Public Meeting #1



Appendix E1 Public Meeting #1 Display Boards



Welcome



Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Please.....

- Sign In.
- Ask us questions.
- Provide comments anytime during the approval process.
- To assist us, complete a comment sheet and place it in the box, mail back or drop off at the Project Trailer beside the Band Office by October 25, 2013.



• View copies of these boards and the comment sheets at: www.whitesandfirstnation.com







Purpose of Today's Public Meeting

- Provide an overview of the Project.
- Explain the key steps in the environmental approval processes.
- Present potential environmental effects and preliminary mitigation measures.
- Listen to your questions and comments.
- Collect and consider your feedback.
- Representatives from Whitesand First Nation, Neegan Burnside, Arbora Management Services, and Great North Bio Energy are available today.







Project Importance

- Replace primary use of the Hydro One Remotes diesel generators that are currently providing electricity for the community.
- Reduce air emissions from the diesel generators that currently use approximately 1,000,000 litres of diesel fuel annually.
- Create approximately 50 full-time and 60 seasonal employment opportunities.
- Better forest utilization by making use of hardwoods and other unmerchantable timber to produce clean energy.









Project Overview

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The Project will include:

- 4 MW cogeneration facility fueled by woodwaste (biomass).
 - 3.2-3.7 MW to power the pellet plant and future local commercial development.
 - 0.25-0.8 MW to power the communities of Whitesand, Armstrong and Collins.
- Wood pellet plant
 - will utilize heat and electricity from the cogeneration plant for various pelletizing processes.
 - dried biomass from the cogeneration plant used as feedstock for the pellet plant.
 - use process steam from the cogeneration plant to compress the ground material under high temperature and pressure conditions into wood pellets.
 - will create 8 metric tons per hour or 60,000 metric tons per year of residential and/or industrial grade fuel pellets. Biomass quantities required for the pellet plant are estimated to be 113,000 m³ / yr, or 310 m³ / day.
- Other components
 - Wood processing yard, water supply and storage, wastewater management infrastructure and transformer station.







How the Technology Works



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The biomass fuel combustion process is generally as follows:

- biomass is combusted with excess oxygen in a boiler to produce steam;
- steam is used to drive a steam turbine, connected to an electrical generator, creating electricity;
- steam is condensed and pumped for re-use in the boiler to repeat the cycle;
- some steam, at a lower pressure and temperature, is also used in the pellet plant biomass dryer system, and for heat in the on-site buildings.







Proposed Site Layout



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Proposed Site Layout Detail NEEGAN BURNSIDE







Field Work Completed to Date

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Field studies were completed August 20 and 21, 2013 to document current conditions, including:

- Forest composition (dominant species);
- Wildlife habitats;
- Species at risk;
- Aquatic habitats.











Findings of Field Studies



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Within the Project Footprint:

- Much of area is disturbed from previous forest industry use.
- Other lands have been harvested and replanted and can be described as a young regenerating forest.
- No significant natural features are present within the site footprint.











Findings of Field Studies



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Lands Surrounding the Project:

Distance	Feature
Within 120m of the Project	 Rare Species Observed: Olive-sided Flycatcher, Special Concern Eastern Wood-Pewee, federally rare, under review in Ontario
	Potential Waterfowl Nesting:Possibly present in ponds to southwest

 The Natural Heritage Assessment will assess potential impacts to these features, as well as determine appropriate mitigation measures to minimize those potential impacts.







Potential Environmental Impacts

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Environmental Feature*	Potential Impact*	Preliminary Mitigation*
Air, Odour, Dust	• Dust and air emissions from cogen and pellet plant operations.	 Plant engineered to meet provincial standards; approval from MOE required. Dust suppression (ie. water) of source areas, and covering loads of friable materials during transport as necessary.
Noise	 Noise from equipment operation (e.g. debarking, chipping, other machinery). 	 Noise study will be prepared to predict noise levels in vicinity of the plant. Requirement to meet provincial noise guidelines; approval from MOE required.
Public Health and Safety	Accidents, spills, malfunctions, fires.	 Health and Safety and Emergency Response plans to be prepared. Standard fire prevention/suppression and spill containment plans and equipment on site.
Groundwater	 Use of groundwater for processes and drinking water at the facility. Water quality impacts due to onsite wastewater treatment. 	 Studies are ongoing to confirm quantity of groundwater and potential impacts to surrounding wells. Wastewater management system to be designed to address water quality concerns. Permit to Take Water from MOE required for takings above 50,000 L/day.
Natural Environment	• Disturbance to surrounding species and habitats from construction and noise during operations.	 Erosion and sediment control plans will be developed to protect surrounding features during construction. See proposed noise mitigation above.

*Additional features, impacts and mitigation are described in the Draft Project Description Report.







Environmental Approvals and Permits



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The project includes renewable energy generation facility components and other components that will require multiple permits under various legislation.

Project Component	Approval / Permit
Cogeneration Plant (Class 1 Thermal Treatment Facility)	Environmental Protection Act Renewable Energy Approval (O. Reg. 359/09)
Pellet Plant and Ancillary Components	 Environmental Protection Act & Ontario Water Resources Act Environmental Compliance Approval ("ECA") for: Air and noise emissions Water / Wastewater management
	Environmental Assessment Act Class EA for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects
Water Wells	Environmental Protection Act Permit-To-Take-Water ("PTTW")







Approvals Process

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The Renewable Energy Approval (REA), Class EA, ECA and PTTW approval processes will run concurrently to streamline investigations, consultation, and government review.





Project Schedule

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Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Issue First Draft Project Description Report	August 2013
REA Technical Studies	2013 through 2014
Public Information Centre #1	September 2013
Issue Draft REA and Class EA Reports to the Public	December 2013
Public Information Centre #2	February 2014
Permitting Applications / Approvals	March / July 2014
Start of Construction	Summer / Fall 2014
Anticipated Equipment Life Expectancy	2015 – 2040
Equipment Retrofits and Replacement	2041







Pre-Consultation Summary



- Community meeting held on August 7, 2013 by Whitesand First Nation
- 141 attended and 55 comment sheets were received

Category	Number of Comments Received	Type of Comments
General / Positive	8	Excitement and encouragement for project development.
Jobs and Training	7	What kinds of jobs will be required at the facility?
Project Siting	2	Protection / use of land.
Community Development	2	How will this project benefit the community?
Electricity Distribution	1	Will electricity users still pay for electricity?
Other / No comment	35	
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Employment Opportunities: Pellet Mill & Co-Gen Facility

A variety of jobs will be required to construct, operate and maintain the facility:

Cogeneration Plant Operations	Pellet Plant Operations	Maintenance	Biomass Yard Processing	Administration
Cogeneration Plant Operators	Dryer Operators	Facility Equipment Mechanics	Biomass Material Handlers	Site Supervisors
Power Engineers	Pellet Mill Operators	Mobile Equipment Mechanics	Mobile Equipment Operators	Administrative Support
Material Handling Operators	Material Handling Operators			Finance & Human Resources







Employment Opportunities: Forestry

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A variety of jobs will be created in forestry and harvesting to supply the facility:

Harvesting Operations	Road Maintenance	Silviculture	Forest Management
Feller Buncher/ Skidder Operator	Heavy Equipment Operators	Site Prep	Forester
Slasher		Tree Planting	Forestry Technicians
Truck Drivers		Tending	







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Appendix E3 Public Meeting #1 Comment Forms



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