# **Local Authority Consultation**



# NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Appendix I1

Local Authority Consultation

Draft Project Description Report sent
to Armstrong Local Services Board
and Armstrong Local Roads Board



### **Transmittal**

**Date:** July 18, 2013 **File No.:** 300030895

Re: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

To Attention: Diane Laybourne

Company: Armstrong Local Service Address: 111 Queen St.

Board

Armstrong Station, ON P0T 1A0

From Name: Tricia Radburn, Neegan Burnside

Sent Via: Registered Mail

**Enclosed items:** 

1 copy of the Project Description Report

#### **Comments:**

We kindly request that you make the enclosed report available for public review at the Local Service Board Office.

030895\_Transmittal Laybourne\_Draft PDR for Public Display 7/18/2013 4:31 PM

# NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Appendix I2
Local Authority Consultation
Notice of a Proposal and Notice of
Public Meeting #1 and Local Authority
Consultation Form Request



August 9, 2013

Via: Mail

Ms. Diane Laybourne Secretary Armstrong Local Service Board 111 Queen Street Armstrong ON P0T 1A0

Dear Ms. Laybourne:

Re: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on crown land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.



We are here

Please find enclosed a copy of the formal notification for this project (Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1). As described in the notice, the first formal public meeting under O.Reg. 359/09 is scheduled for September 25, 2013 in Armstrong, Ontario.

A hard copy of the Draft Project Description Report was sent to Diane Laybourne at the Armstrong Local Service Board on July 19, 2013. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that this report remains available for public review at 111 Queen Street, Armstrong, Ontario throughout the REA process.

The REA process provides an opportunity for local service boards to provide comments on the project through the completion of a Local Authority Consultation Form. We have enclosed the form and would appreciate your input at this early stage of the project. It should be noted that further REA studies are currently underway, and the following reports will be submitted for local service board review and comment when available (anticipated in Fall 2013):

- Project Description Report;
- Construction Plan Report;
- · Design and Operations Report;
- Decommissioning Plan Report;
- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment;
- Natural Heritage Assessment;
- Water Assessment:
- Emissions Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report;
- · Effluent Management Plan Report; and
- Surface Water Assessment Report.

In addition to the Local Authority Consultation Form, at this stage we would appreciate any information you may have about any legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your service board that may affect project implementation.

It is essential that your concerns are identified early in the planning process, such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: <u>www.whitesandfirstnation.com</u>

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this REA study is much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

Project Manager

CS:jw

Enc. Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1

Local Authority Consultation Form

Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services

030895\_Cover Letter for Notice to Local Service Board.doc 09/08/2013 1:47 PM



August 9, 2013

Via: Mail

Mr. Lenny Dupuis Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Mr. Dupuis:

Re: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on crown land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.

Notice of Proposal and	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Technical Studies	Notice of Public	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout Finalized	Reports Finalized	Submit REA Application	Notice of filing posted	MOE Review	REA Decision
Notice of Public			Meeting #2 (and				to MOE	on Env. Registry		
Meeting #1			release of draft							
			studies)							Í



Please find enclosed a copy of the formal notification for this project (Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1). As described in the notice, the first formal public meeting under O.Reg. 359/09 is scheduled for September 25, 2013 in Armstrong, Ontario.

A hard copy of the Draft Project Description Report was sent to Diane Laybourne at the Armstrong Local Service Board on July 19, 2013. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that this report remains available for public review at 111 Queen Street, Armstrong, Ontario throughout the REA process.

The REA process provides an opportunity for local service boards to provide comments on the project through the completion of a Local Authority Consultation Form. We have enclosed the form and would appreciate your input at this early stage of the project. It should be noted that further REA studies are currently underway, and the following reports will be submitted for local service board review and comment when available (anticipated in Fall 2013):

- Project Description Report;
- Construction Plan Report;
- · Design and Operations Report;
- Decommissioning Plan Report;
- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment;
- Natural Heritage Assessment;
- Water Assessment:
- Emissions Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report;
- · Effluent Management Plan Report; and
- Surface Water Assessment Report.

In addition to the Local Authority Consultation Form, at this stage we would appreciate any information you may have about any legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your service board that may affect project implementation.

It is essential that your concerns are identified early in the planning process, such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: <u>www.whitesandfirstnation.com</u>

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this REA study is much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

Project Manager

CS:jw

Enc. Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1

Local Authority Consultation Form

Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services

030895\_Cover Letter for Notice to Local Service Board.doc 09/08/2013 1:47 PM



August 22, 2013

Via: Mail

Mr. Victor Lawrence

Trustee

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

٧

Re: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on crown land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.

Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 (and release of draft studies)	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout Finalized	Reports Finalized	Submit REA Application to MOE	Notice of filing posted on Env. Registry	MOE Review	REA Decision



We are here

Please find enclosed a copy of the formal notification for this project (Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1). As described in the notice, the first formal public meeting under O.Reg. 359/09 is scheduled for September 25, 2013 in Armstrong, Ontario.

A hard copy of the Draft Project Description Report was sent to Diane Laybourne at the Armstrong Local Service Board on July 19, 2013. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that this report remains available for public review at 111 Queen Street, Armstrong, Ontario throughout the REA process.

The REA process provides an opportunity for local service boards to provide comments on the project through the completion of a Local Authority Consultation Form. We have enclosed the form and would appreciate your input at this early stage of the project. It should be noted that further REA studies are currently underway, and the following reports will be submitted for local service board review and comment when available (anticipated in Fall 2013):

- Project Description Report;
- Construction Plan Report;
- · Design and Operations Report;
- Decommissioning Plan Report;
- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment;
- Natural Heritage Assessment;
- Water Assessment:
- Emissions Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report;
- Effluent Management Plan Report; and
- Surface Water Assessment Report.

In addition to the Local Authority Consultation Form, at this stage we would appreciate any information you may have about any legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your service board that may affect project implementation.

It is essential that your concerns are identified early in the planning process, such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: <u>www.whitesandfirstnation.com</u>

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this REA study is much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

Project Manager

CS:sd

Enc. Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1

Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services

030895\_Cover Letter for Notice to Local Service Board 22/08/2013 11:33 AM

# NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Appendix I3

Draft Documents in Support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval and Local Authority

Consultation Form Request



December 20, 2013

Via: Mail

Ms. Diane Laybourne Armstrong Local Service Board 111 Queen Street Armstrong, ON POT 1A0

Dear Ms. Laybourne:

Re: Draft Reports for Renewable Energy Approval

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.

Notice of Proposal	Public Meeting	Completion of Technical	Notice of	Public Meeting	Project Lavout	Reports Finalized	Submit REA	Notice of filing	MOE Review	REA Decision
and Notice of Public Meeting #1	#1	Studies	Public Meeting #2 (and release of draft studies)	#2	Finalized	Tillalizeu	Application to MOE	posted on Env. Registry	Keview	Decision



Draft reports have been prepared in accordance with O.Reg. 359/09 ultimately to identify potential negative environmental effects as a result of engaging in the project, as well as

propose mitigation, monitoring and contingency measures to address potential effects. These details are provided in the following draft reports, enclosed:

- 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 Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report; and
- Draft Decommissioning Plan Report.

The REA process provides an opportunity for local service boards to provide comments on the project through the completion of a Local Authority Consultation Form. We have enclosed the form and would appreciate your input.

In addition to the Local Authority Consultation Form, we would appreciate any information you may have about any legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your service board that may affect project implementation.

We would appreciate it if you could ensure that the enclosed reports remain available for public review at 111 Queen Street, Armstrong, Ontario throughout the REA process.

It is essential that your concerns are identified early in the planning process, such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: www.whitesandfirstnation.com

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this REA study is much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

**Project Manager** 

CS:sd

Enc. Draft REA Reports (11)

Local Authority Consultation Form

Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation (enc.) (Via: Mail)

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation (enc.)

(Via: Email)

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services (enc.) (Via: Email)

030895\_Cover Letter for Notice to Local Service Board\_131220 20/12/2013 11:53 AM

## NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Appendix I4
Local Authority Consultation
Notice of Final Public Meeting, Draft
Documents in Support of an Application for
Renewable Energy Approval, and FAQ Sheet



January 20, 2014

Via: Mail

Ms. Diane Laybourne Secretary Armstrong Local Service Board 111 Queen Street Armstrong, ON P0T 1A0

Dear Ms. Laybourne:

Re: 1) Draft Documents in Support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval

2) Notice of Final Public Meeting

3) Frequently Asked Questions

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

As outlined in previous correspondence, Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

Project components that are considered part of the renewable energy generation facility (i.e., the cogeneration plant and ancillary equipment) are subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09 (O.Reg. 359/09). The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.

Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 (and release of draft studies)	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout Finalized	Reports Finalized	Submit REA Application to MOE	Notice of filing posted on Env. Registry	MOE Review	REA Decision



We are here

Project components that are not considered part of the renewable energy generation facility (i.e., the wood pellet plant and ancillary equipment) are subject to the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (MNR Class EA).

There is considerable overlap between the MNR Class EA process and the REA process. The project also integrates renewable energy generation facility components with non-renewable energy generation facility components at the same project location. As such, project consultation and evaluation is being conducted for both processes simultaneously.

Draft documents have been prepared in accordance with O.Reg. 359/09 ultimately to identify potential negative environmental effects as a result of engaging in the project, as well as propose mitigation, monitoring and contingency measures to address potential effects. These details are provided in the following Draft documents:

- 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 Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report; and
- Draft Decommissioning Plan Report.

Please find enclosed a CD of the above Draft documents for your review.

If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if your department/agency could provide information on the following by March 3, 2014:

- legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your department/agency that may affect project implementation;
- any comments or concerns that your agency has on the proposed project; and,
- other projects proposed within or near the general area of study.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Final Public Meeting for the project. As described in the notice, the final public meeting under O.Reg. 359/09 is scheduled for April 2, 2014 in Armstrong, Ontario.

An overview of the schedule for the Project is as follows:

Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Notice of Proposal and Public Meeting #1	August 10, 2013
REA and MNR Class EA Technical Studies	2013 through 2014
Public Information Centre (PIC) #1	September 25, 2013
Draft REA Reports to Local Service and Roads Boards	December 20, 2013
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Aboriginal Communities	January 10, 2014
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Agencies & Local Boards	January 16, 2014
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Public	January 23, 2014

**Ms. Laybourne** January 20, 2014

Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Final Public Meeting	April 2, 2014
Application for REA / Approval	April/August 2014
MNR Class EA Notice of Completion / Statement of Completion	April/May 2014
Start of Construction	Summer – Fall 2014
Project Operation	2015 – 2040
Decommissioning or Retrofitting	2041

It is essential that your concerns are identified such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: www.whitesandfirstnation.com

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph, ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this project is much appreciated.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected as part of the REA and MNR Class EA consultation requirements for the project. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*. Personal information collected will be used for future contact in relation to this project. All information, including personal information, will be released, if requested, to any person under the provincial *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

Project Manager

CS:sd

Enc. CD of Draft REA Documents

Notice of Final Public Meeting Frequently Asked Questions

cc: Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services



January 20, 2014

Via: Mail

Mr. Lenny Dupuis Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Mr. Dupuis:

Re: 1) Draft Documents in Support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval

2) Notice of Final Public Meeting

3) Frequently Asked Questions

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

As outlined in previous correspondence, Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

Project components that are considered part of the renewable energy generation facility (i.e., the cogeneration plant and ancillary equipment) are subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09 (O.Reg. 359/09). The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.

Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 (and release of draft studies)	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout Finalized	Reports Finalized	Submit REA Application to MOE	Notice of filing posted on Env. Registry	MOE Review	REA Decision



We are here

Project components that are not considered part of the renewable energy generation facility (i.e., the wood pellet plant and ancillary equipment) are subject to the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (MNR Class EA).

There is considerable overlap between the MNR Class EA process and the REA process. The project also integrates renewable energy generation facility components with non-renewable energy generation facility components at the same project location. As such, project consultation and evaluation is being conducted for both processes simultaneously.

Draft documents have been prepared in accordance with O.Reg. 359/09 ultimately to identify potential negative environmental effects as a result of engaging in the project, as well as propose mitigation, monitoring and contingency measures to address potential effects. These details are provided in the following Draft documents:

- 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 Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report; and
- Draft Decommissioning Plan Report.

Please find enclosed a CD of the above Draft documents for your review.

If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if your department/agency could provide information on the following by March 3, 2014:

- legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your department/agency that may affect project implementation;
- any comments or concerns that your agency has on the proposed project; and,
- other projects proposed within or near the general area of study.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Final Public Meeting for the project. As described in the notice, the final public meeting under O.Reg. 359/09 is scheduled for April 2, 2014 in Armstrong, Ontario.

An overview of the schedule for the Project is as follows:

Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Notice of Proposal and Public Meeting #1	August 10, 2013
REA and MNR Class EA Technical Studies	2013 through 2014
Public Information Centre (PIC) #1	September 25, 2013
Draft REA Reports to Local Service and Roads Boards	December 20, 2013
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Aboriginal Communities	January 10, 2014
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Agencies & Local Boards	January 16, 2014
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Public	January 23, 2014

**Mr. Dupuis** January 20, 2014

Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Final Public Meeting	April 2, 2014
Application for REA / Approval	April/August 2014
MNR Class EA Notice of Completion / Statement of Completion	April/May 2014
Start of Construction	Summer – Fall 2014
Project Operation	2015 – 2040
Decommissioning or Retrofitting	2041

It is essential that your concerns are identified such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: www.whitesandfirstnation.com

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph, ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this project is much appreciated.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected as part of the REA and MNR Class EA consultation requirements for the project. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*. Personal information collected will be used for future contact in relation to this project. All information, including personal information, will be released, if requested, to any person under the provincial *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED AP

Project Manager

CS:sd

Enc. CD of Draft REA Documents

Notice of Final Public Meeting Frequently Asked Questions

cc: Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services



January 20, 2014

Via: Mail

Mr. Victor Lawrence

<u>Trustee</u>

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Re: 1) Draft Documents in Support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval

2) Notice of Final Public Meeting

3) Frequently Asked Questions

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

File No.: 300030895.0000

As outlined in previous correspondence, Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) has been retained by Whitesand First Nation to prepare an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on Crown Land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario.

Project components that are considered part of the renewable energy generation facility (i.e., the cogeneration plant and ancillary equipment) are subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09 (O.Reg. 359/09). The REA process entails consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, the REA process includes public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A summary of the process is provided below.

Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 (and release of draft studies)	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout Finalized	Reports Finalized	Submit REA Application to MOE	Notice of filing posted on Env. Registry	MOE Review	REA Decision



We are here

Project components that are not considered part of the renewable energy generation facility (i.e., the wood pellet plant and ancillary equipment) are subject to the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (MNR Class EA).

There is considerable overlap between the MNR Class EA process and the REA process. The project also integrates renewable energy generation facility components with non-renewable energy generation facility components at the same project location. As such, project consultation and evaluation is being conducted for both processes simultaneously.

Draft documents have been prepared in accordance with O.Reg. 359/09 ultimately to identify potential negative environmental effects as a result of engaging in the project, as well as propose mitigation, monitoring and contingency measures to address potential effects. These details are provided in the following Draft documents:

- 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 Modelling Report;
- Noise Study Report; and
- Draft Decommissioning Plan Report.

Please find enclosed a CD of the above Draft documents for your review.

If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if your department/agency could provide information on the following by March 3, 2014:

- legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your department/agency that may affect project implementation;
- any comments or concerns that your agency has on the proposed project; and,
- other projects proposed within or near the general area of study.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Final Public Meeting for the project. As described in the notice, the final public meeting under O.Reg. 359/09 is scheduled for April 2, 2014 in Armstrong, Ontario.

An overview of the schedule for the Project is as follows:

Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Notice of Proposal and Public Meeting #1	August 10, 2013
REA and MNR Class EA Technical Studies	2013 through 2014
Public Information Centre (PIC) #1	September 25, 2013
Draft REA Reports to Local Service and Roads Boards	December 20, 2013
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Aboriginal Communities	January 10, 2014
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Agencies & Local Boards	January 16, 2014
Draft REA Reports and Notice to Public	January 23, 2014

Mr. Lawrence January 20, 2014

Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Final Public Meeting	April 2, 2014
Application for REA / Approval	April/August 2014
MNR Class EA Notice of Completion / Statement of Completion	April/May 2014
Start of Construction	Summer – Fall 2014
Project Operation	2015 – 2040
Decommissioning or Retrofitting	2041

It is essential that your concerns are identified such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

Website: www.whitesandfirstnation.com

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph, ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Your participation in this project is much appreciated.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected as part of the REA and MNR Class EA consultation requirements for the project. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*. Personal information collected will be used for future contact in relation to this project. All information, including personal information, will be released, if requested, to any person under the provincial *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

Project Manager

CS:sd

Enc. CD of Draft REA Documents

Notice of Final Public Meeting Frequently Asked Questions

cc: Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services

# NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Appendix I5
Local Authority Consultation
Local Authority Consultation Forms
Sent to Local Authorities



### Renewable Energy Approval Municipal / Local Authority Consultation Form – PART A s.18(2) Ontario Regulation 359/09

Ce formulaire est disponible en français

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

### **Section 1 - Project Description**

1.1 - Renewable Ene	<del></del>				
Project Name (Proje	ect identifier to be used	as a reference in corres	pondence)		
Whitesand Firs	t Nation Cogene	ration and Pellet M	Iill Project		
Project Location					
Same as Applicant Phy	ysical Address?	Yes X No (If no, ple	ase provide site address info	ormation below)	
Civic Address- Street i	nformation (includes stree	et number, name, type and	direction)	Unit Identifie	er (i.e. apartment number)
N/A (Crown La	and) - see attache	ed project Study A	rea figure		
Survey Address		Lot	Conc.	Part	Reference Plan
(Not required if Street Info	rmation is provided)	N/A	(Crown Land)	See Attached	Figure
Location Information (i	ncludes any additional inf	ormation to clarify physical	location)(e.g. municipality, w	ard/ township)	
Approximately	2 km south of A	rmstrong, Ontario.			
Geo Reference (e.g.	southwest corner of prop				
Map Datum	Zone	Accuracy Estimate	Geo Referencing Method	UTM Easting	UTM Northing
NAD 83	16	+/- 2m	FRI, MNR, 2008	354301	5571777
Project Phasing (out	tline construction, oper	ation and decommission	ing activities)	<u> </u>	+
As outlined in t	the Draft Project	Description Report	:		
- REA Submiss	sion anticipated A	April 2014, Approva	al anticipated Augu	st 2014;	
		ed Summer / Fall 2	2014		
- Project Opera	ation anticipated 2	2015 - 2040			
- Decommission	ning anticipated	2041			
1.2 - Environmental		to that may recult from a	nagging in the project (as	anaidar canatruction and	aration and
decommissioning ac		its that may result from e	ngaging in the project (co	insider construction, ope	ration and
Please refer to	pages 27-36 of	the Draft Project D	escription Report for	or a comprehensiv	e list of potential
negative envir	onmental effects	associated with th	e project.		
Propose early avoid	ance/prevention/mitiga	tion concepts and meas	ures.		
Please refer to	pages 27-36 of t	the Draft Project D	escription Report fo	or a comprehensiv	e list of proposed
			conding to the lister		
effects.	J	•	· ·		

1.3 - Renewable Energy Generation Facility Type of Facility / Operation (select all that apply & complete all appropriate sections) Wind Facility (Land Based) **Biofuel Facility** Wind Facility (Off-Shore) Solar Photo Voltaic Facility Biogas Facility (Anaerobic Digesters) Other (describe): Biomass Facility (Thermal Treatment) Class (if applicable): Class 1; not on a farm. **Expected Generation** Name Plate Capacity Service Area Total Area of Site (hectares) up to 4.3 MW Armstrong, Ontario up to 4.3 MW 35 ha Provide a description of the facilities equipment or technology that will be used to convert the renewable energy source or any other energy source to electricity. In general, woodwaste will be combusted in a biomass cogeneration plant to create steam for production of electricity, process heat for use in the pellet plant, and heating for the on-site buildings. Please refer to pages 11-19 of the Draft Design and Operations Report for a more detailed description of the relevant facilities, equipment and technology.

1.4 – Renewable Energy Generation Activities

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

Please refer to pages 20-24 of the Draft Project Description Report for a detailed description of the activities over the life of the project. In general, project activities will differ during the project phases of:

- 1) Construction;
- 2) Operation and Maintenance; and,
- 3) Decommissioning

#### Section 2 – Supporting Documents

2.1 - Required Documents Distributed for Consultation

11 Required Decamented Pictributed for Concentation			
Requirement	Name of Draft Document	Date available to Municipal or Local Authority Contact	
DRAFT Project Description Report	Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project Draft Project Description Report	July 24, 2013	
DRAFT Design and Operations Report	Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project Draft Design and Operations Report	December 20, 2013	
DRAFT Construction Plan Report	Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project Draft Construction Plan Report	December 20, 2013	
DRAFT Decommissioning Plan Report	Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project Draft Decommissioning Plan Report	December 20, 2013	

2.2 - Cross Reference to Part B Section 5 - Municipal Consultation Requirements

Requirement	Name(s) of Draft Document(s) and Page Numbers where Relevant Information can be Found
Infrastructure and Servicing	Draft Construction Plan Report (pg. 6-13); Draft Design and Operations Report (pg.11-19)
Road Access	Draft Construction Plan Report (pg. 19-21)
Traffic Management Plans	Draft Construction Plan Report (pg. 19-21)
Municipal Service Connections (other than roads)	Draft Construction Plan Report (pg. 6) - Note: only a temporary electrical service during construction is req'd.
Landscaping Design	Draft Construction Plan Report (pg. 13)
Emergency Management Procedures / Safety Protocols.	Draft Design and Operations Report (pg. 31-33 and pg. 45-48)
Easements or Restrictive Covenants	Draft Project Description Report (pg. 25)
Temporary Disturbance Areas / Municipal Infrastructure that could be Damaged During Construction	Draft Project Description Report (pg. 32)
Fire Hydrants and Connections to Existing Drainage, Water Works and	Draft Design and Operations Report (pg. 16-18)

Sanitary Sewers	Draft Design and Operations Report (pg. 16-18)
Buried Kiosks and Above-Grade Utility Vaults	Draft Design and Operations Report (pg. 11-13 and pg. 15-16)
Existing and Proposed Gas and Electricity Lines and Connections	Draft Construction Plan Report (pg. 6); Draft Design and Operations Report (pg. 15-16)
Building Code Permits and Licenses	Draft Design and Operations Report (pg. 13)
Natural Features and Water Bodies	Draft Natural Heritage Assessment; Draft Water Assessment Report
Archaeological Resource or Heritage Resource	Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment; Design and Operations Report (Appendix C)

2.3 - Location where written draft reports can be obtained for public inspection

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

1)

Whitesand First Nation Reserve Band Office Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation PO Box 68, Armstrong, ON P0T 1A0

Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

Armstrong Local Service Board

111 Queen St.

Armstrong Station, ON P0T 1A0

Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00am - 4:30pm

### **Section 3 – Applicant Address and Contact Information**

3.1 - Applicant Information (Own	er of project/facility)				
Applicant Name (legal name of individual or organization as evidenced by legal documents)  Business Identification Number					
Sagatay Cogeneration LP, with its General Partner, Sagatay Cogeneration Ltd., and Whitesand First Nation as agent					
Business Name (the name under which the entity is operating or trading - also referred to as trade name)  X same as Applicant Name					
Civic Address- Street information (inc.	ludes street number, name, type a	and direction)	Unit	Identifier (i.e. apartment number)	
Band Office, Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation, PO Box 68					
Survey Address Lot Conc. Part Reference Plan					
(Not required if Street Information is provided)  N/A					
Municipality	County/District	Province/State	Country	Postal Code	
Armstrong	Thunder Bay District	Ontario	Canada	P0T 1A0	



## Renewable Energy Approval Municipal / Local Authority Consultation Form – PART B s.18(2) Ontario Regulation 359/09

Ce formulaire est disponible en français

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

### **Section 4 – Municipality or Local Authority Contact Information**

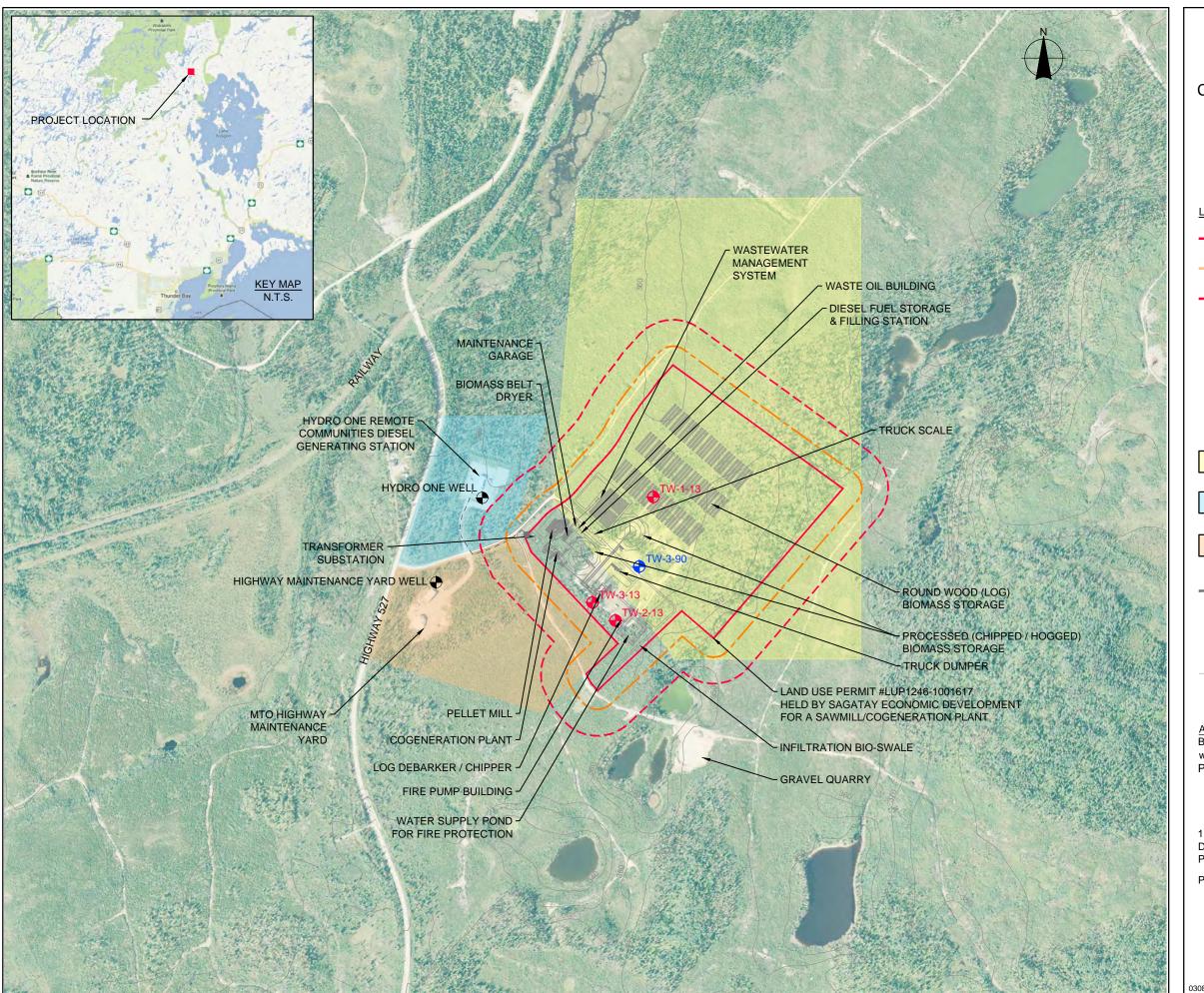
1.1 - Municipal of local authority information	(complete one of the following sections)	
Local Municipality / Unorganized Township	□ Yes □ No	
Name of Municipality	Address	Phone
Clerk's Name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Upper Tier Municipality	□ Yes □ No	
Name of Municipality	Address	Phone
Clerk's Name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Local Roads Area	□ Yes □ No	
Name of local roads board	Address	Phone
Secretary-treasurer's Name	Secretary-treasurer's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Local Service Board area	□ Yes □ No	
Name of Local Service Board	Address	Phone
Secretary's Name	Secretary's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address

Section 5 – Consultation Requirements
See Part A Section 2.2 to cross reference to locations in Draft Reports where information on specific Consultation Requirements can be found

Provide comment on the project location with respect to infrastructure and servicing.
5.2 – Project Roads
Provide comment on the proposed project's plans respecting proposed road access.
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to road access
Provide comment on any proposed Traffic Management Plans
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the proposed Traffic Management Plans
identity any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the proposed Trainic Management Flans
5.3 – Municipal or Local authority Service Connections
Provide comment on the proposed project plans related to the location of and type of municipal service connections, other than roads.
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the type of municipal service connections, other than roads.
5.4 – Facility Other
5.4 – Facility Other  Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
5.4 – Facility Other  Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
5.4 – Facility Other  Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
5.4 – Facility Other  Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
5.4 – Facility Other Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
5.4 – Facility Other  Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
5.4 – Facility Other  Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility  Provide comment on the proposed project plans for emergency management procedures / safety protocols.
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility

5.4 – Facility Other (continued)
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed emergency management procedures / safety protocols.
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to any Easements or Restrictive Covenants associated with the Project Location
5.5 Project Construction
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed rehabilitation of any temporary disturbance areas and any municipal
or local authority infrastructure that could be damaged during construction.
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of fire hydrants and connections to existing drainage, water works and sanitary sewers
drainage, water works and samilary sewers
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of buried kiosks and above-grade utility vaults
identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of buried klosks and above-grade utility values
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of existing and proposed gas and electricity lines and connections
and connections

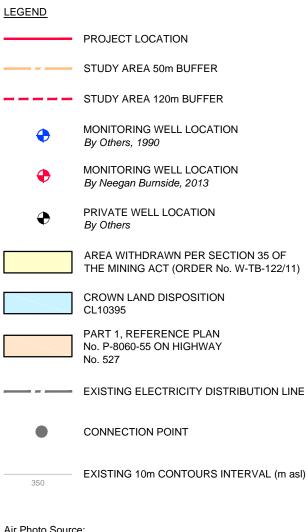
5.5 Project Construction (continued)
Provide comment on the proposed project plans with respect to Building Code permits and licenses.
Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification of any significant natural features and water bodies within the municipality or territory.
Than opality of territory.
Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification any archaeological resource or heritage resource.



### FIGURE A1

WHITESAND FIRST NATION **COGENERATION & PELLET MILL PROJECT** CLASS 1 THERMAL FACILITY UNDER **ONTARIO REGULATION 359/09** 

### STUDY AREA



Air Photo Source:
Background 2008 forest resource inventory air photo reproduced with the permission of Ministry of Natural Resources, î ÂÛ ^^} € Printer for Ontario

0	200	400	600	800
		Metres		

December 2013

Project Number: 300030895

Prepared by: C. Sheppard

Projection: UTM Zone 16 Datum: NAD83

Verified by: C. Shilton

**NEEGAN BURNSIDE** 

030895 PELLET MILL DRAWING SET.DWG

LAYOUT: PROJECT DESCRIPTION SA



#### Renewable Energy Approval Municipal / Local Authority Consultation Form – PART A s.18(2) Ontario Regulation 359/09

Ce formulaire est disponible en français

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

#### **Section 1 - Project Description**

	ect identifier to be used	d as a reference in corre eration and Pellet			
Project Location			-		
Same as Applicant Ph		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	please provide site address inf	-	
	•	et number, name, type an	·	Unit identii	ifier (i.e. apartment number)
N/A (Crown ia	ınd) - see attache	ed project Study A	rea figure		
Survey Address		Lot	Conc.	Part	Reference Plan
(Not required if Street Info	ormation is provided)	N/A	(Crown Land)	See Attached	Figure
	•	formation to clarify physica rmstrong, Ontario	al location)(e.g. municipality, v D.	ward/ township)	·
	. southwest corner of prop				
Map Datum	Zone	Accuracy Estimate	Geo Referencing Method	-	UTM Northing
NAD 83	16	+/- 2m	FRI, MNR, 2008	354301	5571777
Project Phasing (ou	tline construction, oper	ration and decommissio	oning activities)		
.2 - Environmental	Context	<u>.</u>			
Describe any negati decommissioning a	ive environmental effec	ts that may result from	engaging in the project <i>(co</i>	onsider construction, op	peration and
		the Draft Project associated with t	Description Report f the project.	ior a comprehensi	ive list of potential
Propose early avoid	lance/prevention/mitiga	ation concepts and mea	isures.		
	vention/mitigation	-	Description Report for all studies correspon	•	

I.3 - Renewable Energy Generation	n Facility						
Type of Facility / Operation (select all the		ns)					
Wind Facility (Land Based)	Wind Facility (Land Based)		cility				
Wind Facility (Off-Shore)		Solar Photo Voltaic Facility					
Biogas Facility (Anaerobic Digesters)		Other (describe):					
X Biomass Facility (Thermal	Treatment)	X Class (if ap	pplicable) :	Class 1; not on a farm.			
Name Plate Capacity	Expected Generation	Service Area	<u> </u>		Total Area of Site (hectares)		
up to 4 MW	up to 4 MW	Arms	trong, Or	ntario	up to 42 ha		
Please refer to pages 12 relevant facilities, equipm cogeneration plant to cre and heating for the on-sit	nent and technology. In ate steam for production	general, wo	odwaste	will be co	ombusted in a biomass		
1.4 – Renewable Energy Generation							
Describe the activities that will be							
Please refer to pages 16 activities over the life of 1) Construction; 2) Operation and Mainte 3) Decommissioning	the project. In general, p				ed description of the ng the project phases of:		

### **Section 2 – Supporting Documents**

2.1 – Required Documents Distributed for Consultation

Requirement	Name of Draft Document	Date available to Municipal or Local Authority Contact
DRAFT Project Description Report	Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project	July 24, 2013
DRAFT Design and Operations Report	Draft report is not available at this time	Expected Nov./Dec. 2013
DRAFT Construction Plan Report	Draft report is not available at this time	Expected Nov./Dec. 2013
DRAFT Decommissioning Plan Report	Draft report is not available at this time	Expected Nov./Dec. 2013

2.2 - Cross Reference to Part B Section 5 - Municipal Consultation Requirements

Requirement	Name(s) of Draft Document(s) and Page Numbers where Relevant Information can be Found				
Infrastructure and Servicing	Note these issues will be addressed in the draft reports expected to be				
Road Access	The state of the s				
Traffic Management Plans	- cubmitted in Nevember / December, 2013 (ie. Construction Plan				
Municipal Service Connections (other than roads)	-submitted in November / December, 2013 (ie. Construction Plan				
Landscaping Design	Report, Design and Operations Report, etc.). At this stage, we would				
Emergency Management Procedures / Safety Protocols.					
Easements or Restrictive Covenants	appreciate any comments you may have with respect to these issues				
Temporary Disturbance Areas / Municipal Infrastructure that could be					
Damaged During Construction	for consideration in the preparation of our draft reports.				
Fire Hydrants and Connections to	Total consideration in the proparation of our dial reports.				
Existing Drainage, Water Works and					

Sanitary Sewers	Note these issues will be addressed in the draft reports expected to be	_
Buried Kiosks and Above-Grade Utility	Thore mose issues will be addressed in the draft reports expected to be	<sup>-</sup>
Vaults	submitted in November / December, 2013 (ie. Construction Plan	
Existing and Proposed Gas and Electricity Lines and Connections	Report, Design and Operations Report, etc.). At this stage, we would	
Building Code Permits and Licenses		
Natural Features and Water Bodies	appreciate any comments you may have with respect to these issues	
Archaeological Resource or Heritage Resource	for consideration in the preparation of our draft reports.	

2.3 - Location where written draft reports can be obtained for public inspection

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

Whitesand First Nation Reserve Band Office Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation

PO Box 68, Armstrong, ON P0T 1A0

Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

**Armstrong Local Service Board** 

111 Queen St.

Armstrong Station, ON P0T 1A0

Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00am - 4:30pm

#### **Section 3 – Applicant Address and Contact Information**

Applicant Name (legal name of indivi		by legal documents)	10000	Business Identification Number
Whitesand First Nation				
Business Name (the name under whi	ich the entity is operating or tradin	g - also referred to as trade na	ame) X same	as Applicant Name
Civic Address- Street information (inc	cludes street number, name, type	and direction)	Unit	ldentifier (i.e. apartment number)
Band Office, Lot 4A, Wh	itesand Road, Whitesa	and First Nation, PO	Box 68	
Survey Address	Lot	Conc.	Part	Reference Plan
(Not required if Street Information is provid	led) N/A			
Municipality	County/District	Province/State	Country	Postal Code
	Thunder Bay District	1	1	POT 1A0



#### Renewable Energy Approval Municipal / Local Authority Consultation Form – PART B s.18(2) Ontario Regulation 359/09

Ce formulaire est disponible en français

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

#### Section 4 – Municipality or Local Authority Contact Information

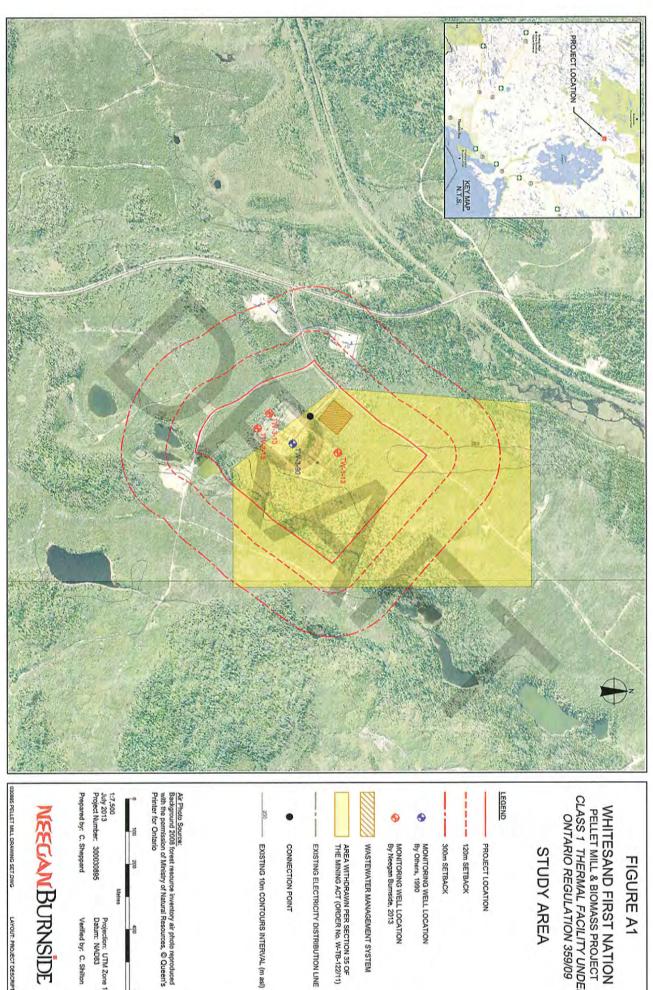
1.1 - Municipal or local authority Information (complete one of the following sections) Local Municipality / Unorganized Township □ Yes □ No Name of Municipality Address Phone E-Mail Address Clerk's Name Clerk's Phone/Fax **Upper Tier Municipality** ☐ Yes □ No Phone Address Name of Municipality E-Mail Address Clerk's Phone/Fax Clerk's Name □ Yes Local Roads Area □ No Address Phone Name of local roads board E-Mail Address Secretary-treasurer's Name Secretary-treasurer's Phone/Fax Local Service Board area □ Yes □ No Address Phone Name of Local Service Board E-Mail Address Secretary's Name Secretary's Phone/Fax

Section 5 — Consultation Requirements
See Part A Section 2.2 to cross reference to locations in Draft Reports where information on specific Consultation Requirements can be found

5.1 - Project Location
Provide comment on the project location with respect to infrastructure and servicing.
F.O. Burtast Bursts
5.2 – Project Roads
Provide comment on the proposed project's plans respecting proposed road access.
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to road access
Provide comment on any proposed Traffic Management Plans
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the proposed Traffic Management Plans
5.3 – Municipal or Local authority Service Connections
Provide comment on the proposed project plans related to the location of and type of municipal service connections, other than roads.
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the type of municipal service connections, other than roads.
titoritily any issues and provide resommendations with respect to the type of maniepar service connections, other than roads.
5.4 – Facility Other
Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility
Provide comment on the proposed project plans for emergency management procedures / safety protocols.

identity any issues ar	continued) nd recommendations with respond	ect to the proposed emerge	ncy management procedure	s / safety protocols.
deriting drift isouco di	a recommendations was respec	out to the proposed children	ioj managomont procesare	
entify any issues ar	nd recommendations with respond	ect to any Easements or Re	strictive Covenants associat	ed with the Project Location
		445		
<b>Project Construct</b>	ion			
			ation of any temporary distu	rbance areas and any municipa
local authority infra	structure that could be damag	ed during construction.		
lentify any issues ar	nd recommendations with respe	ect to the proposed location	of fire hydrants and connec	tions to existing
	s and sanitary sewers			, and the second
<u> </u>				
lentify any issues ar	nd recommendations with respond	ect to the proposed location	of buried kiosks and above-	grade utility vaults
green - Thomas Tanamage, and female				
<u> </u>				
Hilbert Discount Theorem and American				
<u> Albania Proposta de Albania</u>				
	ud recommendations with respec	act to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	us and electricity lines
dentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respo	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
lentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respo	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
dentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respo	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
lentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respo	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
lentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respo	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
dentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respe	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
lentify any issues a	nd recommendations with respe	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines
	nd recommendations with respo	ect to the proposed location	of existing and proposed ga	s and electricity lines

Project Construction (continuous comment on the propose comment of t	ed project plans with respect to Building Code permits and licenses.
ntify any issues and recomme nicipality or territory.	endations related to the identification of any significant natural features and water bodies within the
nicipality or territory.	
ntify any issues and recomme	endations related to the identification any archaeological resource or heritage resource.
THE STATE OF THE S	



## FIGURE A1

WHITESAND FIRST NATION
PELLET MILL & BIOMASS PROJECT
CLASS 1 THERMAL FACILITY UNDER
ONTARIO REGULATION 359/09

# STUDY AREA

EXISTING 10m CONTOURS INTERVAL (m asl) AREA WITHDRAWN PER SECTION 35 OF THE MINING ACT (ORDER No. W-TB-122/11) MONITORING WELL LOCATION By Others, 1990 EXISTING ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION LINE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MONITORING WELL LOCATION By Neegan Burnside, 2013 300m SETBACK 120m SETBACK CONNECTION POINT PROJECT LOCATION

Projection: UTM Zone 16 Datum: NAD83

NEEGANBURNSIDE

## NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Appendix I6
Local Authority Consultation
Local Authority Consultation Form
Correspondence



## Fw: Whitesand First Nation - Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Municipal Consultation Form

Chris Shilton to: Diane Laybourne

08/08/2014 08:35 AM

#### Good Morning Diane,

We will be submitting our application for Renewable Energy Approval to MOE shortly and would appreciate receipt of the completed Local Authority Consultation Form below. As discussed previously, we trust the completed form will include any comments from the local roads board.

Thank you,

#### Chris

---- Forwarded by Chris Shilton/RJB on 08/08/2014 08:29 AM ----

From: Chris Shilton/RJB

To: "Diane Laybourne" <alsb@bellnet.ca>,

Cc: ctoset@tbaytel.net, lorianne.sinoway@whitesandfirstnation.com, "Chris Walton"

<chris@arbora.ca>, "Tiina Ahokas" <tiina@arbora.ca>, Lyle Parsons/RJB@RJB

Date: 04/16/2014 02:31 PM

Subject: Re: Whitesand First Nation - Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Municipal Consultation Form

#### Good Afternoon Diane,

As discussed during our recent public meeting in Armstrong, we would appreciate receipt of the completed Local Authority Consultation Form for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. We asked public meeting attendees to submit all comments regarding the project by April 25, 2014 (next Friday), and would appreciate your comments on the attached form by the same date. I have attached the form sent previously for your convenience.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-866-8405.

Thank you,

Chris



030895\_Local\_Authority\_Consultation\_Form.pdf

Chris Shilton Good Afternoon Diane, In preparation of our fina... 02/21/2014 12:12:13 PM

From: Chris Shilton/RJB

To: "Diane Laybourne" <alsb@bellnet.ca>,

Cc: ctoset@tbaytel.net, lorianne.sinoway@whitesandfirstnation.com, "Chris Walton"

<chris@arbora.ca>, "Tiina Ahokas" <tiina@arbora.ca>

Date: 02/21/2014 12:12 PM

Subject: Whitesand First Nation - Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Municipal Consultation Form

#### Good Afternoon Diane,

In preparation of our final public meeting on April 2, 2014, we would like to address any comments the Armstrong Local Service Board and Roads Board may have on our Draft reports in support of an

Application for Renewable Energy Approval.

In light of this, we would appreciate receipt of the completed Local Authority Consultation Form. I've attached the form to this e-mail for convenience. If we could have your comments by the week of March 3, 2014, we will be in a better position to address your comments at the public meeting.

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

Thanks,

Chris

[attachment "030895\_Local\_Authority\_Consultation\_Form.pdf" deleted by Chris Shilton/RJB]

## Whitesand First Nation - Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project Consultation Chris Shilton to: alsb 11/19/2013 12:30 PM

Good Afternoon Ms. Laybourne,

As discussed yesterday, we are looking for your input regarding the potential for cultural heritage features at or abutting the site for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. Please refer to the attached letter for further details regarding the inquiry, initially mailed on October 21, 2013.

We would also appreciate any feedback you might have regarding the project in general by completing the Local Authority Consultation Form, initially mailed on August 9, 2013. I have attached a copy of the form to this e-mail for convenience. Your input is requested for "Part B" of the form.

You may e-mail your responses to chris.shilton@neeganburnside.com or you may alternatively mail them to:

Chris Shilton Neegan Burnside Ltd. 292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20 Guelph, Ontario N1H 1C4

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-866-8405.

Thank you,

Chris Shilton



030895\_Local Services Board Cultural Heritage Information Request Letter.pdf



030895\_Local\_Authority\_Consultation\_Form.pdf

## **NEEGAN** BURNSIDE

Appendix I7
Local Authority Consultation
Armstrong Local Services Board
Cultural Heritage Consultation



RE: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Cultural Heritage Diane Laybourne

to:

'Chris Shilton'

01/14/2014 01:05 PM

Hide Details

From: "Diane Laybourne"

To: "'Chris Shilton'" < Chris. Shilton@rjburnside.com>,

History: This message has been replied to.

#### 1 Attachment



image001.gif

#### Dear Chris,

The Armstrong Local Services Board would like to confirm through this e-mail that we are in agreement with the cultural heritage information listed below.

Sincerely,

Diane Laybourne Secretary/Treasurer Armstrong Local Services Board

**From:** Chris Shilton [mailto:Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com]

Sent: January-09-14 2:34 PM

To: Diane Laybourne

Subject: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Cultural Heritage

Thank You Ms. Laybourne,

As discussed, further to your e-mail below, we understand the Armstrong Local Service Board has reviewed our letter dated October 21, 2013 regarding a request for cultural heritage information, and does not have any information that suggests the proposed Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project is located on or abutting a property that:

- 1. Is defined as a 'protected property' as per Section 19 of Ontario Regulation 359/09. Within the Local Authority's purview of this clause, Protected properties include those which:
- a. Have been given a notice of intention to designate them to be of cultural heritage value or interest in accordance with section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- b. Have been designated by a municipal by-law made under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value or interest;
- c. Are the subject of an easement or a covenant entered into under section 10(1) (b) or section 37 of the Ontario Heritage Act:
- d. Are part of an area designated by a municipal by-law made under section 41 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a heritage conservation district.
- 2. Is a parcel of land listed on a register or inventory of heritage properties maintained by the municipality, local services board, local Heritage Committee or Society;
- 3. Contains a federal, provincial or municipal plaque;

- 4. Contains a National Historic Site (as designated by the Federal Minister of the Environment);
- 5. Contains a burial site or cemetery;
- 6. Contains structures over forty years old including: residential structures, farm buildings and outbuildings, industrial, commercial, or institutional buildings and/or engineering works etc;
- 7. Contains or is part of a cultural heritage landscape (ie. Aboriginal trail, park, Canadian Heritage River, designated garden, historic road or rail corridor, etc.);
- 8. Is considered a landmark in the local community or contains any structures or sites that are important to defining the character of the area (ie. prominent buildings or landscape features, complexes of buildings, monuments etc.);
- 9. Has a special association with a community, person or historical event (ie. Aboriginal sacred site, traditional-use areas, battlefield, birthplace of an individual of importance to the community etc.);
- 10. Contains extractive areas for food or scarce resources;
- 11. Contains Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal settlements (ie. places of early military or pioneer settlement, older core of a community, early wharf or dock, pioneer churches, early cemeteries etc.);
- 12. Contains a significant or historical transportation route (ie. trail, pass, road, rail, portage route, canal, heritage river, shipping route, etc.); and
- 13. Contains a heritage trail, buildings or ruins that cannot be found through site visits or other means (ie. flooded area).

We also understand there is no local heritage committee, group, or organization.

Your confirmation of the above would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Chris

### **NEEGAN**BURNSIDE

Chris Shilton

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited 292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20 Guelph, Ontario N1H 1C4 Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com

tel: 519.823.4995 x539 fax: 519.836.5477 www.rjburnside.com

\*\*\*\* CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE \*\*\*\*

This electronic transmission and any accompanying attachments may contain privileged or confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or organization named above. Any distribution, copying or action taken in reliance on the contents of this communication by anyone other than the intended recipient(s) is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

If you have received this communication in error please notify the sender at the above email address and delete this email immediately.

Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

From: "Diane Laybourne" To: "Chris Shilton" < Chris. Shilton@rjburnside.com >,

Date: 01/09/2014 11:03 AM

Subject: Whitesand Co-Gen and Pellet Plant

#### Dear Chris,

Sorry for the delay in replying to your request. As far as the community of Armstrong is concerned, there are no cultural issues associated with the site that has been picked for the cogeneration and pellet mill plant. This property was never developed until MTO, Hydro One and Buchanan Forest Products developed the area for their own use.

Sincerely,
Diane Laybourne
Secretary/Treasurer
Armstrong Local Services Baord

## NEEGAN BURNSIDE

October 21, 2013

Via: Mail

Ms. Diane Laybourne
Armstrong Local Services Board
111 Queen Street
Armstrong, ON P0T 1A0

Dear Ms. Diane Laybourne:

Re: Request for Cultural Heritage Information

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project

File No.: 300030895

As you are aware, Neegan Burnside Ltd. ("Neegan Burnside") is preparing an Application for Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") on behalf of Whitesand First Nation for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on crown land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario. A contextual map of the site location can be found below, and a more detailed site plan of the project location is enclosed.

#### **Project Location**



Further details about the proposed project can be found in the Draft Project Description Report, available online at <a href="https://www.whitesandfirstnation.com">www.whitesandfirstnation.com</a>, or in print for viewing at the following locations:

Whitesand First Nation Reserve Band Office Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation PO Box 68, Armstrong ON POT 1A0

Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri,

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Armstrong Local Service Board 111 Queen St. Armstrong Station ON P0T 1A0 Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri,

10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. It is also subject to the provisions of the Ministry of Natural Resources Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. These processes include consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, they include public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A brief outline of the processes is outlined below.

Notice of Proposal / Release of Draft Project Description Report	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Environmental and Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 Release of draft REA Reports / Notice of EA	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout and Reports Finalized	Submit REA / Permit Applications / Notice of EA Completion/ Release Draft EA Report	Notice of Filing posted on Env. Registry by MOE	MOE REA Review / 30-day Public Review/ Issue EA Statement of Completion	REA Decision	Permits Issued
--	-------------------------	--	--	-------------------------	--	---	--	---	-----------------	-------------------



Applicants for REA under the *Environmental Protection Act*, who opt to consider the potential for heritage resources under subsection 23 (2) of Ontario Regulation 359/09, must complete a self-assessment to determine if the site is located on or abutting a parcel of land which contains cultural heritage potential. This includes consultation with local municipalities, cultural heritage associations and First Nation communities to obtain information on cultural heritage resources in the area. Please note that other requests for information have been sent to the appropriate representatives of other groups or agencies to gather necessary information for the self-assessment.

In order to thoroughly research the potential for cultural heritage resources on site, Neegan Burnside is sending this letter to request your input. In particular, please identify if this site is located on or abutting a property that:

- Is defined as a 'protected property' as per Section 19 of Ontario Regulation 359/09. Within the Local Authority's purview of this clause, Protected properties include those which:
  - Have been given a notice of intention to designate them to be of cultural heritage value or interest in accordance with section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;

- b. Have been designated by a municipal by-law made under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value or interest;
- c. Are the subject of an easement or a covenant entered into under section 10(1) (b) or section 37 of the *Ontario Heritage Act;*
- d. Are part of an area designated by a municipal by-law made under section 41 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a heritage conservation district.
- Is a parcel of land listed on a register or inventory of heritage properties
  maintained by the municipality, local services board, local Heritage Committee or
  Society;
- 3. Contains a federal, provincial or municipal plaque;
- 4. Contains a National Historic Site (as designated by the Federal Minister of the Environment);
- 5. Contains a burial site or cemetery;
- 6. Contains structures over forty years old including: residential structures, farm buildings and outbuildings, industrial, commercial, or institutional buildings and/or engineering works etc;
- 7. Contains or is part of a cultural heritage landscape (ie. Aboriginal trail, park, Canadian Heritage River, designated garden, historic road or rail corridor, etc.);
- 8. Is considered a landmark in the local community or contains any structures or sites that are important to defining the character of the area (ie. prominent buildings or landscape features, complexes of buildings, monuments etc.);
- Has a special association with a community, person or historical event (ie.
   Aboriginal sacred site, traditional-use areas, battlefield, birthplace of an individual of importance to the community etc.);
- 10. Contains extractive areas for food or scarce resources;
- Contains Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal settlements (ie. places of early military or pioneer settlement, older core of a community, early wharf or dock, pioneer churches, early cemeteries etc.);
- 12. Contains a significant or historical transportation route (ie. trail, pass, road, rail, portage route, canal, heritage river, shipping route, etc.); and
- 13. Contains a heritage trail, buildings or ruins that cannot be found through site visits or other means (ie. flooded area).

Your participation in this study is much appreciated. Please submit your comments to the following mailing or email address:

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20

Guelph, ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP

Project Manager

CS:sd

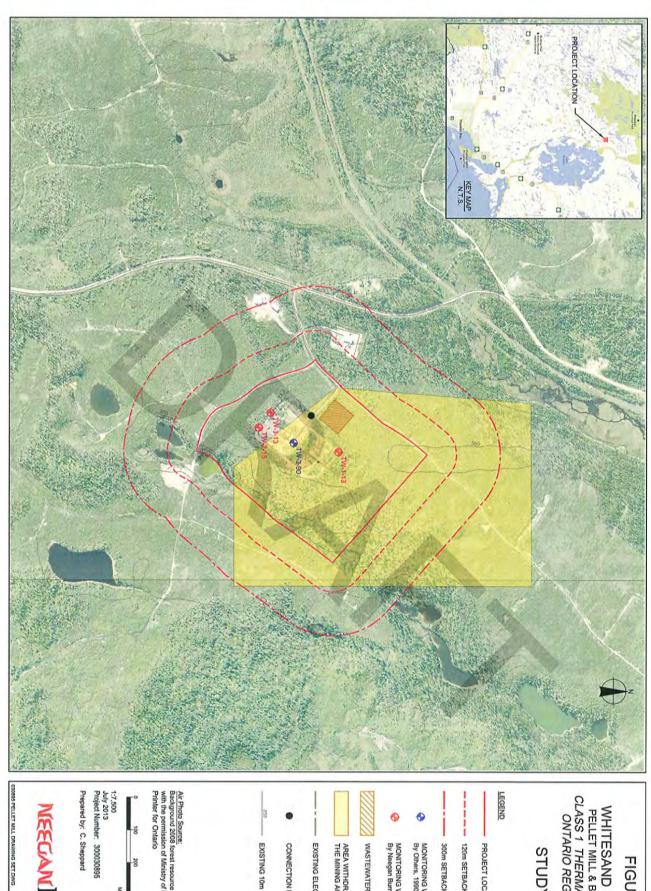
Enc. Project Location Figure

Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation

David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation

Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services

030895\_Local Services Board Cultural Heritage Information Request Letter 21/10/2013 11:34 AM



## FIGURE A1

WHITESAND FIRST NATION
PELLET MILL & BIOMASS PROJECT
CLASS 1 THERMAL FACILITY UNDER
ONTARIO REGULATION 359/09

# STUDY AREA

EXISTING 10m CONTOURS INTERVAL (m asl) EXISTING ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION LINE AREA WITHDRAWN PER SECTION 35 OF THE MINING ACT (ORDER No. W-TB-122/11) WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MONITORING WELL LOCATION By Neegan Burnside, 2013 MONITORING WELL LOCATION By Others, 1990 120m SETBACK CONNECTION POINT 300m SETBACK PROJECT LOCATION

Projection: UTM Zone 16 Datum: NAD83

NEEGANBURNSIDE

© PRINTED: June 17, 2013, 3:53 PM

Verified by: C. Shilton