reg. 359/09.

The remaining Project components that are not considered to be part of the renewable energy generation facility are subject to Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) administered by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and the Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (MNR Class EA).

1.2 Purpose of the Consultation Report

The Consultation Report is required as part of a complete REA application for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. As outlined in the MOECC Technical Guide to REA, the purpose of the Consultation Report is to achieve two key objectives:

- to document how consultation activities were undertaken to determine if an application is complete with respect to adherence to the regulated minimum consultation requirements of O. Reg. 359/09; and
- to provide a record of the comments and information received by the applicant through consultation and to document how comments were considered. This includes creating a record of whether and how the project was modified as a result of comments received.¹

This Consultation Report summarizes consultation efforts undertaken to meet the requirements prescribed in sections 14-18 of O. Reg. 359/09, following guidance from the Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals (MOE, 2013).

1.3 Personal Information and Privacy

This Consultation Report has been prepared in support of an Application for REA under O. Reg. 359/09, and will be submitted in print to MOECC, as well as made available online via the Project's website at www.whitesandfirstnation.com.

In accordance with subsection 41 (1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31 (FIPPA), personal information received by the proponent to assist in meeting the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, shall be kept in its custody or under its control except:

- a. where the person to whom the information relates has identified that information in particular and consented to its use;
- b. for the purpose for which it was obtained or compiled or for a consistent purpose;
- c. for a purpose for which the information may be disclosed to the institution under section 42 or under section 32 of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; or
- d. subject to subsection (2), an educational institution may use personal information in its alumni records and a hospital may use personal information in its records for the purpose of its own fundraising activities, if the personal information is reasonably necessary for the fundraising activities. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 41; 2005, c. 28, Sched. F, s. 5 (1); 2010, c. 25, s. 24 (9).²

¹ MOE Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals, 2013, page 65

² *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31 as found online: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90f31_e.htm#BK49

Furthermore, subsection 5 (1) of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (2000, c. 5) (PIPEDA)³ requires that “Personal information shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than those for which it was collected, except with the consent of the individual or as required by law.” through its Schedule 1 requirements.

Comment forms for the Project's public meetings indicated that personal information would be used for the purpose of future contact. As such, names, titles, addresses and phone numbers have been censored in this document to ensure privacy of personal information. Personal information provided by members of the public via email has also been censored for the same purpose.

Project correspondence received from a government organization or agency has not been censored, as the personal information in the correspondence relates to government employees, and is equally available to the general public.

1.4 Report Requirements

The content requirements of the Consultation Report as prescribed in O. Reg. 359/09, including the corresponding sections of this report where the information can be found, is outlined in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Consultation Report Requirements

Item	Required Documentation	Requirement Met	Location in Submission
1.	A summary of communication with any members of the public, Aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and Local Services Boards regarding the project.	Yes	Sections 3.0, 4.0, & 5.0
2.	Evidence that the information required to be distributed to Aboriginal communities under subsection 17 (1) was distributed.	Yes	Section 4.0 & Appendix H
3.	Any information provided by an Aboriginal community in response to a request made under paragraph 4 of subsection 17 (1).	N/A	N/A
4.	Evidence that a consultation form was distributed in accordance with subsection 18 (1).	Yes	Section 5.0 & Appendix I
5.	The consultation form distributed under subsection 18 (1), if any part of it has been completed by a municipality, local roads board or Local Services Board.	N/A	N/A

³ *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (2000, c. 5) as found online: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-8.6/page-19.html#h-25>

6.	i. A description of whether and how, comments from members of the public, Aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards and Local Services Boards were considered by the person who is engaging in the project,	Yes	Section 3.5, 4.5, and 5.4
	ii. the documents that were made available under subsection 16 (5) were amended after the final public meeting was held, and	Yes	Section 3.4
	iii. the proposal to engage in the project was altered in response to comments mentioned in subparagraph i.	N/A	N/A
7.	A description of the manner in which the location of the wind turbines was made available to the public, if a person proposing to engage in a project in respect of a class 4 or 5 wind facility relied on paragraph 4 of subsection 54 (1.2) or paragraph 4 of subsection 55 (2.2).	N/A	N/A
8.	If paragraph 7 applies, proof of the date on which the location of the wind turbines referred to in that paragraph was made available to the public.	N/A	N/A

2.0 Consultation Process

2.1 Communication Tools Used for the Project

Various communication tools have been used for disseminating Project information and for collecting stakeholder information. The communication tools used for this Project included:

- Project Notices published in local newspapers (Chronicle-Journal)
- Project Notices posted at several locations within the Project vicinity, including:
 - Whitesand First Nation Band Office, Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation
 - Health Office, Lot 11, Doug's Drive, Whitesand First Nation
 - J&J Store, 12 King Street, Armstrong, ON
 - Armstrong Resource Development Corporation (ARDC), 11 Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
 - Bank (Desjardins Credit Union), 11 Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
 - D&A Gas Bar, Lot 1, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation
 - Mini Mart, Lot 55-56, Queen Street, Armstrong
 - Local Radio Station, Lot 13A, Doug's Drive, Whitesand First Nation
- Project Notice provided for publishing in an Aboriginal community newsletter (Gull Bay First Nation)
- Direct mailings to Project stakeholders
- Radio advertisements for Public Meetings on a local radio station
- Public Meetings / Open Houses
- Project website, where Project Notices and documents were posted (www.whitesandfirstnation.com)
- Project-specific e-mail address (whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com)
- Telephone hotline (1-800-935-0832)
- Meetings and conference calls with government agencies

2.2 Summary of Consultation Activities and Timing

The following table summarizes the key consultation activities that occurred throughout the duration of the Project.

Table 2.1 Summary of Key Consultation Activities

Key Consultation Activity Undertaken	Date	Evidence Location
Pre-Consultation memo submitted to MNR to identify MNR permitting requirements.	April 26, 2013	Appendix J1

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Key Consultation Activity Undertaken	Date	Evidence Location
Pre-Consultation meeting with MOECC and MNR.	May 29, 2013	Appendix J2
Draft Project Description Report submitted to MOECC and MNR.	June 18, 2013	Appendix H1 & J3
Draft Natural Heritage Assessment submitted to MNR for comments on proposed field work methodology in preparation of Site Investigation.	June 25, 2013	Appendix J4
Coordination with MNR for Site Investigation protocol and confirmation of adjacent landowners for consultation.	July 17 – August 12, 2013	Appendix J5
Draft Project Description Report submitted to Armstrong Local Services Board for review and public inspection prior to Public Meeting (#1).	July 18, 2013	Appendix I1
Draft Project Description Report submitted to Whitesand First Nation for review and public inspection prior to Public Meeting (#1).	July 18, 2013	Appendix H2
Aboriginal Consultation List Received from MOECC.	July 25, 2013	Appendix H3
Aboriginal Communities contacted to publish Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) in their community newsletters.	August 1, 2013	Appendix H4
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 published in Gull Bay First Nation Newsletter.	August 5 – 9, 2013	Section 4.2
Community Fair/Pre-Consultation Open House Held at Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club.	August 7 & 8, 2013	Appendix D
Draft Project Description Report posted on Project Website for public review.	August 9, 2013	www.whitesandfirstnation.com
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) posted on Project website.	August 9, 2013	www.whitesandfirstnation.com
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) submitted to Agencies.	August 9 & 14, 2013	Appendix J6 & J7

Key Consultation Activity Undertaken	Date	Evidence Location
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1), Draft Project Description Report, and Meeting Request/Initial Request for Information sent to Aboriginal Communities.	August 9, 2013	Appendix H5
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) and Local Authority Consultation Form sent to Armstrong Local Services Board.	August 9, 2013	Appendix I2
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) submitted to other Project stakeholders.	August 9, 2013	Appendix G1
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) posted in several locations in Armstrong.	August 10, 2013	Section 3.2.1
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) advertisements begin on local radio station.	August 10, 2013	Section 3.2.1
First publication of Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) posted in Chronicle-Journal.	August 10, 2013	Appendix C
Second publication of Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1) posted in Chronicle-Journal.	August 12, 2013	Appendix C
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent to Utilities.	August 14, 2013	Appendix K1
Public Meeting #1 Held at Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club.	September 25, 2013	Appendix E
Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment filed with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Toronto Office.	November 21, 2013	Appendix J15
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport acceptance letter received for Archaeological Assessment.	December 10, 2013	Appendix J15
Draft documents in support of an Application for REA submitted to Local Services Board and Whitesand First Nation for review and public inspection.	December 20, 2013	Appendix I3
Aboriginal Communities contacted to publish Notice of Final Public Meeting in	January 3, 2014	Appendix H6

Key Consultation Activity Undertaken	Date	Evidence Location
their community newsletters.		
Notice of Final Public Meeting, draft documents in support of an Application for REA, a written summary for each of the draft documents above, and a request for comments submitted to Aboriginal Communities.	January 10, 2014	Appendix H7
Updated Draft Natural Heritage Assessment after Site Investigation submitted to MNR for review and comment.	January 13, 2014	Appendix J8
Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet submitted to Agencies.	January 20, 2014	Appendix J9
Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet submitted to Armstrong Local Services Board.	January 20, 2014	Appendix I4
Notice of Final Public Meeting and FAQ sheet mailed to other Project stakeholders.	January 20, 2014	Appendix G2
Draft Documents in Support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval and Notice of Final Public Meeting posted on Project website.	January 21, 2014	www.whitesandfirstnation.com/rea-reports
First Publication of Notice of Final Public Meeting in Chronicle-Journal.	January 23, 2014	Appendix C
Second Publication of Notice of Final Public Meeting in Chronicle-Journal.	January 25, 2014	Appendix C
Notice of Final Public Meeting advertisements begin on local radio station.	March 3, 2014	Section 3.2.2
Notice of Final Public Meeting posted in several locations in Armstrong.	March 17 – 21, 2014	Section 3.2.2
Final Public Meeting held at Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club.	April 2, 2014	Appendix F
Responses to comments from the Final Public Meeting.	May 1, 2014	Appendix G4

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Key Consultation Activity Undertaken	Date	Evidence Location
Meeting #1 with MOECC Regional Technical Support Staff.	May 9, 2014	Appendix J10
Whitesand First Nation Information Session.	May 14, 2014	Section 4.4
Meeting with MNR and MOECC in Thunder Bay to provide an update on Project status.	May 15, 2014	Appendix J11
Confirmation of ECA application requirements from MOECC.	June 18, 2014	Appendix J12
Meeting #2 with MOECC Regional Technical Support Staff.	July 23, 2014	Appendix J13
Updated Natural Heritage Assessment submitted to MNR for review and confirmation.	September 12, 2014	Appendix J14

3.0 Public Consultation

3.1 Contact List

A Project contact list was developed at the Project onset to identify mandatory and other key contacts with a potential interest in the Project. This contact list includes agencies (local, provincial, and federal agencies and authorities), Aboriginal communities, utility companies, and landowners of property abutting or within 120 m of the Project Location. Screening criteria based on the Project details, consultation with the Local Services Board, and several other agencies, ensured relevant contacts were included. Several contacts in addition to those stipulated in O. Reg. 359/09 were included in the Project contact list to ensure circulation of Project notices was comprehensive. As public meetings took place and when correspondence was received throughout the REA process, the Project contact list was updated with additional stakeholders. The most recent contact lists are provided in **Appendix A**. A map showing the geographical area where adjacent landowners received direct mailings is provided in **Appendix B**. Public stakeholder and adjacent landowner contacts have been censored as a result of obligations under the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (2000, c. 5) and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31.

3.2 Project Notification

Project notices, provided in **Appendix C**, were formatted to match templates provided in the Technical Guide to REA. Notices were distributed in accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09 as illustrated in **Figure 7** from the Technical Guide to REA. Details regarding the dissemination of notices, including the addressees and associated timing, are summarized in general above in **Table 2.1** and in more detail in the Project contact lists in **Appendix A**.

Figure 7: Consultation Requirements for Renewable Energy Approvals

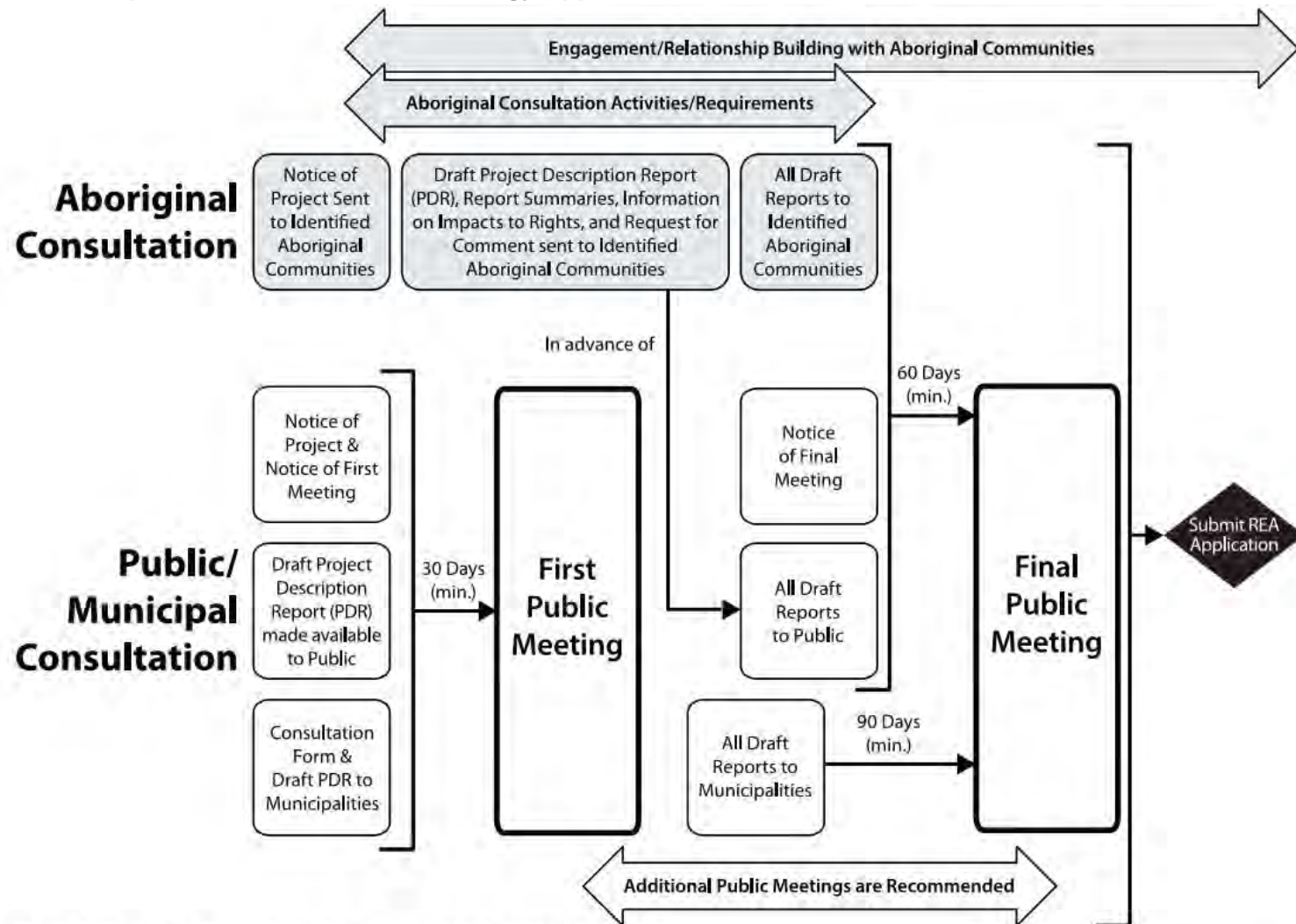


Figure 7. Overview of consultation requirements in the REA application

3.2.1 Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1)

The Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting (#1), as shown in **Appendix C**, was combined and distributed as a single notice. It was distributed at least 30 days in advance of the first public meeting in accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09. A Draft Project Description Report was also made available for public inspection at the locations identified in the Notice at least 30 days in advance of the first public meeting. The Notice was mailed to all relevant local, provincial, and federal government agencies, MOECC identified Aboriginal communities, landowners owning land within 120 m of the project location, and other stakeholders that might have an interest in the Project. Audience-specific cover letters were mailed to accompany the Notice to provide additional information about the project and solicit feedback. The cover letters are provided in **Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, Appendix J, and Appendix K.**

As shown in **Appendix C**, the combined Notice was published in the the Chronicle-Journal on August 10, 2013, and August 12, 2013, at least 30 days in advance of the first public meeting. The Chronicle-Journal is self-proclaimed “The Newspaper of the Northwest”, and according to its website is the area’s only daily newspaper, with distribution covering more than 2/3 of Ontario’s geographic area. Neegan Burnside Ltd. was informed that the Chronicle-Journal is published in Thunder Bay and delivered to Armstrong, Ontario, which is within 25 km of the Project Location.

While the newspaper publications above satisfy the minimum requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, printed copies of the Notice were also posted at several locations in the vicinity of the Project Location to provide additional awareness, including:

- Whitesand First Nation Band Office, Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation
- Health Office, Lot 11, Doug’s Drive, Whitesand First Nation
- J&J Store, 12 King Street, Armstrong, ON
- Armstrong Resource Development Corporation (ARDC), 11 Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
- Bank (Desjardins Credit Union), 11 Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
- D&A Gas Bar, Lot 1, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation
- Mini Mart, Lot 55-56, Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
- Local Radio Station, Lot 13A, Doug’s Drive, Whitesand First Nation

Furthermore, advertisements of the public meeting were made on the local radio station at Whitesand First Nation.

In accordance with O. Reg. 359/09, the above Notice and a Draft Project Description Report was posted to the Project website, www.whitesandfirstnation.com at least 30 days in advance of the first public meeting.

3.2.2 Notice of Final Public Meeting

The Notice of Final Public Meeting, as shown in **Appendix C**, was distributed at least 60 days in advance of the final public meeting, in accordance with Section 15 of O. Reg. 359/09. Draft documents in support of an application for Renewable Energy Approval were also made available for public inspection at the locations identified in the Notice at least 60 days in advance of the final public meeting. The Notice was mailed to all relevant local, provincial, and federal government agencies, MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities, landowners owning land within 120 m of the project location, and other stakeholders that have an interest in the Project, including members of the public who submitted a comment sheet at public meeting #1. Audience-specific cover letters were mailed to accompany the Notice to provide additional information about the project and solicit feedback. The cover letters are provided in **Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, Appendix J, and Appendix K.**

As shown in **Appendix C**, The Notice of Final Public Meeting was published in The Chronicle-Journal on January 23, 2014 and January 25, 2014, at least 60 days in advance of the final public meeting.

While the newspaper publications above satisfy the minimum requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, printed copies of the Notice were also posted at several locations in the vicinity of the Project Location to provide additional awareness, including:

- Whitesand First Nation Band Office, Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation
- Health Office, Lot 11, Doug's Drive, Whitesand First Nation
- J&J Store, 12 King Street, Armstrong, ON
- Armstrong Resource Development Corporation (ARDC), 11 Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
- Bank (Desjardins Credit Union), 11 Queen Street, Armstrong, ON
- D&A Gas Bar, Lot 1, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation
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- Local Radio Station, Lot 13A, Doug's Drive, Whitesand First Nation

Furthermore, advertisements of the public meeting were made on the local radio station at Whitesand First Nation.

In accordance with O. Reg. 359/09, the above Notice and necessary Draft documents in support of an application for Renewable Energy Approval were posted to the Project website, www.whitesandfirstnation.com at least 60 days in advance of the final public meeting.

3.3 Public Meetings

The following Public Meetings/Open Houses were held in Armstrong, Ontario, which is within 25 km of the Project Location, and within 1 km of Whitesand First Nation reserve lands:

Pre-Consultation Open House

- **Armstrong, Ontario** – Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club – August 7 & 8, 2013

Public Meeting #1:

- **Armstrong, Ontario** - Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club – September 25, 2013

Final Public Meeting

- **Armstrong, Ontario** – Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club – April 2, 2014

Public meetings were held as an open house format with presentation boards placed around the venue. Representatives from Whitesand First Nation, Neegan Burnside Ltd., Arbora Management Services Inc., and Great North Bio Energy were available at the public meetings to provide information about the Project and answer questions. Upon arrival at the public meetings, attendees were greeted, asked to sign the optional sign-in sheet, and were provided with a comment form. Comment forms could be completed and submitted at the public meeting, or taken home and submitted at a later date, as specified on the form.

3.3.1 Pre-Consultation Open House

A Pre-Consultation Open House was held on August 7 and 8, 2013 at the Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club in Armstrong, Ontario. It was decided that holding an open house on these dates in the summer would be well-attended by seasonal and permanent residents in the vicinity of the Project Location, particularly due to the fact that it coincided with the annual community fair. This open house took place before certain prerequisites could be accomplished under O. Reg. 359/09, and therefore does not qualify as a public meeting under O. Reg. 359/09. However, it provided an opportunity to raise awareness about the Project, identify public stakeholders and gather feedback.

The Pre-Consultation Open House shared venue space with the annual community fair, where Project presentation boards were set up at the entrance of the building. The presentation boards included background information regarding the Project, its schedule, location, site plan, the REA process, potential environmental impacts, and contact information. Comment forms were distributed to attendees, and contact details for project leads were provided. The Pre-Consultation Open House presentation boards are shown in **Appendix D1**.

141 people attended the Pre-Consultation Open House. A sign-in sheet was used to document attendance and update stakeholders in the Project contact list. Unless attendees specifically requested to not be on the mailing list, their information was updated or added to the Project contact list. The sign-in sheet is provided in **Appendix D2**.

Comment forms were received from 55 people as a result of the Pre-Consultation Open House. Copies of these comment forms can be found in **Appendix D3**. Any stakeholders who had requested to receive future correspondence relating to the Project were added as stakeholders to the Project contact list. In response to comments received, along with the Notice of Final Public Meeting, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) information sheet was sent to all stakeholders who submitted comment forms relating to the Pre-Consultation Open House and Public Meeting #1. This FAQ summarized the comments received and provided answers based on comment categories. The FAQ sheet is provided in **Appendix F4**.

3.3.2 Public Meeting #1

Public Meeting #1 was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on September 25, 2013 in the Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club in Armstrong, Ontario. Presentation boards were displayed throughout the venue, providing background information regarding the Project, its schedule, location, site plan, field work findings, potential environmental impacts, the REA process, a pre-consultation summary of comments, information regarding employment opportunities, and contact information. A copy of the display boards are provided in **Appendix E1**. A copy of the Draft Project Description Report was also made available at the public meeting for review, in accordance with subsection 16 (4) of O. Reg. 359/09.

28 people attended Public Meeting #1. A sign-in sheet was used to document attendance and update stakeholders in the Project contact list. Unless attendees specifically requested to not be on the mailing list, their information was updated or added to the Project contact list. The sign-in sheet is provided in **Appendix E2**.

Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the Project through discussion with the Project team and completion of comment forms. Comment forms were received from nine people at Public Meeting #1, and are provided in **Appendix E3**. Comments and questions received in comment forms were documented and a response was provided (see **Table 3.2**). As mentioned above, an FAQ sheet was sent to all stakeholders who submitted comment forms relating to the Pre-Consultation Open House or Public Meeting #1. This FAQ summarized the comments received and provided answers based on comment categories. The FAQ sheet is provided in **Appendix F4**.

Verbal comments and questions posed regarding the Project during the meeting related to information that was described on the presentation boards. As such, attendees were directed to the appropriate presentation boards and provided with an elaborated verbal presentation of that aspect of the Project. The majority of verbal comments and questions related to anticipated employment opportunities, where attendees were directed to the employment opportunity presentation boards to facilitate the verbal response.

3.3.3 Final Public Meeting

The Final Public Meeting was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 2, 2014 in the Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club in Armstrong, Ontario. Presentation boards were displayed throughout the venue, providing background information regarding the Project, its schedule, location, site plans, key findings from the Draft documents in support of an application for REA, potential environmental impacts, the REA process, a summary of comments from previous public meetings, information regarding employment opportunities, and contact information. The site plans presented at the Final Public Meeting included an alternate/phased layout that considered the Project with and without whole log storage and debarking/chipping at the Project Location. A copy of the display boards are provided in **Appendix F1**. The FAQ sheet, as shown in **Appendix F4**, and printed copies of the Draft documents in support of an application for REA, were also made available at the Final Public Meeting for review.

A count of those who signed in combined with a tally of those who did not sign in, concluded that 32 people attended the Final Public Meeting. Stakeholder information received from sign-in sheets was added to the Project contact list. Unless attendees specifically requested to not be on the mailing list, their information was updated or added to the Project contact list. The sign-in sheet is provided in **Appendix F2**.

Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the Project through discussion with the Project team and completion of comment forms. Comment forms were received from six people at the Final Public Meeting, and are provided in **Appendix F3**. Comments and questions were documented and responses were provided, as shown in **Appendix G3**.

Verbal comments and questions posed regarding the Project during the meeting generally related to information that was described on the presentation boards. As such, attendees were directed to the appropriate presentation boards and provided with an elaborated verbal presentation of that aspect of the Project. One attendee provided verbal comments primarily relating to the Project's consultation process, as outlined in **Table 3.2**.

3.4 Release of Draft REA Documents and Summary of Amendments

Various provisions of O. Reg. 359/09 require REA applicants to make available drafts of all reports and technical studies in support of an application for REA, prior to the final public meeting. These Draft documents for the Project included:

- Draft Project Description Report
- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
- Draft Natural Heritage Assessment
 - Records Review
 - Site Investigation
 - Evaluation of Significance
 - Environmental Impact Study
- Draft Water Assessment Report
 - Records Review
 - Site Investigation
- Draft Surface Water Assessment Report
- Draft Effluent Management Plan Report
- Draft Construction Plan Report
- Draft Design and Operations Report
 - Draft Cultural Heritage Self-Assessment
 - Hydrogeological Assessment
- Draft Emission Summary and Dispersion Modeling Report
- Draft Noise Study Report
- Draft Decommissioning Plan Report

In accordance with O. Reg. 359/09, the Draft documents above were issued to:

- Armstrong Local Services Board on December 20, 2013 (>90 days prior to the final public meeting for local authority review, and >60 days prior to the final public meeting for public inspection);
- Whitesand First Nation on December 20, 2013 (in advance of document release for public review, and >60 days prior to the final public meeting for public inspection);
- Gull Bay First Nation on January 10, 2014 (in advance of document release for public review);
- Greenstone Metis Council on January 10, 2014 (in advance of document release for public review);
- Government agencies on January 20, 2014 (for convenience to request feedback / input); and,
- Project Website on January 21, 2014 (>60 days prior to the final public meeting for public inspection);

The Draft documents were amended after the Final Public Meeting, prior to making an application to MOECC for REA. Amendments were undertaken primarily to reflect the site layout presented at the Final Public Meeting without whole log storage and debarking/chipping on-site. Furthermore, the Draft documents made commitments to monitoring and detailed design mitigation measures based on further field studies and further consultation with MOECC. Upon completion of field studies and further consultation with MOECC, the Draft documents were updated accordingly. A summary of significant amendments made is provided in **Table 3.1**.

Table 3.1 Summary of Amendments to Draft REA Documents

Amendment	Reason	REA Reports Revised (and Sections)
Removal of whole log storage and associated debarking/chipping on-site, including reduced maximum facility nameplate capacity.	Increased Project viability, reduced facility footprint, and reduced environmental impacts.	All except the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (all relevant sections of all other reports due to revised Project equipment, processes, activities, and site plan layout)
Updated post-construction monitoring requirements for candidate habitat for avian species of conservation concern.	The pre-construction monitoring requirements proposed in the Draft documents were completed after the Final Public Meeting, but prior to making an application for REA. As anticipated in the Draft documents, the results of the pre-construction monitoring affected the proposed post-construction monitoring requirements.	Natural Heritage Assessment (Parts III and IV)
Refined wastewater management infrastructure design.	Detailed site topographic information and further consultation with MOECC provided additional details to refine the wastewater management design prior to application for REA.	Effluent Management Plan Report (all sections); Design and Operations Report (Sections 3.1.6, 4.2.2., and Appendix D); and all other reports besides the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment as they relate to descriptions of equipment and the proposed site plan for the Project.

3.5 Consideration of Public Comments

Many opportunities for public comment and participation in the Project were offered to ensure the consultation process was transparent and thorough. Project notices with their accompanying letters and documents kept the public informed of Project status and provided opportunities to be involved in consultation. As demonstrated in **Section 3.2**, notices were widely distributed, beyond the minimum requirements established in O. Reg. 359/09, only four records of returned public notices have been received due to incorrect mailing address information provided. Notices not only encouraged participation in public meetings, but also provided information about the Project, and solicited audience-specific input and feedback from stakeholders. Public Meetings provided a forum for the Project team to inform and discuss the Project directly with the community and allowed members of the public to submit comments verbally or through the submission of comment forms. As demonstrated throughout this report, comments were invited at all stages of the REA process.

Public meetings were well attended and public comments were primarily received through comment forms submitted at public meetings. A combined total of 201 people attended the public meetings (141 at the Pre-Consultation Open House, 28 at Public Meeting #1, and 32 at the Final Public Meeting) and 70 comment sheets were submitted (55 from the Pre-Consultation Open House, 9 from Public Meeting #1, and 6 from the Final Public Meeting), as documented in **Appendix D3**, **Appendix E3**, and **Appendix F3**.

Based on comment forms received at the Pre-Consultation Open House, it became evident that there was significant public interest in employment opportunities presented by the Project. As such, additional information regarding employee responsibilities were included in the Draft documents in support of an application for REA, and presentation boards were developed to provide further information regarding employment opportunities at Public Meeting #1 and the Final Public Meeting.

In response to comment forms received from the public at the Pre-Consultation Open House and Public Meeting #1, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet was distributed with the Notice of Final Public Meeting to all stakeholders who submitted comment forms at the Pre-Consultation Open House or Public Meeting #1. This FAQ categorized comments received by subject and provided responses based on feedback received. The FAQ also provided details on how comments had been taken into consideration for this project and how and where they were addressed in the Draft REA documents. A copy of this FAQ can be found in **Appendix F4**.

Responses to comment sheets received from the Final Public Meeting were sent to each person who submitted one. These comment sheets and their corresponding response letters can be found in **Appendix F3** and **Appendix G3** respectively.

To date, the following comments have been received from the public in addition to those provided in the comment forms:

- one verbal comment received at the Final Public Meeting (excluding verbal comments either answered verbally by elaborating on information already provided on presentation boards, or captured by the corresponding attendee's comment form); and,
- two comments from the same person received by e-mail.

A summary of all public comments, records of returned mail, and the corresponding Project team response is provided in **Table 3.2**. Complete responses to comments are provided in **Appendix F4**, **Appendix G2** and **Appendix G3**, and **Appendix G4**.

Table 3.2 Summary of Public Comments and Study Team Responses

Public Comment Category/Summary	Project Team Response
A. Written comment categories from the Pre-Consultation Open House and Public Meeting #1	
Jobs and Training (e.g., what kinds of jobs are available; what qualifications are needed; where and when is training available; what is the hiring process?)	Provided summary of approximately 25 anticipated full time jobs. Referenced pages 11-23 of Draft Design and Operations Report where job functions are discussed. Explanation of employee selection process and training program developed by Whitesand First Nation, Great North Bio Energy, and Confederation College. Contact information provided for those interested in future training.
Project Location and Environmental Effects (e.g., how will the land be impacted and/or preserved; what air and noise emissions will result?)	Described current land use of site and regulatory requirements that will ensure minimal environmental impacts. Referenced pages 27-36 of Draft Project Description Report, which summarizes potential negative environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures. Referenced Draft Decommissioning Plan Report to learn more details regarding proposed land restoration measures following the Project's operations. Reinforced that air pollution will be controlled to standards regulated by MOECC, and that the biomass cogeneration plant will reduce greenhouse gases compared to current diesel generation servicing the community. Referred to Draft Emission Summary and Dispersion Modeling

Public Comment Category/Summary	Project Team Response
	Report, which includes further details about emissions results and compliance. Noted that site plan was designed to reduce noise emissions, and referenced Draft Noise Study Report, which provided information demonstrating compliance with noise limits regulated by MOECC.
Community Development (e.g., how will the community be impacted; how will housing be accommodated?)	Noted the Project will offer environmental, economic and social benefits to the community. Noted that profits are intended to be invested into the community and targeted at needs of community. Noted that Whitesand First Nation has developed a housing strategy to suit community needs.
Contact Inquiries (e.g., who can be contacted to learn more about the Project?)	Noted that anyone who submitted a comment sheet with contact information at public meetings have been added to the project mailing list, and will be notified of public meetings and Project updates. Contact information provided for project representatives/leads.
Other Comments (e.g., will this Project result in free electricity for the community?)	Replied there will be no free electricity offered as a result of the Project; electricity users are anticipated to continue to pay bills to Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.
B. Written comment categories from the Final Public Meeting	
Environment (e.g., what kinds of environmental impacts are anticipated?)	Indicated that all potential environmental impacts are identified in publicly available Draft documents in support of an application for REA. Provided locations to view the digital and printed copies of the Draft documents.
Jobs/Training/Economic Development (e.g., will there be employment opportunities for unskilled or disabled persons; how long will training occur; what is the relationship of the applicant to Whitesand First Nation; who is benefitting from the Project)	Explained that there will be a variety of jobs for all people, including disabled persons, at the facility that will require specific skills and training, as outlined the publicly available Draft Design and Operations Report. Explained the hiring process for employees, training sessions with local community members that have been successfully completed, and that

Public Comment Category/Summary	Project Team Response
	further training is anticipated in the future. Explained the relationship between the applicant, Sagatay Cogeneration LP, and Whitesand First Nation. Provided a matrix to indicate who is benefitting from the Project, and how, including a summary of the Project team and their involvement.
Consultation Process (e.g., communication barriers for aboriginal stakeholders to understand the Project; wanting to know more about the Project; suggestions for public meeting format)	Explained that the REA reports and public meeting presentation materials were prepared to be as clear as possible to communicate with all audiences, including aboriginal stakeholders. Also explained that Whitesand First Nation members have been present at each public meeting to address any potential communication issues. Provided details of an upcoming information session on Whitesand First Nation reserve. Explained the rationale behind the public meeting format.
C. Verbal comments from the Final Public Meeting	
One attendee felt that Whitesand First Nation band members were not aware of the Project or the public meetings, and were unable to visit the Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club in Armstrong, Ontario to learn about the Project. The attendee felt that meetings should be held on Whitesand First Nation reserve lands to provide better access and education for Whitesand First Nation members. The attendee also suggested that some Whitesand First Nation band members don't have access to computers with internet and therefore don't have access to the Draft documents prepared in support of an application for REA.	The Project team responded verbally by explaining the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the pre-consultation that had taken place prior to consultation under the REA process; • the history of Project notification and consultation that had taken place as part of the REA process; • many Whitesand First Nation band members were aware of the Project and had attended all public meetings; • the Whitesand and Armstrong Curling Club is within 1 km of the Whitesand First Nation reserve, and was chosen as an appropriate venue for the public meetings in part to provide adequate space for the display of presentation materials; • printed copies of the Draft documents in support of an application for REA were made available at two locations in the

Public Comment Category/Summary	Project Team Response
	<p>community for public review, providing access to the documents for those without access to computers; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> despite the comprehensive consultation that had taken place, Whitesand First Nation would commit to holding an information session on Whitesand First Nation reserve lands on May 14, 2014 to address the attendee's concern.
D. Mail Correspondence	
Four Notices of Final Public Meeting and FAQ letters were returned by mail due to incorrect address information provided by stakeholders.	These were noted in contact list, and were removed from future distribution.
E. Email correspondence	
Two emails were sent by the same person to the Project email address requesting information and personal copies of the Draft documents in support of an application for REA.	Email responses were sent, noting the locations of paper copies of the Draft reports available for public inspection. Advice was provided to first read the Draft Project Description Report for context, and the Draft Project Summary Report was also provided to offer a brief summary of each report.
Six emails from the same organization were received between July 25, 2013 and July 30, 2013 in response to an inquiry made by Neegan Burnside Ltd. regarding contact information for the Project. On July 30, 2013, the organization confirmed the appropriate contacts to be included on the contact list for the Project.	Email response sent to the organization identified as a potential landowner within 120m of the Project Location on July 30, 2013. The email noted that the correct contacts as provided by the organization have been added to project contact list. Further requested to be notified if other contacts from the organization should be included.
F. Telephone correspondence	
On April 16, 2014, Neegan Burnside left two voicemails requesting clarification on a comment sheet received from a stakeholder at the Final Public Meeting. On April 16, 2014, a voicemail was received by this stakeholder confirming what the comment was referring to, as documented in Appendix G4 .	Clarification of the comment was noted, and the comment sheet was responded to accordingly in a letter, as shown in Appendix G3 .

Public Comment Category/Summary	Project Team Response
Discussion between Neegan Burnside Ltd. and Hydro One Remote Communities on July 22, 2013. Hydro One confirmed the appropriate contacts and contact information to be included on the contact list for the Project.	Contact list updated on July 22, 2013 per discussion with Hydro One Remote Communities (identified as a landowner within 120 m of the Project Location).

4.0 Aboriginal Consultation

In accordance with section 14 of O. Reg. 359/09, consultation with MOECC was initiated early in the Project planning phase to obtain an Aboriginal consultation list. Project notices, draft documents and document summaries were submitted to the Aboriginal communities identified by MOECC in accordance with the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09. **Tables 4.1** and **4.2** summarize the documents provided to and correspondence received from Aboriginal communities. Apart from the potential environmental impacts outlined in the Draft documents in support of an application for REA, there are no known Aboriginal or treaty rights that would be adversely impacted by the Project.

4.1 Contact List

An Aboriginal contact list was generated at the outset of the Project and updated throughout the duration of the Project. As required under section 14 of O. Reg. 359/09, a Draft Project Description Report was provided to the MOECC Director on June 18, 2013, requesting a list of Aboriginal communities who have or may have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project or otherwise may be interested in any negative environmental effects of the Project (see **Appendix H1**). On July 25, 2013, the MOECC provided the Aboriginal consultation list for the Project (see **Appendix H3**). The list identified the following Aboriginal communities who have or may have protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project:

- Whitesand First Nation;
- Greenstone Metis Council (with correspondence copied to Metis Nation of Ontario);
- Gull Bay First Nation (Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek).

Consultation with these Aboriginal communities was conducted in accordance with sections 14-17 of O. Reg. 359/09. Correspondence with the Aboriginal communities above is provided in **Appendix H**.

4.2 Project Notification

Notices sent to MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities throughout the REA process kept them informed about Project status and potential environmental impacts associated with the Project. A summary of Project notices is provided in **Table 2.1**, and the details of the Notices are provided in **Appendix H**.

Prior to issuing the formal Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, each MOECC-identified Aboriginal community was contacted to inquire whether the community has its own newspaper, and if they would publish the Notice in it. Whitesand First Nation and Greenstone Metis Council had no such newspaper at the time, and Greenstone Metis Council indicated they were considering starting one up in the fall of 2013. Gull Bay First Nation indicated that they would publish the Notice in their community newsletter, and were provided

with the Notice in its requested format for publishing. A copy of the newsletter for record keeping was requested prior to and several times after its publication, but was not provided by Gull Bay First Nation. The correspondence with MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities regarding publishing of the Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 is documented in **Appendix H4**.

The Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 was provided to MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities on August 9, 2013. As outlined in **Appendix H5**, copies of the Draft Project Description Report accompanied the Notice, as well as a request for a meeting, and for information regarding the Draft documents being prepared in support of an application for REA, and any adverse impacts the Project may have on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Prior to issuing the formal Notice of Final Public Meeting, each MOECC-identified Aboriginal community was contacted to inquire whether the community has its own newspaper, and if they would publish the Notice in it. For this Notice, none of the Aboriginal communities indicated that they would publish the Notice in any of their newspapers. The correspondence with MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities regarding publishing of the Notice of Final Public Meeting is documented in **Appendix H6**.

The Notice of Final Public Meeting was provided to MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities on January 10, 2014. As outlined in **Appendix H7**, copies of the Draft documents in support of an application for REA accompanied the Notice, as well as a Draft Project Summary Report, and a request for comments regarding the Draft documents, and any adverse impacts the Project may have on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights.

4.3 Documents Submitted to Aboriginal Communities

The Technical Guide to REA specifies the following documents to be provided to all identified Aboriginal communities within specified timelines surrounding public meetings and issuing of Draft documents for public review:

1. a Draft of the Project Description Report;
2. any information the applicant may have regarding any adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that the community may have identified as being adversely impacted by the Project;
3. a written summary of each report (with the exception of the Consultation Report) that will be submitted as part of the REA application; and
4. a written request to the community to provide any information (in writing) that, in the opinion of the community, should be considered in preparing any of the reports summarized above.⁴

⁴ MOECC Technical Guide To Renewable Energy Approvals, 2013 Chapter (2), Consultation requirements and guidance of preparing the Consultation Report, page 57

The above documents were provided to MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities, as summarized in **Table 4.1**.

Table 4.1 Documents Submitted to Aboriginal Communities

Document	Date Submitted	Timeline	Reference in This Report
Draft Project Description Report	July 18, 2013 and August 9, 2013	≥30 days prior to the first public meeting	Appendix H5
Adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights	August 9, 2013	≥60 days before the final public meeting	Appendix H5
Written summary of each report	January 10, 2013	≥60 days before the final public meeting	Appendix H7 & H8
Written request to provide information regarding above report considerations.	August 9, 2013	≥60 days before the final public meeting	Appendix H5

Reports explaining proposed mitigation measures to address potential effects were submitted in both paper and electronic copy to Aboriginal communities. In addition to the Draft documents in support of an application for REA, a Draft Project Summary Report was provided to MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities to summarize the purpose and key findings of each Draft document.

Records of correspondence regarding documents submitted to Aboriginal communities are provided throughout **Appendix H**.

4.4 Meetings with Aboriginal Communities

As noted in **Appendix H5** and **Appendix H7**, meetings were offered on two separate occasions to each MOECC-identified Aboriginal community to learn more about the Project. None of the Aboriginal communities elected to request a meeting in their community regarding the Project.

As noted in **Table 3.2**, one public meeting attendee believed that Whitesand First Nation band members would benefit from a meeting on Whitesand First Nation reserve land, further to the public meetings that were held within 1 km of Whitesand First Nation reserve lands. In response to this feedback, an additional information session was held on Whitesand First Nation reserve land on May 14, 2014. The session included a presentation on the legal structure of the Project entities followed by an open question and answer period. Questions were asked by Whitesand First Nation community members with answers provided by members of the Project team. The discussion covered the topics of construction timelines, Board and Council representatives, Project costs, financing, and corporate bylaws.

4.5 Consideration of Aboriginal Community Comments

Comments from MOECC-identified Aboriginal communities primarily related to dissemination of Project documents and notices. None of the Aboriginal communities identified any Aboriginal or treaty rights that would be adversely impacted by the Project. A summary of the key comments and study team responses are provided in **Table 4.2**.

Table 4.2 Summary of Aboriginal Comments and Study Team Responses

Aboriginal Community	Aboriginal Community Comment Summary	Project Team Consultation Summary
Greenstone Metis Council	The President of Greenstone Metis Council requested an additional mailing address to be included on the Project mailing list during a conversation held on August 6, 2013. The President also confirmed during that conversation that Greenstone Metis Council had no newspaper or newsletter at the time, but had intentions to start one up in Fall 2013. See Appendix H4 . The President of Greenstone Metis Council further discussed the Project with contacts at the Metis Nation of Ontario, as described below.	<p>Email sent to President of Greenstone Metis Council on August 1, 2013 to inquire whether Greenstone Metis Council has a newspaper in which they would like to publish the Project Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1. See Appendix H4.</p> <p>Discussion with the President of Greenstone Metis Council on August 6, 2013 to inquire about community newspaper publishing and noted additional mailing address for the Project mailing list requested by the President. See Appendix H4.</p> <p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, Draft Project Description Report, and initial request for information and a meeting was mailed to the President of Greenstone Metis Council on August 9, 2013. See Appendix H5.</p> <p>Email sent to President of Greenstone Metis Council on January 3, 2014 to follow up with voicemail left same day. Provided an update on Project status, asked for preference on format of Project documents to be sent, and asked if Greenstone Metis Council has a newspaper in which they would like to publish the Project Notice of Final Public Meeting. See Appendix H6.</p> <p>Email and mail sent to President of Greenstone Metis Council on January 10, 2014 to follow up</p>

Aboriginal Community	Aboriginal Community Comment Summary	Project Team Consultation Summary
		<p>with voicemail left same day. The email and mail included paper copies, digital files, and a CD with the Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, including a Draft Project Summary Report. The Notice of Final Public Meeting was also sent, and it was encouraged that they publish the notice in their community newspaper if they had one. Attendance at the public meeting was encouraged, and another offer was extended to hold a separate meeting within their community. As before, comments, concerns, and information regarding the Project that might have an impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights were also requested. See Appendix H7.</p>
Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO)	<p>Email sent by the MNO Consultation Coordinator on August 7, 2013 in response to an email forwarded by the President of the Greenstone Metis Council on August 1, 2013. The email noted that the President of the Greenstone Metis Council has asked the MNO Consultation Coordinator to look into the project, and requested to be copied on future correspondence. See Appendix H4.</p> <p>Email received from the MNO Consultation Coordinator on January 10, 2014. The email indicated the Project is located in the Thunder Bay Metis Council area and introduced a representative from the</p>	<p>Email response sent to the MNO Consultation Coordinator on August 9, 2013, which noted the MNO Consultation Coordinator had been added to the contact list and should receive a letter and Project notice shortly in the mail. It was also encouraged that the Draft Project Description Report be reviewed, available on the Project Website. See Appendix H4.</p> <p>On August 9, 2013, a Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, Draft Project Description Report, and initial request for information and a meeting was mailed to the MNO address provided by MOECC on the Aboriginal consultation list. A letter and Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 was also sent to the MNO Consultation Coordinator as requested. See Appendix H5.</p> <p>As requested, the MNO Consultation Coordinator was copied on two e-mails sent to the President of Greenstone Metis Council on January 3, 2014 and January 10, 2014. See Appendix H6.</p>

Aboriginal Community	Aboriginal Community Comment Summary	Project Team Consultation Summary
	<p>Region 2 Consultation Committee. The MNO consultation coordinator requested all information to be sent to its address such that it can be passed on to the committee. See Appendix H7.</p> <p>Email received from the MNO Consultation Coordinator on January 10, 2014. The email acknowledged which documents each contact at MNO will receive and noted that sending Project information to the President of the Greenstone Metis Council is not necessary as the Project is not located in their area. See Appendix H7.</p>	<p>Discussion and email response sent to the MNO Consultation Coordinator on January 10, 2014, describing which documents will be issued to each contact identified by Greenstone Metis Council, MNO, and MOECC. It was explained on the phone that Project information would still be sent to the President of Greenstone Metis Council due to the fact that they are identified on the Aboriginal consultation list compiled by MOECC. See Appendix H7.</p> <p>Mail sent to various MNO contacts on January 10, 2014 as outlined in the email above in consultation with MNO. The mail included paper copies and a CD to specified contacts with the Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, including a Draft Project Summary Report. The Notice of Final Public Meeting was also enclosed. Attendance at the public meeting was encouraged, and another offer was extended to hold a separate meeting within their community. As before, comments, concerns, and information regarding the Project that might have an impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights were also requested. See Appendix H7.</p>
Thunder Bay Metis Council	Email received from the Thunder Bay Metis Council Region 2 Consultation Committee representative, thanking Neegan Burnside for the Draft documents in support of an application for REA. See Appendix H7 .	Email sent to the Thunder Bay Metis Council Region 2 Consultation Committee representative as requested by MNO above, including the Draft documents in support of an application for REA and a Draft Project Summary Report. See Appendix H7 .
Gull Bay First Nation	Phone conversation between Gull Bay First Nation member and Neegan Burnside on August 1, 2013 regarding publications that are	Email sent to Gull Bay First Nation member on August 1, 2013, including attached Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 for publishing in the upcoming Gull Bay First Nation newsletter. The email requested a copy of the newsletter once published, however a copy was

Aboriginal Community	Aboriginal Community Comment Summary	Project Team Consultation Summary
	<p>circulated locally. Gull Bay First Nation member confirmed that they have an August community newsletter currently being prepared. The member indicated that they would be able to include the Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 if it were sent via email the same day. See Appendix H4.</p>	<p>never provided, despite several follow-up calls over the following months. See Appendix H4.</p> <p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, Draft Project Description Report, and initial request for information and a meeting was mailed to the Chief of Gull Bay First Nation on August 9, 2013. See Appendix H5.</p> <p>Email sent to Chief of Gull Bay First Nation on January 3, 2014 to follow up with voicemail left same day. Provided an update on Project status, asked for preference on format of Project documents to be sent, and asked if Gull Bay First Nation has a newspaper in which they would like to publish the Project Notice of Final Public Meeting. See Appendix H6.</p> <p>Email and mail sent to Chief of Gull Bay First Nation on January 10, 2014 to follow up with voicemail left same day. The email and mail included paper copies, digital files, and a CD with the Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, including a Draft Project Summary Report. The Notice of Final Public Meeting was also sent, and it was encouraged that they publish the notice in their community newspaper if they had one. Attendance at the public meeting was encouraged, and another offer was extended to hold a separate meeting within their community. As before, comments, concerns, and information regarding the Project that might have an impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights were also requested. See Appendix H7.</p>
Whitesand First Nation	Email received from Whitesand First Nation on July 11, 2013, confirming they do not have a community newspaper in	Email sent to Whitesand First Nation's Project manager on June 28, 2013 to determine if Whitesand First Nation has a newspaper in which they would like to publish the Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1.

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	<p>which Project notices can be published.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Information Request response letter received from Chief of Whitesand First Nation, dated December 9, 2013. The letter confirmed that Whitesand First Nation has no knowledge or documents indicating cultural heritage resources within or abutting the Project Location. See Appendix H9.</p>	<p>Mail sent to Whitesand First Nation on July 18, 2013, including a printed copy of the Draft Project Description Report. See Appendix H2.</p> <p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, and initial request for information and a meeting was mailed to the Chief of Whitesand First Nation on August 9, 2013. See Appendix H5.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Information Request sent to Chief of Whitesand First Nation on October 21, 2013 to gather local cultural heritage knowledge within and abutting the Project Location. See Appendix H9.</p> <p>Email sent to Whitesand First Nation's Project Manager on January 3, 2014 to follow up with voicemail left same day. Provided an update on Project status, asked for preference on format of Project documents to be sent, and asked if Whitesand First Nation has a newspaper in which they would like to publish the Project Notice of Final Public Meeting. See Appendix H6.</p> <p>Email and mail sent to Whitesand First Nation's Project Manager and Chief on January 10, 2014 to follow up with voicemail left same day. The email and mail included paper copies, digital files, and a CD with the Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, including a Draft Project Summary Report. The Notice of Final Public Meeting was also sent, and it was encouraged that they publish the notice in their community newspaper if they had one. Attendance at the public meeting was encouraged, and another offer was extended to hold a separate meeting within their community.</p>

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		As before, comments, concerns, and information regarding the Project that might have an impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights were also requested. See Appendix H7.

5.0 Local Authority Consultation

Since the Project is located in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District, there are no municipalities with jurisdiction over the Project Location. However, the Armstrong Local Services Board and Armstrong Local Roads Board have jurisdiction in the region. Neegan Burnside Ltd. was actively involved in consultation with these local authorities throughout the REA process to ensure they were aware of the Project details, and to solicit comments and feedback as the Project relates to their Boards.

5.1 Contact List

A Project contact list was generated at the outset of the Project and updated throughout the duration of the Project based on correspondence received (**Appendix A**). The secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board was also a member of the Armstrong Local Roads Board, and provided appropriate contact information for representatives at both Boards. The secretary also offered to share Draft Project documents sent to the Armstrong Local Services Board with the Armstrong Local Roads Board to assist in coordination of their review and comment.

5.2 Project Notification

Project notices were provided to local authorities throughout the REA process, as documented in **Appendix I**. Letters sent to the local authorities provided details and updates regarding the Project, including mandatory notices and documents required by O. Reg. 359/09. Further details regarding the notices and documents are provided in Sections 3.2, 3.4, and **Appendix I** of this report. A summary of time-sensitive notices and documents provided to local authorities as required by O. Reg. 359/09 is provided in **Table 5.1**.

Table 5.1 Summary of Documents and Notices Sent to Local Authorities

Notice/Document	Date Submitted	Timeline (O. Reg. 359/09)	Reference in This Report
Draft Project Description Report	July 18, 2013	≥30 days prior to the first public meeting	Appendix I1
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1	August 9, 2013	≥30 days prior to the first public meeting	Appendix I2
Local Authority Consultation Form	August 9, 2013	≥30 days prior to the first public meeting	Appendix I2
Draft documents in support of an application for Renewable Energy Approval	December 20, 2013	≥90 days before the final public meeting	Appendix I3
Notice of Final Public Meeting	January 20, 2014	≥60 days before the final public meeting	Appendix I4

A Local Authority Consultation Form was initially provided to the local authorities on August 9, 2013. As documented in **Appendix I2** and **Appendix I5**, Part “A” of the form was completed with as much information as was available at the time. An updated Local Authority Consultation Form was provided to the Armstrong Local Services Board on December 20, 2013, including further Project details based on the findings of the Draft documents in support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval. The initial and updated Local Authority Consultation Forms as submitted to the local authorities are provided in **Appendix I5**. Despite several follow-up attempts as documented in **Appendix I6**, Part “B” of the form was not returned by the local authorities.

The Armstrong Local Services Board was also consulted regarding cultural heritage resources within and abutting the Project Location, as documented in **Appendix I7**. Further details pertaining to cultural heritage are provided in the Cultural Heritage Self-Assessment within the Design and Operations Report under a separate cover.

5.3 Meetings with Local Authorities

Neegan Burnside Ltd. staff met with the Armstrong Local Services Board secretary during the Project’s public meetings. Based on the information presented and discussions held with the secretary at the public meetings, no separate meetings were deemed necessary. The local authorities did not identify any concerns regarding the Project and made reference to a positive relationship that has been established in the community with their neighbours, Whitesand First Nation.

5.4 Consideration of Local Authority Comments

Comments from local authorities primarily related to cultural heritage and dissemination of Project documents and notices. Despite several follow-up attempts as documented in **Appendix I6**, Part “B” of the Local Authority Consultation Form was not returned by the local authorities. Based on discussions with the Armstrong Local Services Board secretary, the Project was well-received, and they did not identify any potential negative impacts. A summary of the key comments from Local Authorities and study team consultation are provided in **Table 5.2**.

Table 5.2 Summary of Comments from Local Authorities and Study Team Consultation

Local Authority	Local Authority Comment Summary	Study Team Consultation Summary
Armstrong Local Services Board	Discussion between Armstrong Local Services Board secretary and Neegan Burnside Ltd. on June 28, 2013. The secretary provided contact information for the Armstrong Local	Draft Project Description Report mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on July 18, 2013 for review and public inspection. See Appendix I1 .

Local Authority	Local Authority Comment Summary	Study Team Consultation Summary
	<p>Services Board and the Armstrong Local Roads Board.</p> <p>Discussion between Armstrong Local Services Board secretary and Neegan Burnside Ltd. on August 19, 2013. The secretary confirmed that Armstrong has no local police/fire/school/planning boards, no heritage group/committee, or rate payers associations. The secretary noted that Whitesand First Nation provides fire protection services for the community.</p> <p>Discussion between Armstrong Local Services Board secretary and Neegan Burnside Ltd. staff on September 25, 2013 during the public meeting in Armstrong, Ontario. The secretary learned about the Project, described the positive relationship the community has with Whitesand First Nation, and had no comments or concerns regarding the Project.</p> <p>Email received from the Armstrong Local Services Board secretary on January 9, 2014, noting that there are no cultural issues associated with the site chosen for the Project. Stated that the property was never developed until MTO, Hydro One and Buchanan Forest Products developed the area for their own use. See Appendix I7.</p> <p>Email received from the Armstrong Local Services Board secretary on</p>	<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, Local Authority Consultation Form, mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on August 9, 2013. Also requested information on legislation, policies, positions, or guidelines implemented or administered by the Board that may affect Project implementation. See Appendix I2.</p> <p>Request for cultural heritage information mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on October 21, 2013. See Appendix I7.</p> <p>Emails sent to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on November 19, 2013, February 21, 2014, April 16, 2014, and August 8, 2014 to follow-up on cultural heritage input and completion of the Local Authority Consultation Form. See Appendix I6.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an application for Renewable Energy Approval, and updated Local Authority Consultation Form mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on December 20, 2013. Discussion with secretary confirmed these Draft documents would be shared with the secretary-treasurer of the Local Roads Board for review. See Appendix I3.</p>

Local Authority	Local Authority Comment Summary	Study Team Consultation Summary
	<p>January 14, 2014 confirming more specifically that the Armstrong Local Services Board does not have any information that suggests the Project is located on or abutting a property that meets certain cultural heritage criteria as detailed in the e-mail. See Appendix I7.</p> <p>Discussion between Armstrong Local Services Board secretary and Neegan Burnside Ltd. staff on April 2, 2014 during the public meeting in Armstrong, Ontario. The secretary learned about the Project updates and was asked to provide the Local Authority Consultation Form.</p>	<p>Email sent to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on January 9, 2014 to clarify response regarding cultural heritage information. See Appendix I7.</p> <p>Notice of Final Public Meeting mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on January 20, 2014. A CD of the Draft documents in support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval was provided for convenience (further to the printed copies of the documents previously sent on December 20, 2013). The FAQ sheet as documented in Appendix F4 was also provided to give the local authorities a sense of what the community is interested in. See Appendix I4.</p>
Armstrong Local Roads Board	<p>Discussion between Armstrong Local Services Board secretary (who is also a member of the Armstrong Local Roads Board) and Neegan Burnside Ltd. on June 28, 2013. The secretary confirmed that Project documents received by the Armstrong Local Services Board will be shared with the Armstrong Local Roads Board for coordinated review and comment. A contact at the Armstrong Local Roads Board was also provided for consultation regarding the Project.</p> <p>Discussion between Armstrong Local Roads Board trustee and Neegan Burnside Ltd. on August 21, 2013. The trustee requested to be included</p>	<p>Draft Project Description Report mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on July 18, 2013 for joint review with the Armstrong Local Roads Board. See Appendix I1.</p> <p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, and Local Authority Consultation Form mailed to the Armstrong Local Roads Board secretary-treasurer on August 9, 2013. Also requested information on legislation, policies, positions, or guidelines implemented or administered by the Board that may affect Project implementation. See Appendix I2.</p>

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	<p>on all correspondence sent to the secretary-treasurer of the Armstrong Local Roads Board.</p>	<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1, and Local Authority Consultation Form mailed to the Armstrong Local Roads Board trustee on August 22, 2013. Also requested information on legislation, policies, positions, or guidelines implemented or administered by the Board that may affect Project implementation. See Appendix I2.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an application for Renewable Energy Approval, and updated Local Authority Consultation Form mailed to secretary of the Armstrong Local Services Board on December 20, 2013. Discussion with secretary confirmed these Draft documents would be shared with the secretary-treasurer of the Local Roads Board for review. See Appendix I3.</p> <p>Notice of Final Public Meeting mailed to the Armstrong Local Roads Board on January 20, 2014. A CD of the Draft documents in support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval was provided for convenience (further to the printed copies of the documents previously sent on December 20, 2013). The FAQ sheet as documented in Appendix F4 was also provided to give the local authorities a sense of what the community is interested in. See Appendix I4.</p>

6.0 Agency Consultation

All Provincial and Federal government agencies identified with a potential interest in the Project were contacted throughout the REA process. The agencies were contacted to:

- identify permitting requirements for the Project;
- provide notices and documents as required by O. Reg. 359/09;
- hold meetings/conference calls; and,
- solicit feedback.

Early and ongoing consultation with agencies provided clarity regarding the Project's unique permitting requirements. The following key characteristics of the Project have an impact on the applicable permitting requirements:

- the Project Location is on Provincial Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District;
- the Project's cogeneration facility and ancillary equipment is considered a Class 1 Thermal Facility under O. Reg. 359/09; and
- the Project's pellet plant and ancillary equipment is not considered part of the renewable energy generating facility, and is therefore not regulated under O. Reg. 359/09.

Based on consultation with MOECC and MNR, the Project is subject to the following primary permitting requirements:

- Renewable Energy Approval for the cogeneration facility and ancillary equipment (MOECC);
- Environmental Compliance Approval for the pellet plant and ancillary equipment (MOECC); and,
- Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects for the pellet plant and ancillary equipment (MNR).

As there are several primary permitting requirements applicable to the Project, the Project Team made every effort to satisfy multiple permitting requirements throughout the REA process. Consultation efforts with each Provincial and Federal government agency are summarized below.

It should be noted that additional technical consultation with agencies took place as part of the Natural Heritage Assessment and Water Assessment, as documented in their respective reports under separate covers.

6.1 Contact List

At the outset of the Project, Neegan Burnside Ltd. created a comprehensive list of contacts at Provincial and Federal government agencies with a potential interest in the Project based on the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09, and a series of screening criteria applicable to the Project. Many contacts were included in addition to those required by O. Reg. 359/09. Contact information was updated throughout the duration of the Project as requested by agency contacts, and is available in **Appendix A4**.

6.2 Project Notification

Project notices were provided to Provincial and Federal government agencies throughout the REA process, as documented in **Appendix J**. Letters sent to the agencies provided details and updates regarding the Project, including mandatory notices and documents required by O. Reg. 359/09. Further details regarding the notices and documents are provided in Sections 3.2, 3.4, and **Appendix J** of this report. A summary of time-sensitive notices and documents provided to agencies as required by O. Reg. 359/09 is provided in **Table 6.1**.

Table 6.1 Summary of REA Notices and Documents Sent to Agencies

Notice/Document	Date Submitted	Timeline (O. Reg. 359/09)	Reference in This Report
Draft Project Description Report to MOECC and MNR	June 18, 2013	Prior to obtaining an Aboriginal Consultation List.	Appendix J3
Preliminary Draft Natural Heritage Assessment to MNR for comments on proposed field work methodology in preparation of Site Investigation	June 25, 2013	Confirmation and/or comments from MNR to be obtained and submitted as part of Application for REA.	Appendix J4
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 to all agencies on contact list	August 9 & 14, 2013	≥30 days prior to the first public meeting	Appendix J6 & J7
Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment to Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	November 21, 2013	Written comments from the MTCS to be obtained and submitted as part of Application for REA.	Appendix J15
Complete Draft Natural Heritage Assessment to MNR	January 13, 2014	Confirmation and/or comments from MNR to be obtained and submitted as part of Application for REA.	Appendix J8

Notice/Document	Date Submitted	Timeline (O. Reg. 359/09)	Reference in This Report
Notice of Final Public Meeting to all agencies on contact list	January 20, 2014	≥60 days before the final public meeting	Appendix J9
Updated Natural Heritage Assessment to MNR	September 12, 2014	Confirmation and/or comments from MNR to be obtained and submitted as part of Application for REA.	Appendix J14

6.3 Meetings with Agencies

Meetings and conference calls with agencies took place throughout the REA process to obtain information, provide Project updates, clarify permitting requirements, and review technical information to be included as part of the application for Renewable Energy Approval. Summaries of the meetings / conference calls are provided below.

On May 29, 2013, a pre-consultation meeting was held with MOECC, MNR, the Renewable Energy Facilitation Office (REFO), Whitesand First Nation, Arbora Management Services Inc. and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to discuss Project details, permitting requirements, background information for the records review reports, applicable site investigation methodology, consultation, and Project Benefits. Meeting Minutes are provided in **Appendix J2**.

On April 4, 2014, a conference call was held with the Toronto approvals access and service integration branch of MOECC, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to discuss the technical aspects of the Project's wastewater design. MOECC recommended that a separate meeting be held with the appropriate regional technical support staff from MOECC.

On May 9, 2014, a meeting was held with the Thunder Bay regional technical support staff of MOECC, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside to discuss the technical aspects of the Project's wastewater and stormwater management design, and to ensure the REA and ECA applications contain the appropriate design information and supporting documents. It was established that a future meeting to present and discuss further technical details would be required. Meeting Minutes are provided in **Appendix J10**.

On May 15, 2014, a meeting was held with MOECC, MNR, Whitesand First Nation, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to provide a Project update to all parties. The information presented at the meeting is provided in **Appendix J11**.

On July 23, 2014, a follow-up meeting to the May 9, 2014 meeting was held with the Thunder Bay regional technical support staff of MOECC, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside to discuss the technical aspects of the Project's wastewater and stormwater management design, and to ensure the REA and ECA applications contain the appropriate

design information and supporting documents. Based on the information provided prior to and discussed during the meeting, the regional technical support staff at MOECC confirmed that they are satisfied with the technical information presented, provided specific information is included in the final reports as part of the applications. It was also confirmed prior to the meeting that the stormwater and wastewater aspects of the Project (including all proposed equipment within the Project Location) will be fully permitted under REA, with air and noise emissions from the pellet plant to be permitted under ECA (see **Appendix J12**). Meeting Minutes are provided in **Appendix J13.2**

6.4 Consideration of Agency Comments

Comments from agencies primarily related to permitting, technical requirements, and dissemination of Project documents and notices. Comments received from MOECC and MNR pertaining to the documents in support of an application for REA were addressed by updating the documents with the requested information. A summary of the key comments from agencies and study team consultation are provided in **Table 6.2**.

Table 6.2 Summary of Comments from Agencies and Study Team Consultation

Agency/ Organization	Agency Comment Summary	Study Team Consultation Summary
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	<p>Email from MNR Thunder Bay District Planner on July 17, 2013 in response to Neegan Burnside's e-mail regarding the Natural Heritage Assessment. The District Planner noted that Neegan Burnside's email had been forwarded to the Planning Supervisor for comment during an upcoming temporary absence. See Appendix J5.</p> <p>Out-of-office email received from Emily Hawkins (MNR Thunder Bay Regional Office) on July 22, 2013 noting absence until March 2014 and to contact John Sills in the meantime.</p> <p>Email received from Londa Mortson (MNR Thunder Bay Regional Office) on July 22, 2013 in response to Neegan Burnside's email request to John Sills requesting MNR contact details. Ms. Mortson noted that</p>	<p>Memorandum dated April 26, 2013 sent to MNR Thunder Bay District Office contact concerning pre-consultation. See Appendix J1.</p> <p>A pre-consultation meeting was held on May 29, 2013 between the MNR, MOECC, the Renewable Energy Facilitation Office, Arbora Management Services, and Neegan Burnside. See Appendix J2.</p> <p>On June 18, 2013 the Draft Project Description Report was sent to the appropriate MOECC and MNR contacts to identify permitting requirements and obtain an Aboriginal Consultation List. See Appendix J3.</p> <p>On June 25, 2013 a preliminary Draft Natural Heritage Assessment</p>

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	<p>contact for Project is Jeff Black from MNR's Thunder Bay District Office, and that she is to be contact for MNR Regional Office.</p> <p>Email response received from Londa Mortson on July 23, 2013 confirming that Jeff Black is the primary contact and Londa Mortson is the secondary. Contacting John Sills not required. Contact information provided.</p> <p>Email response received from MNR Thunder Bay District Planning Supervisor on August 12, 2013, confirming the proposed methodology for the Natural Heritage Assessment site investigation. See Appendix J5.</p> <p>Email from Fergus Beattie (MNR Thunder Bay District) forwarded by Whitesand First Nation to Neegan Burnside and Arbora Management Services on November 18, 2013. The email included a scan of the Land Use Permit covering the Project Location.</p> <p>Discussion held with Jeff Black (MNR Thunder Bay District) on April 8, 2014 to discuss status of REA and MNR Class EA document reviews. Jeff explained how the MNR Class EA process may be changing to become part of the land disposition process. MNR contact Rik Aikman was provided for follow-up relating to the MNR Class EA process and status of MNR's review of the</p>	<p>was sent to the MNR Thunder Bay District Planner for comment on the proposed site investigation methodology. See Appendix J4.</p> <p>Emails sent to MNR Thunder Bay District Planner and Planning Supervisor on July 17, 2013, July 29, 2013, and August 12, 2013 as a follow-up for comments on the proposed site investigation methodology. Inquired about landowners within 120 m of the Project to satisfy notification requirements (since the Project is on and surrounded by Crown Land managed by MNR). Also inquired about applicable MNR permitting requirements. See Appendix J5.</p> <p>Project contact list updated on July 23, 2014 based on emails received from MNR contacts.</p> <p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent to MNR contacts on August 9, 2013. See Appendix J6.</p> <p>A complete Draft Natural Heritage Assessment was sent to MNR for review and confirmation or comment on January 13, 2014. See Appendix J8.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent to MNR on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>

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	<p>screening report.</p> <p>Discussion held with Rik Aikman (MNR Thunder Bay District) on April 14, 2014 to discuss status of MNR Class EA screening report review. Mr. Aikman confirmed that MNR will continue Project screening for the MNR Class EA once the long-term land disposition for the Project is complete.</p> <p>Email received from Jeff Black (MNR Thunder Bay District) on July 14, 2014 with comments on the Draft Natural Heritage Assessment. Comments related to a few wording revisions for clarity, and updating the recent addition of the Eastern Wood-Pewee as Special Concern under the Endangered Species Act, 2007. See Appendix J15.</p>	<p>A MNR Class EA Screening Report was submitted to MNR for review on January 28, 2014. The report suggests that the Project should be classified as Category “B” under the Class EA for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects.</p> <p>Meeting with Thunder Bay District MOECC and MNR on May 15, 2014 to provide an update on Project status. Information presented during the meeting is provided in Appendix J11.</p>
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	<p>Email received from Michelle Schlag (MOECC Aboriginal Consultation Advisor) on July 25, 2013 with attached Aboriginal Consultation List dated July 17, 2013. List included Whitesand First Nation, Greenstone Metis Council (with correspondence to be copied to Metis Nation of Ontario Metis Consultation Unit), and Gull Bay First Nation. See Appendix H3.</p> <p>Email from John Taylor (MOECC Thunder Bay, Northern Region Director) on July 30, 2013 confirming the appropriate MOECC district manager and other MOECC contact information for the Project.</p>	<p>A pre-consultation meeting was held on May 29, 2013 between the MNR, MOECC, the Renewable Energy Facilitation Office, Arbora Management Services, and Neegan Burnside. See Appendix J2.</p> <p>On June 18, 2013 the Draft Project Description Report was sent to the appropriate MOECC and MNR contacts to identify permitting requirements and obtain an Aboriginal Consultation List. See Appendix J3.</p> <p>Project contact list updated on July 30, 2014 based on emails</p>

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	<p>Emails received from the MOECC Toronto Environmental Approvals Branch on November 19, 2013 and June 18, 2014 in response to Neegan Burnside's emails. The emails confirmed that wastewater and stormwater management will be permitted for the entire Project Location under O. Reg. 359/09 (REA). The effect of this determination is such that these aspects of the Project will not be applied for under the ECA application. See Appendix J12.</p> <p>Conference call with MOECC Toronto Environmental Approvals Branch on April 4, 2014. MOECC recommended further consultation with the Project's appropriate regional technical support staff.</p> <p>Meeting held on May 9, 2014 between MOECC regional technical support staff, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to discuss wastewater and stormwater management design and permitting. MOECC provided detailed information they expect to see as part of the wastewater management design. See Appendix J10.</p> <p>Follow-up meeting held on July 23, 2014 between MOECC regional technical support staff, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to discuss wastewater and stormwater</p>	<p>received from MOECC Director.</p> <p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 9, 2013. See Appendix J6.</p> <p>Emails to contact at MOECC Toronto Environmental Approvals Branch on November 11, 2013 and June 17, 2014, requesting confirmation for permitting requirements. See Appendix J12.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent to MOECC on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p> <p>Conference call with MOECC Toronto Environmental Approvals Branch on April 4, 2014 to discuss technical wastewater design aspects.</p> <p>Meeting held on May 9, 2014 between MOECC regional technical support staff, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to discuss wastewater and stormwater management design and permitting. See Appendix J10.</p> <p>Meeting with Thunder Bay District MOECC and MNR on May 15, 2014 to provide an update on Project status. Information presented during the meeting is provided in Appendix J11.</p>

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	management design and permitting. Based on the information provided prior to and discussed during the meeting, the regional technical support staff at MOECC confirmed that they are satisfied with the technical information presented, provided specific information is included in the final reports as part of the applications. See Appendix J13 .	Follow-up meeting held on July 23, 2014 between MOECC regional technical support staff, Arbora Management Services Inc., and Neegan Burnside Ltd. to discuss wastewater and stormwater management design and permitting. Neegan Burnside provided MOECC with updated wastewater management design information previously requested by MOECC prior to the meeting for review and discussion. See Appendix J13 .
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	<p>Email and attached letter received from Joseph Muller (MTCS Heritage Planner) on November 27, 2013 in response to a Request for Cultural Heritage Information sent on October 21, 2013. Letter confirmed the Project Location is not located on a protected property as stipulated in Section 19 of O. Reg. 359/09. The letter further requested the Armstrong Local Services Board and the Ontario Heritage Trust to be contacted for additional cultural heritage information. It also provided a contact at MTCS to review archaeological resources for the Project. See Appendix J15.</p> <p>Email with attached letter received from Paige Campbell (MTCS Archaeology Review Officer) on December 10, 2013 regarding review of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Project. The letter confirmed that the report and</p>	<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Information requests sent to MTCS on October 21, 2013. See Appendix J15.</p> <p>Email follow-up to the MTCS registrar on November 26, 2013 and January 17, 2014 to request cultural heritage information. See Appendix J15.</p> <p>Email sent to Joseph Muller (MTCS Heritage Planner) on December 16, 2013 for confirmation regarding cultural heritage information required from the MTCS registrar, and provided update on completed archaeological resources review by MTCS. See Appendix J15.</p>

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	<p>fieldwork are consistent with MTCS's 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. See Appendix J15.</p> <p>Email received from Joseph Muller (MTCS Heritage Planner) on December 17, 2013, confirming that the MTCS contact provided for archaeological resource review was not necessary to contact as the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment had already been reviewed by another contact at MTCS (see above). Also provided recommendations regarding how to expedite receipt of information from the MTCS registrar. See Appendix J15.</p> <p>Email received from Deborah Hossack (MTCS Registrar) on January 21, 2014 in response to a Cultural Heritage Information Request. Ms. Hossack confirmed the property is not included in the list of provincial heritage property. See Appendix J15.</p>	<p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p> <p>Updated the cultural heritage self-assessment on January 21, 2014 based on the cultural heritage information received from MTCS. Updated report is found in an appendix of the Design and Operations Report and will form part of the application for REA.</p>
Ontario Heritage Trust	Discussion between Neegan Burnside Ltd. and Laura Hatcher (OHT Trust Easements Program Coordinator) on December 18, 2013. Neegan Burnside asked whether consultation beyond online search (which yielded no results), is necessary to determine if property is subject to agreements, covenants, or easements made under the Ontario Heritage Act within or abutting the Project Location. Ms. Hatcher	Discussion with and email sent to Ms. Hatcher (OHT Trust Easements Program Coordinator) on December 18, 2013. Email included attached notice of proposal with map of Project. Email was sent in response to request made during phone conversation to confirm whether there are agreements, covenants, or easements made under the Ontario Heritage Act within or

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	<p>requested map of area/notice of project to confirm there are no unpublished records.</p> <p>Email received from Ms. Hatcher on December 18, 2013. Noted that OHT records confirm no easement properties at, or adjacent to the project location.</p>	<p>abutting the Project Location.</p> <p>Confirmation from Ms. Hatcher on December 18, 2013 provided further due diligence to substantiate the claim made in the Cultural Heritage Self-Assessment. This report is found in an appendix of the Design and Operations Report and will form part of the application for REA.</p>
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>
Transport Canada		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 9, 2013. See Appendix J6.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Further notices not provided due to the online AANDC consultation process.</p>
Natural Resources		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 9</p>

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Canada		and 14, 2013. See Appendix J6 and Appendix J7 . Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9 .
Environment Canada		Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7 . Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9 .
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada		Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7 . Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9 .
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Letter dated April 17, 2014 received on May 1, 2014 explaining that the Project does not appear to be described under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA), 2012. Requested the study team to review the regulations to confirm if the Project applies to the CEAA, 2012.	Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7 . Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9 . The study team further evaluated

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		the Project and its applicability to the CEAA, 2012 on June 13, 2014 and confirmed CEAA 2012 does not apply, provided a Federal permit or authorization is not required.
Ministry of Infrastructure		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>
Ministry of Energy		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>

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Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure	Email with attached letter received from Michael Helfinger (Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure) on February 4, 2014 in response to submitted draft REA documents. The letter indicates that the Ministry does not have the expertise to comment on potential environmental impacts or mitigation measures, but that they are supportive of the Project for a variety of reasons outlined in the letter. See Appendix J15 .	<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p> <p>Email sent to Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure on February 4, 2014 thanking them for their letter of support and offering to answer any questions they may have about the Project.</p>
Ministry of Transportation		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 9, 2013. See Appendix J6.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>
Ontario Provincial Police		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>

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Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care		<p>Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1 sent on August 14, 2013. See Appendix J7.</p> <p>Draft documents in support of an Application for REA, Notice of Final Public Meeting, and FAQ sheet sent on January 20, 2014. See Appendix J9.</p>

7.0 Plans for Ongoing Consultation

Ongoing consultation will occur throughout the construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the Project. A summary of relevant communication protocols that will be implemented is provided below.

7.1 Project Updates

Whitesand First Nation and/or the Contractor as appropriate will engage with Project stakeholders during all phases of the project. Relevant updates will be provided via the Project website, newspaper notices, local radio announcements, postings in the community, construction signage, e-mails, letters, and/or direct contact, as appropriate.

7.2 Communication Plan for Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, Whitesand First Nation would initiate the Emergency Response Plan as outlined in the Design and Operations Report.

7.3 Communication Plan for Complaints

The following has been developed for all Project phases to address any reasonable concern from the public, and would be implemented by Whitesand First Nation and/or the Contractor as appropriate.

Whitesand First Nation will create a Communications Plan that clearly outlines a process for two-way communication with all stakeholders. At all times, the Communications Plan will be available on the Project website and at the cogeneration plant. The local service board will also be supplied with contact information to direct stakeholder communications and complaints to the appropriate personnel who can implement the proper procedures.

The Communications Plan will outline the procedure for stakeholder communications to ensure proper documentation and to facilitate an efficient response. Whitesand First Nation and/or the Contractor will promptly respond to stakeholder communications, within 48 hours whenever possible.

Complaints received by Whitesand First Nation and/or the Contractor will be documented and responded to according to the procedure outlined in the Communications Plan. All complaints will be properly documented for record keeping including name, mailing address and telephone number of the complainant, time and date of the complaint, details of the complaint, actions taken to rectify the complaint, and actions that will be taken to prevent a reoccurrence of the complaint. All of this correspondence will be provided to the complainant to keep them informed on the response approach. The Communications Plan will also outline the required communications with government agencies that will take place as appropriate.

8.0 Conclusion

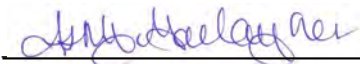
Consultation for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project has been conducted in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09. Whitesand First Nation implemented a consultation program that went beyond the minimum requirements of O. Reg. 359/09 to ensure stakeholders were engaged to the greatest extent possible. This Consultation Report has been prepared to provide a record of consultation that has taken place, including comments that were received regarding the Project, how they were considered and responded to, and accommodations or Project modifications that took place as a result.


Neegan Burnside Ltd. has prepared this Consultation Report for Whitesand First Nation in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09. This report has been prepared by Burnside for the sole benefit of Whitesand First Nation, and may not be re-produced by any third party without the express written consent of Whitesand First Nation.

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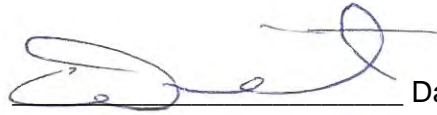
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