

Exhibit H: Municipal Consultation: Elgin County

(87 pages)

Date	Milestone	Contact	Purpose
November 17, 2009	Notice of engagement	Mark McDonald	Notification of project commencement
December 2, 2009	Municipal consultation form	Mark Mcdonald	Municipal Consultation Form
December 3, 2009		Susan McConnen	Called on behalf of Mark McDonald in response to consultation form
December 4, 2009		Clayton Watters	Assigned to project, set up phone call
December 8, 2009	Consultation Form	Clayton Watters	Phone log
December 8, 2009	Consultation Form	Clayton Watters	Mapping request
December 15, 2009	Open House Invitation	Mark Mcdonald	invitation to open house
December 17, 2009		Clayton Watters	Response to open house invitation
December 22, 2009		Clayton Watters	Open house materials as requested
December 22, 2009		Mark Mcdonald	Open house materials as requested
January 11, 2010		Clayton Watters	follow up to open house materials
January 11, 2010		Clayton Watters	N. Bogush request for sample agreement and mapping
October 24, 2011		Clayton Watters	set up meeting to discuss connection line routing
January 18, 2012	Consultation Form, Draft REA Reports	Mark Mcdonald	Draft REA Reports for review
February 3, 2012		Meeting with County of Elgin	
February 3, 2012		Clayton Watters	follow up to meeting on this day request for draft agreement
March 19, 2012	Municipal consultation form	Clayton Watters	send consultation form and draft franchise agreement
April 13, 2012		Clayton Watters	follow up on draft report package and franchise agreement
April 13, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Follow up on email regarding franchise agreement
April 30, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Follow up on email regarding franchise agreement
May 4, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Draft franchise agreement
June 5, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Revisions to franchise agreement
June 13, 2012	Signed Consultation Form Returned	Steve Evans	Signed Consultation Form
July 10, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Revisions to franchise agreement
July 23, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Revisions to franchise agreement
July 24, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Revisions to franchise agreement
July 25, 2012		Mark Mcdonald	Project Summaries
July 25, 2012		Steve Evans	Notice of Project Summaries

July 25, 2012		Clayton Watters	Notice of Project Summaries
August 2, 2012	Draft REA, Revised consultation form	Mark McDonald	One Hard copy, one cd copy
August 2, 2012	Notice of Draft REA	Steve Evans	Letter from Package sent to M. McDonald
August 2, 2012	Notice of Draft REA	Clayton Watters	Letter from Package sent to M. McDonald
October 10, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Revisions to franchise agreement
October 31, 2012		Peter Dutchak	Revision to roadways in franchise agreement



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November 17, 2009

Mark McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer
County of Elgin Administration Building
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas, ON
N5R 5V1

Subject: Notice of Proposal and Public Meeting for Silvercreek Solar Park project

Dear Mr. McDonald,

Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. is proposing a 10 MW ground mounted solar facility in the Township of Malahide, Elgin County 9 km south from the Town of Aylmer. Enclosed is the Notice of Proposal and Public Meeting for this project as required by section 15 of the Ontario Regulation 359/09 under the Environmental Protection Act. The first of two public postings will appear in the local newspaper [the Aylmer express] on November 18, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Leah Deveaux at (905)-822-4120 ext. 305 or 1-877-774-6560.

Regards,

Nadiya Bogush
ORTECH Environmental
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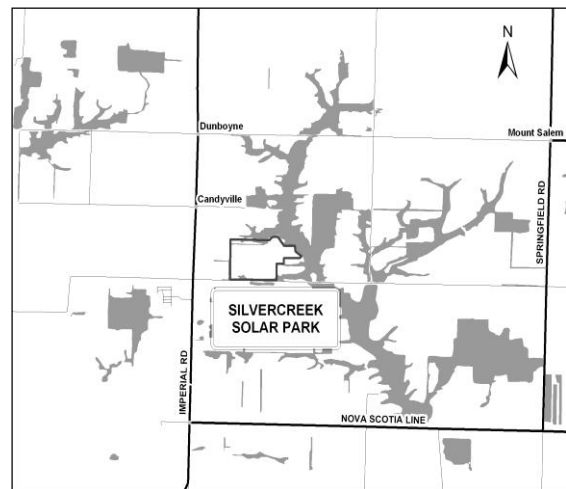
NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL & NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

By Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Dated at Malahide Township, this 18th of November, 2009

Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. is proposing the development of a new 10MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility on privately held lands in the Township of Malahide, Elgin County, 9 km south of the town of Aylmer. The project utilizes polycrystalline solar photovoltaic panels mounted on single-axis trackers to maximize energy production. A new 4.5 km distribution line will be built along existing municipal road easements to the point of connection with the Dunboyne Distribution Station. ORTECH Environmental has been retained to assist in the Renewable Energy Approvals process.

The project is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 and requires a Renewable Energy Approval as a Class 3 Solar Facility. A Draft Project Description Report titled "Project Description Silvercreek Solar Park" describing the facility will be posted on the proponent's website (www.silvercreeksolar.com) on December 11, 2009. A written copy of the report will be available at the public meeting for review. This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed by the Ministry of the Environment. Public consultation is an integral component of this process.



The first **Open House** is scheduled for:

Date: Friday, **December 18, 2009**

Time: **4pm to 8pm**

Place: German Canadian Club
522 Talbot St.W.
Aylmer, ON
(519)-773-5271

For further information on this project, public meetings or to communicate concerns, please contact:

Leah Deveau
ORTECH Environmental
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Mississauga, ON; L5J 2Y4
Phone: (905)822-4120 ext. 305; 1-877-774-6560
Email: info@silvercreeksolar.com
www.silvercreeksolar.com

Information will be collected and used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and solely for the purpose of assisting Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. in meeting Renewable Energy Approvals requirements. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



Leah Deveau

From: Scott Manser
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 4:24 PM
To: mmcdonald@elgin-county.on.ca
Cc: Leah Deveau
Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form
Attachments: Municipal Consultation Form Elgin.pdf

Mark;

Please find attached an electronic copy of the Municipal Consultation form as required by the Ontario Ministry of Environment. We anticipate that we will be able to release additional project information, such as a Project Description Report, once this document has been reviewed by the Province and First Nation Communities. I will call you tomorrow to discuss this project,

Regards;

Scott Manser, P.Eng
Senior Environmental Engineer
ORTECH Environmental
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PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE SUBMITTING TO MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITY

Section 1 - Project Description

1.1 - Renewable Energy Project
Project Name <i>(Project identifier to be used as a reference in correspondence)</i> Silvercreek Solar Park

Project Location 49588 Vienna Line, Aylmer, Ontario					
Same as Applicant Physical Address? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide site address information below)					
Civic Address- Street information <i>(includes street number, name, type and direction)</i>					Unit Identifier <i>(i.e. apartment number)</i>
Survey Address <i>(Not required if Street Information is provided)</i>					
Lot and Conc.: used to indicate location within a subdivided township and consists of a lot number and a concession number.		Part and Reference: used to indicate location within unorganized territory, and consists of a part and a reference plan number indicating the location within that plan. Attach copy of the plan.			
Lot	Conc.	Part		Reference Plan	
Location Information <i>(includes any additional information to clarify physical location)(e.g. municipality, ward/ township)</i> Township of Malahide, Elgin County					
Geo Reference <i>(e.g. southwest corner of property)</i> south entrance to the property					
Map Datum	Zone	Accuracy Estimate	Geo Referencing Method	UTM Easting	UTM Northing
UTM	17	+/- 5m	manual	502139	4726823

Project Phasing <i>(outline construction, operation and decommissioning activities)</i>
Construction will begin in 2010 upon approval of the REA application and will require 5 months to complete. Construction activities will involve installation of support racks, mounting of solar panels, tracking mechanisms and installation of electrical equipment. The facility will operate continuously during the daytime with tracking capabilities to mechanically adjust the panels according to the angle of available sunlight. The estimated lifetime of the facility is 25 years, after which time the site may either be retrofitted with new panels or the site may be decommissioned and returned to agricultural use.

1.2 - Environmental Context
Describe any negative environmental effects that may result from engaging in the project <i>(consider construction, operation and decommissioning activities.)</i>
The project area is agricultural land that has been in active production for many years. To address this impact the Ontario Power Authority has capped ground mounted solar on prime agricultural lands to 500 MW for each of the five geographic regions in Ontario.
Propose early avoidance/prevention/mitigation concepts and measures.
The project design incorporates setback distances from natural features greater than the current farm practice. Electrical equipment will be located along the central access roads away from drainage areas. Spill prevention / contingency planning will be incorporated into site operations. Safety and security measures, including fencing, will be used to prevent unauthorized entry.

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1.3 - Renewable Energy Generation Facility			
Type of Facility / Operation <i>(select all that apply & complete all appropriate sections)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind Facility (Land Based)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biofuel Facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind Facility (Off-Shore)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solar Photo Voltaic Facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biogas Facility (Anaerobic Digesters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Describe :
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biomass Facility (Thermal Treatment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Class (if applicable) :
Name Plate Capacity	Expected Generation	Service Area	Total Area of Site <i>(hectares)</i>
10 MW	18 GWh	Elgin County	35.9
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.			
The proposed project is a ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility. It will require installation of up to 44,520 polycrystalline solar photovoltaic panels, which will be mounted on 2,062 horizontal beam single-axis trackers.			

1.4 – Renewable Energy Generation Activities
Describe the activities that will be engaged in as part of the renewable energy project
The project involves preparation of the site, installation of the solar panels and electrical system, construction of a 4.5 km overhead (or underground) distribution line, and site fencing.

Section 2 – Supporting Documents

2.1 – Requirement	Name of Draft documents distributed for consultation	Date available to Municipal or Local Authority Contact
DRAFT Project Description Report	Project Description Silvercreek Solar Park	
DRAFT Design and Operations Report	Design and Operation Report Silvercreek Solar Park	
DRAFT Construction Plan Report	Construction Plan Report Silvercreek Solar Park	
DRAFT Decommissioning Plan Report	Decommissioning Plan Report Silvercreek Solar Park	
List of other Documents		

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

Project website : www.silvercreeksolar.com
Aylmer Old Town Hall Public Library

Section 3 – Applicant Address and Contact Information

3.1 - Applicant Information (Owner of project/facility)				
Applicant Name (legal name of individual or organization as evidenced by legal documents) Silvercreek Solar Park Inc.			Business Identification Number 82298 6121 RC 0001	
Business Name (the name under which the entity is operating or trading - also referred to as trade name)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> same as Applicant Name	
Civic Address- Street information (includes street number, name, type and direction) 49588 Vienna Line			Unit Identifier (i.e. apartment number)	
Survey Address (Not required if Street Information is provided)				
Lot and Conc.: used to indicate location within a subdivided township and consists of a lot number and a concession number. Lot Conc.		Part and Reference: used to indicate location within an unsubdivided township or unsurveyed territory, and consists of a part and a reference plan number indicating the location within that plan. Attach copy of the plan. Part Reference Plan		
Municipality Malahide	County/District Elgin	Province/State Ontario	Country Canada	Postal Code N5H 2R2

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

Section 4 - Municipal or Local Authority Contact Information (check the one that applies)

Local Municipality <i>(include each local municipality in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of Municipality	Address	Phone	Clerk's Name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Upper Tier Municipality <i>(include each upper tier municipality in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of Municipality	Address	Phone	Clerk's name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Local roads area <i>(include each local roads area in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of local roads board	Address	Phone	Secretary-treasurer's Name	Secretary-treasurer's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Board Area <i>(include each board area in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of Local Service Board	Address	Phone	Secretary's name	Secretary's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address

Section 5: Consultation Requirement

5.1 - Project Location
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

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
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 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
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 existing and proposed gas and electricity lines and connections
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.
Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification any archaeological resource or heritage resource.

Contact Documentation

Project: Silvercreek Solar Park

Contact	Mark McDonald.		Date:	12/3/09.
Organization	Elgin County CAO.			
Address			Copies To	
Phone	519-631-1460 x105.			
Contacted By	S. Menser	in person		
		by phone ✓		
Purpose of contact	- Susan McCannell called on behalf of Mark.			
Summary of Discussion	<p>1st msg 10:14am on phone, - re Silver Creek Solar.</p> <p>- msg Susan McCannell 519-631-1460 x103.</p> <p>Q. - what is the county's responsibility regarding these forms? Brief explanation regarding timing of project.</p> <p>A. - Imperial Road is a county road & we are proposing that the distribution line run adjacent.</p> <p>Reply - OK we will need to consult w/ Roads division.</p>			
Follow-up Required	Susan will verify Imperial is a county road and get back.			
Action Taken By			Date:	

From: Scott Manser
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 8:28 AM
To: Clayton Watters
Subject: RE: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form
 Thanks for the reply Clayton. I will give you a call at 1pm Monday December 7th.

Regards;

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From: Clayton Watters [mailto:cwatters@elgin-county.on.ca]
Sent: Thu 12/3/2009 8:41 PM
To: Scott Manser
Cc: Peter Dutchak
Subject: FW: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form

can you please call me monday afternoon, to set up a meeting. cell 519-617-7482

Clayton Watters, P.Eng
 Director of Engineering Services
 (519) 631-1460 ext 4
cwatters@elgin-county.on.ca

From: Mark McDonald
Sent: Thu 12/3/2009 2:40 PM
To: Clayton Watters; Peter Dutchak
Cc: smcconnell
Subject: Fw: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form

[Can u follow up please.](#)

From: smcconnell
To: Mark McDonald
Sent: Thu Dec 03 14:36:33 2009
Subject: RE: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form

Mark, Scott said county input is required if Imperial Road, Aylmer, is a county road - the distribution line proposed in project impacts on this road. John Wilson was not able to provide Scott and crew with specifics on this. Scott said he requires a meeting with the county staff (Clayton) so the project application can be completed. There is also another doc coming from province in regard to this project. Also, this is very time sensitive so Scott would

appreciate a meeting asap.

Susan McConnell
Administrative Services Coordinator

519-631-1460 x 103

From: Mark McDonald
Sent: Thu 12/3/2009 8:58 AM
To: smcconnell
Subject: FW: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form

Susan, please call Scott for me about this project to see what if anything the county is supposed to do. 519-966-8798. thanks!

From: Scott Manser [mailto:smanser@ortech.ca]
Sent: Wed 12/2/2009 4:23 PM
To: Mark McDonald
Cc: Leah Deveau
Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park - Municipal Consultation Form

Mark;

Please find attached an electronic copy of the Municipal Consultation form as required by the Ontario Ministry of Environment. We anticipate that we will be able to release additional project information, such as a Project Description Report, once this document has been reviewed by the Province and First Nation Communities. I will call you tomorrow to discuss this project,

Regards;

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Contact Documentation

Project: **Silvercreek Solar Park**

TBD 12/4/09,

Contact	Clayton Watters.	Date:	12/8/09 + 12/7/09
Organization	Director Engineering, Elgin County		
Address		Copies To	
Phone	519-671-7482		
Contacted By	in person by phone		
Purpose of contact	Municipal Consultation - specifically Imperial Road.		
	- can we get maps of Easements?		
Summary of Discussion	12/8/09 - send map showing which roads/where and he can send along some info. - believes easement south of Aylmer is 86' - need to enter into an legal agreement with the county re: use/maintenance - fees paid up front and annually.		
Follow-up Required	- Send map via email. → CWatters@elgincountyon.ca		
Action Taken By	S. Manser	Date:	12/8/09.

From: Scott Manser
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2009 10:22 AM
To: cwatters@elgin-county.on.ca
Cc: Leah Deveaux
Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park - Malahide Township

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Attachments: Municipal Consultation Form Elgin.pdf; Silver Creek Solar Park - Construction v2.jpg
Clayton;

Attached is a diagram (Silver Creek Solar Park - Construction v2.jpg) indicating the proposed line routing for the Silvercreek Solar Park. I have also attached a copy of the Municipal Consultation Form (as required by the Renewable Energy Approval Regulation) which was sent earlier to Mark McDonald. Section 5 of the form provides a series of questions regarding impacts to municipal services. We anticipate additional project information to be provided over the next few months which will assist the county to complete this form.

If you could provide some mapping along this section of Imperial Road within the current easement that would assist our project planning and development. Please advise if any fees are associated with obtaining this mapping and I will arrange for payment. We will be having a meeting with Malahide this Thursday at 2pm regarding the municipal requirements and we may be able to meet with you earlier in the morning if that would be of some assistance to you in understanding the proposal.

Regards;

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Leah Deveaux

From: Nadiya Bogush
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 5:13 PM
To: mmcdonald@elgin-county.on.ca
Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House Invitation
Attachments: 15122009 Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House Invitation.pdf

Dear Mark,

Attached is the invitation for the Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2009.

Please feel free to contact me or Leah Deveaux if you have any questions regarding this meeting or require further information about the project.

Regards,

Nadiya Bogush, B.Sc., M.E.S.

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December 15, 2009

Mark McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer
County of Elgin Administration Building
450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas, ON
N5R 5V1

Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House

Dear Mark,

ORTECH Environmental is pleased to invite you on behalf of the Proponent (Silvercreek Solar Park Inc.) for the Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House, which will be held on Friday, December 18, 2009 from 4 PM to 8 PM at the German Canadian Club located at 522 Talbot St. W. in the Town of Aylmer.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me or Leah Deveaux at (905) 822-4120 or 1-877-774-6560, Ext. 305.

Regards,

Nadiya Bogush, B.Sc., M.E.S.

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cc: S. Manser, ORTECH Environmental
L. Deveaux, ORTECH Environmental

Leah Deveau

From: Nadiya Bogush
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 2:21 PM
To: 'Clayton Watters'
Cc: Peter Dutchak; Scott Manser; Leah Deveau
Subject: RE: Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House Invitation
Attachments: SCSolaropenhouse.pdf

Dear Clayton,

Please find attached information presented at the Silvercreek Solar Park Open House. Materials from the open house are also available on the project website http://www.silvercreeksolar.com/index_files/documents.htm.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me or Leah Deveau.

Regards,

Nadiya Bogush, B.Sc., M.E.S.

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From: Clayton Watters [<mailto:cwatters@elgin-county.on.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 6:01 PM
To: Nadiya Bogush
Cc: Clayton Watters; Peter Dutchak
Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House Invitation

County of Elgin staff cannot attend your open house. Please forward information presented at the open house for our review. thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Clayton Watters, P.Eng
Director of Engineering Services
(519) 631-1460 ext 4
cwatters@elgin-county.on.ca

From: Mark McDonald
Sent: Tue 12/15/2009 9:15 PM
To: Clayton Watters; Peter Dutchak
Subject: Fw: Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House Invitation

From: Nadiya Bogush <NBogush@ortech.ca>
To: Mark McDonald
Sent: Tue Dec 15 17:13:26 2009
Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park Project Open House Invitation

Dear Mark,

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Regards,

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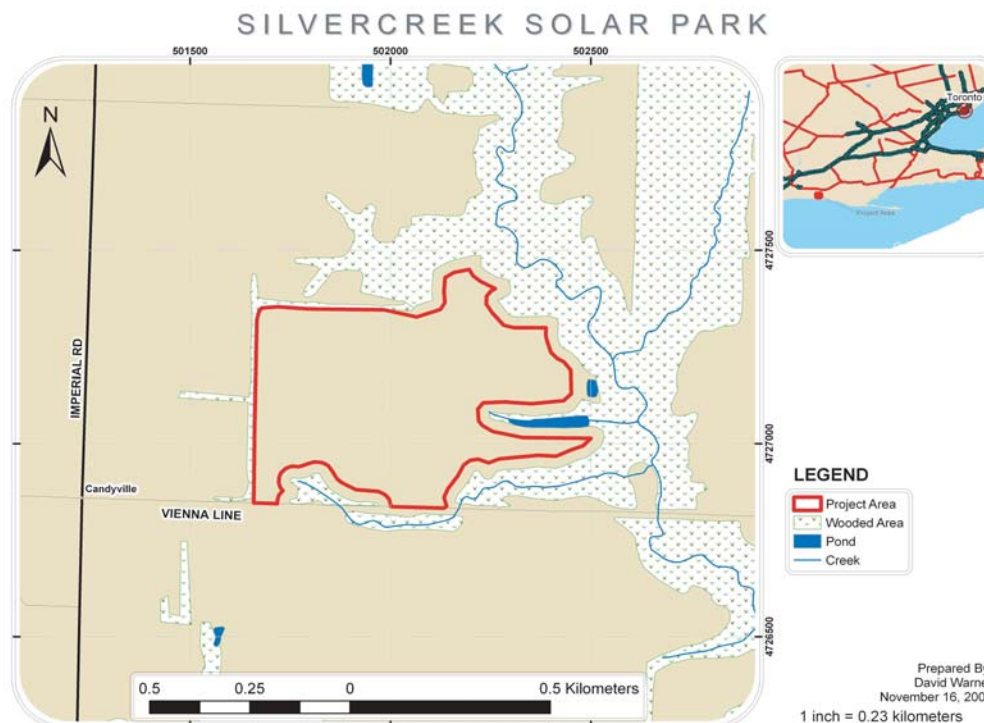
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Project Proposal

Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. (SSPI) is proposing to develop a 10 MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) facility on private property in the township of Malahide. This will be a sun following facility utilizing a single axis tracker system. The trackers will rotate the panels towards the sun during daylight hours to maximize energy production. The panels will be grouped in 10 separate clusters, each with their own power inverters and transformers. Panels will be connected together using an underground 27.6 kv cable, connecting to transformers, switch box and power meter located on the project site. A distribution line will run approximately 4.5 km from the site location to the Dunboyne Distribution Station at Imperial Road and John Wise Line in the existing hydro right-of-way.



Project Team



Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. - Aylmer; Owner



ORTECH Environmental – Mississauga; Coordination of Technical Consultants, REA Project Coordination, Permitting, Correspondence, REA Reporting



Natural Resource Solutions Inc. – Waterloo; Natural Heritage assessment



MVA Engineering Group Ltd. – London; Structural engineering, site layout



Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc. – London; Cultural Assessment

Site Background & Purpose

The Silvercreek Solar Park consists of approximately 39.5 ha of privately owned Class 3 and 4 land just off Vienna Line. This land has been active agricultural land for over 100 years, and until recently was used to grow tobacco. Currently, it has been planted with soybean and wheat. This project is being developed in conjunction with the property owner, providing a direct local benefit.

The Ontario Green Energy Act, proclaimed on September 24, 2009 has paved the way for projects such as the Silvercreek Solar Park. This program was developed to allow for new commercial generation, while empowering local residents to become involved in the generation of power through renewables.

The proponent has applied to the Ontario Feed-In Tariff Program and, if approved, will generate power for over 1,500 households per year.



Hooper Colorado, Photo Courtesy of Array Technologies



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Solar PV and Agriculture

The Canadian Solar Industry Association has released a backgrounder discussing the advantages of placing Solar PV on agricultural fields. These advantages include:

- Farmland tends to be flat, free of obstruction, competitively priced and close to distribution lines making them ideally suited
- Solar installations are low impact, and can be easily decommissioned after use

Provincial Approvals

Renewable Energy Approval – O.Reg 359/09

The Renewable Energy Approval (REA) came in to force in September of 2009. This approvals process replaces the previous environmental screening process for renewable projects. In Ontario, Ground Mounted Solar PV greater than 10 kW are required to undergo the REA process.



Les Borges Spain, Photo Courtesy of Array Technologies



Next Steps

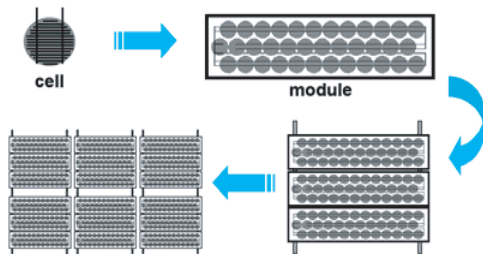
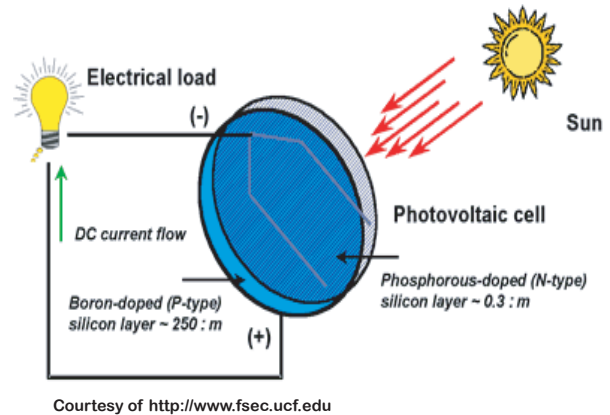
- Issuance of Draft Studies; January 2010
- Follow-up Open House; Spring 2010
- Finalize studies and reports; Spring 2010
- Issuance of Final Reports; Spring 2010
- REA Submission; Spring 2010
- 30 day comment period; Spring/Summer 2010
- Plant Construction; Summer/Fall 2010
- Plant Commissioning; Winter 2010

The Project Team will examine the comments received and heard throughout this public consultation process in order to focus their studies where necessary.

General Information

How Does Solar Energy Work? Photovoltaic (PV) Cells

A typical silicon PV cell is composed of a thin wafer consisting of an ultra-thin layer of phosphorus-doped (N-type) silicon on top of a thicker layer of boron-doped (P-type) silicon. An electrical field is created near the top surface of the cell where these two materials are in contact, called the P-N junction. When sunlight strikes the surface of a PV cell, this electrical field provides momentum and direction to light-stimulated electrons, resulting in a flow of current when the solar cell is connected to an electrical load.



Solar Cells, Solar Panels and Solar Arrays

Several solar cells are connected both in series and parallel to create a solar module or panel. Solar panels in turn are connected together, creating a solar array.

Process Operations

Process monitoring: Light sensors located on the solar arrays will provide information to a control unit, optimizing the exposure to sunlight.

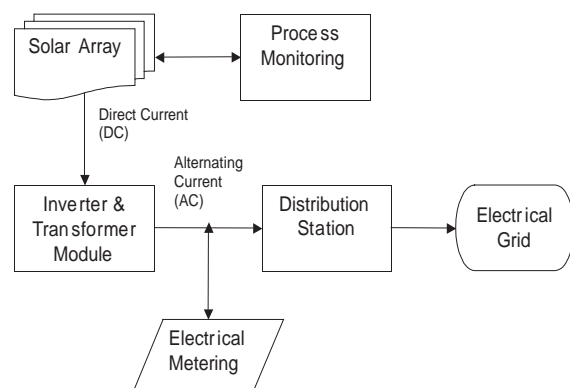
Solar array: Polycrystalline solar cells capable of maintaining generating efficiency for 25 years.

Inverter & Transformer Module: Converts direct current (DC) from the array to alternating current (AC) at the desired distribution voltage of 27.6 kilovolts (kV).

Electrical Metering: Monitors and measures electricity supplied to electrical grid.

Distribution Station: A distribution line running from the project site to the Dunboyne Distribution Station where electricity is made available to the electrical grid.

Electrical Grid: The project will produce enough electricity to supply 1,500 households.



Project Design

Project Components

The main components of this project consists of:

- Photovoltaic Solar Array
- Electrical Systems and Connections
- Access Roads and Fencing



Solar array mounted on racks



Solar arrays connected to supports



Support beams and columns



Installation of Support Columns

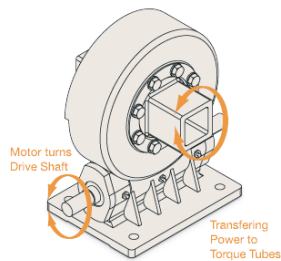


Electrical Inverter and transformer



Solar array tracking module

Photos courtesy of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory



Photos courtesy of Array Technologies

Photovoltaic Solar Array

- Photovoltaic solar arrays will be mounted on racks and connected in series and parallel
- The racks will be attached to horizontal beams supported by pile driven columns
- Up to 44,520 solar panels (2 m x 1 m) may be used for this project

Electrical Systems and Connections

- The solar arrays will be capable of “tracking” the sun to maximize energy yield using small electrical motors
- Electrical cables connecting the array to the inverter & transformer module will be trenched and buried under ground
- Inverter and transformer modules will be located alongside access roads and connect at the site entrance
- The distribution line will exit the project site along Vienna line and travel north along Imperial road to the Dunboyne Distribution Station
- An alternate connection point may require the line to extend past the distribution station and connect to the M4 feeder 100 m west along John Wise Line)

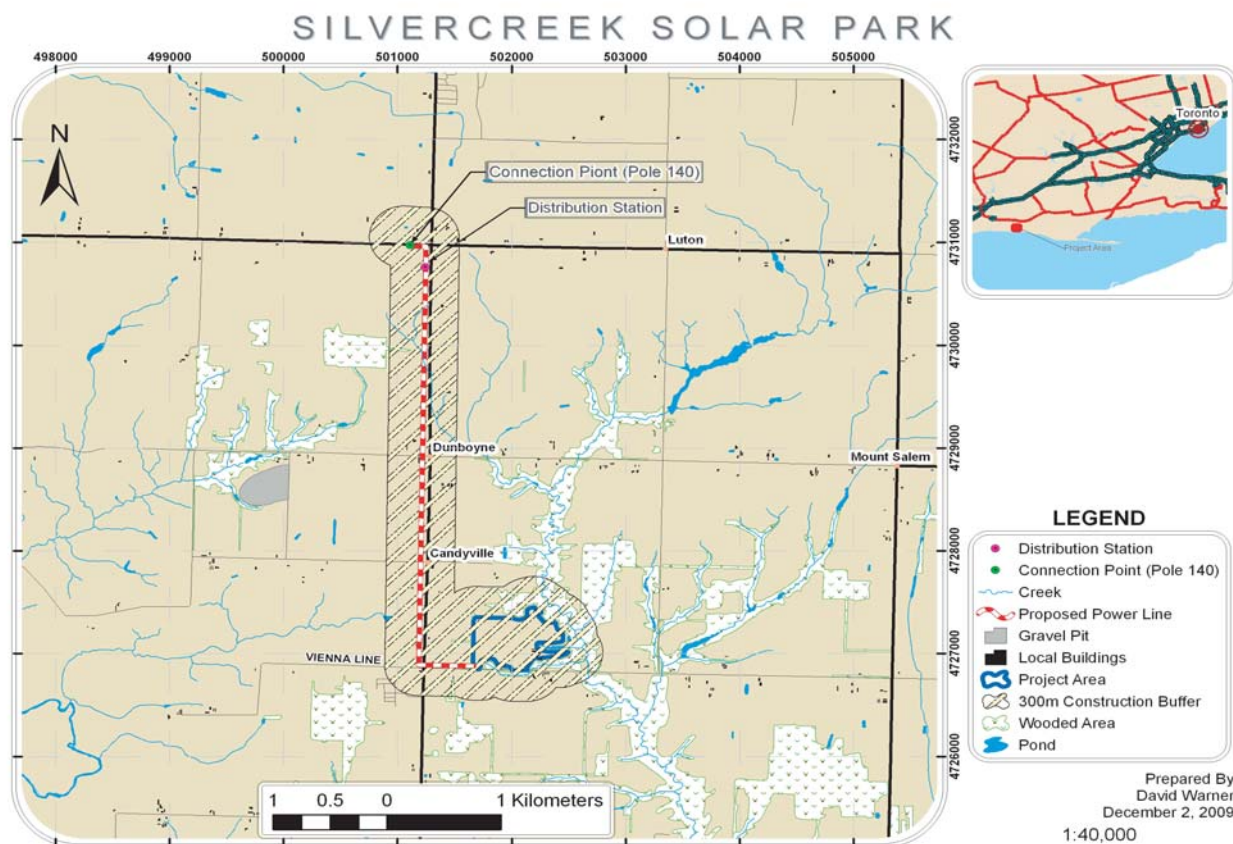
Access Roads and Fencing

- Two centralized north-south roads will be maintained on site to provide access to the inverter/ transformer modules and solar arrays
- Fencing will be erected around the site and access to the facility will be controlled via a secure gate on Vienna Line
- The existing access point on Vienna Line is sufficient for the needs of the project and will not require upgrades or modifications

Project Design

Design Features

- Incorporates development setback distances from natural features
- Centralized access roads and electrical equipment located away from adjacent landowners
- Minimizes site disturbances through the use of pile driven supports avoiding foundations
- Horizontal axis tracking to maximize power generation while minimizing system complexity
- Relatively short distance (4.5 km) to connection point
- **Low environmental impact to surrounding lands and natural features**



Project Development

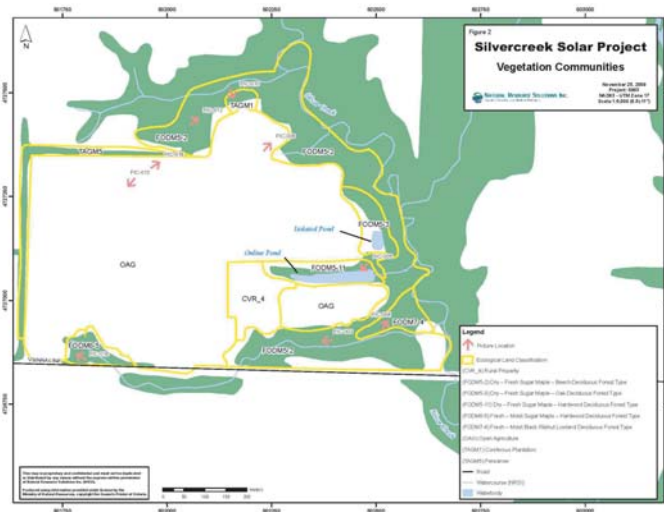
The above diagram and associated descriptions presented at this public open house represents the preferred design approach. As the project progresses through municipal, government and public consultation, modifications or alterations to the preferred design may result. As per regulatory requirements, potential construction impacts within 300 m will be investigated.

Comments cards are available at the sign-in desk and are located throughout the hall

Natural Heritage Assessment *Soil and Vegetation*

Soil

- The project will be located entirely on Class 3 agricultural lands
- The site has been primarily used for production of agricultural crops, such as tobacco, soybeans, wheat and hay
- Consistent with the Renewable Energy Approval Regulation, proper setbacks will be maintained from all natural features including significant natural areas, significant wildlife habitat, and water bodies



Vegetation Communities

Eight vegetation communities, including five naturally occurring communities, were identified within the project area.

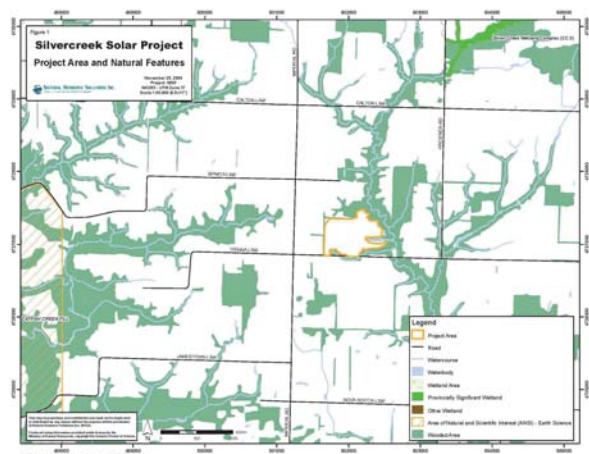
Plant Species

58 plant species were identified mainly along the wooded edge, many of them are non-native or invasive species.

No nationally or provincially listed plant species at risk were found within the project area.

Designated Natural Areas

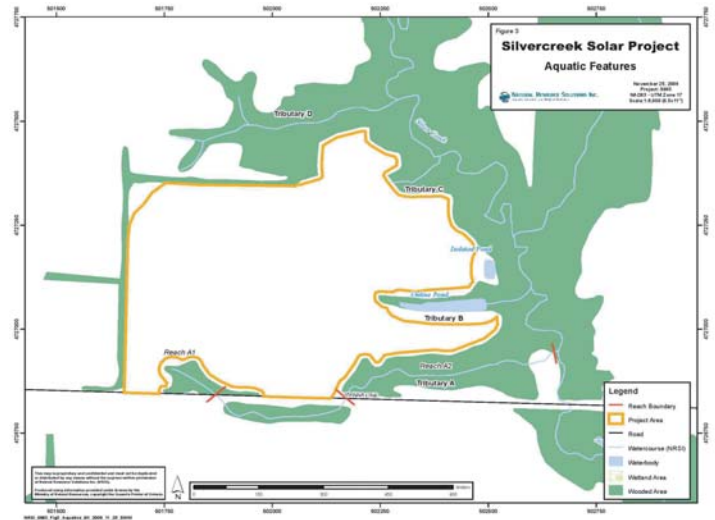
The two closest significant natural areas (EM-12 Wetland and Springwater Forest Area of Natural and Scientific Interest) are located 3 and 6 km from the project site respectively.



Natural Heritage Assessment *Wildlife & Habitat*

Aquatic Habitat

- Silver Creek drains east of the project site and its four unnamed tributaries extend west towards the project area
- Two small man-made ponds are located along the eastern edges of the site
- A minimum setback distance of 30m will be maintained from all water bodies to protect fish habitat and riparian vegetation
- Areas within 30-120m of Silver Creek will undergo an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to assess potential impacts and need for mitigation measures
- A natural heritage assessment for the project area has been conducted



Terrestrial Habitat

- **No significant mammal, reptile or amphibian species were identified at the project area during the field survey**
- Suitable habitat exists for three species at risk: Snapping Turtle, Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake and Eastern Milksnake in areas surrounding the project site.

Bird Species

- 109 bird species may regularly occur or breed in areas adjacent to the project
- Seven species at risk may be potentially present in limited numbers in areas located nearby the project site, including Henslow's Sparrow (endangered federally and provincially), Louisiana Waterthrush (special concern both federally and provincially), Acadian Flycatcher (endangered federally and provincially), Red-headed Woodpecker (threatened nationally and special concern provincially), Chimney Swift (threatened nationally and provincially), Hooded Warbler (threatened nationally and special concern provincially), and Bald Eagle (special concern provincially)
- Of these seven species, only Henslow's Sparrow may use the agricultural habitat of the project site for breeding. The Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas does not confirm breeding for Henslow's Sparrow in Ontario during the 2001-2005 atlas period



Leah Deveau

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Hello Clayton,

Thank you very much for your reply. Regarding your question, discussions whether the facility will use new or share existing infrastructure are currently underway.

I would really appreciate it if you could send me a template of the agreement and let me know associated fees. Would it be possible to have a copy of the road use agreement that has been used in the past? We would also require easement maps that the County of Elgin has for Imperial Road.

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Subject: Silvercreek Solar Park

Please forward the following information to our office:

your proposed agreement and;

your proposed line routing.

Once staff has reviewed the above we can set a meeting date.

From: Dave Moerman <silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
To: 'Rob Johnson' <RJohnson@malahide.ca>; Clayton Watters
Cc: 'Dave Mennill' <davemennill@eastlink.ca>; Alex Tsopelas <ATsopelas@ortech.ca>; Leah Deveau <LDeveau@ortech.ca>
Sent: Mon Oct 24 10:55:58 2011
Subject: RE: Silvercreek Solar Park

Rob, Thank you for offering your office for a joint meeting.

Clayton, as Rob has briefly described below Silvercreek Solar Park Inc is proposing a 10 MW solar park south of Aylmer on Vienna Line. The project was awarded a Feed In Tariff contract in July of 2011. Silvercreek has been developing this project since Nov 2009 but because of connections restraints, the project has been delayed. Silvercreek recently has the been allocated the capacity to connect to the Hydro One WT1A transmission line located in Aylmer. We would like to have a joint meeting to discuss line routing options for Silvercreeks distribution line to connect the solar park to the designated Hydro One line in Aylmer.

At our joint meeting we would like to explore, your opinion's and concerns as well as ideas and options, to overcome any obstacles that this new connection point has presented. We would like the county if possible to provide any utility location maps of our proposed line routing for our discussion. Silvercreek would like to offer a draft franchise/easement agreement for your consideration which was based on the current version the county has with Erie Shores Wind farm.

Please let me know what time works best for both of your schedules and I look forward to our further discussions.

Best Regards

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Clayton,

The Township has met with Dave Moerman of Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. regarding a solar park proposal on Vienna Line. During our meeting, it became evident that a joint meeting with representatives from the County would be beneficial. The project requires access to both County and Township roads

I suspect Mr. Moerman will be contacting you shortly to set up a meeting to review the proposal. If convenient, I can offer our office as a meeting facility.

Respectfully,

Rob

Robert Johnson, CET, CMM III
Director of Physical Services
Township of Malahide
519 773 5344 x 231
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January 18, 2012

Mark McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer:
County of Elgin Administration Building
450 Sunset Drive
St Thomas Ontario N5R 5V1
Tel: 519 631-1460 ext.105
Fax: 519 633-7661

Re: Proposed Silvercreek Solar Park Municipal consultation Form and Reports

Mr. McDonald: Chief Administrative Officer;

Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. (The Proponent) is proposing to build a new 10 MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility within the Township of Malahide 9 km south of the town of Aylmer west of the intersection of Vienna Line and Imperial Road. This project is subject to Ontario Regulation 359/09 "*Renewable Energy Approvals*" and the Ontario Power Authority's Feed in Tariff Program.

Consultation with the Township of Malahide and Elgin County is both a requirement of the Renewable Energy Approvals process and a mutually beneficial process which ORTECH and Silvercreek Solar Park are fully committed to. As part of the consultation process ORTECH has enclosed the following documents which provide detailed information on the proposed project:

- Project Description Report (updated January 17, 2012);
- Design and Operations Report;
- Construction Report, and
- Decommissioning Report.

In addition ORTECH has completed Part A of the municipal consultation form attached to this transmittal. Part B of the form requires input from the municipality and ORTECH would be more than willing to assist the municipality in completing this section.

Copies of the report and municipal consultation form have been sent separately to the Township of Malahide Clerk's office to address the local municipal consultation

requirements, as well as, to provide an opportunity for consultation on activities taking place along Imperial Road, which is under operational control of the county.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-966-8798 or via email: smanser@ortech.ca.

Regards,



Scott Manser, P.Eng
Senior Environmental Engineer
ORTECH Environmental
Tel: 519-966-8798
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smanser@ortech.ca

cc: Michelle M. Casavecchia
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Township of Malahide
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Aylmer, Ontario
N5H 2C3
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Fax: 519-773-5334

Dave Moerman,
President, Silvercreek Solar Park Inc.
49588 Vienna Line
Alymer, Ontario N5H 2R2
Tel: 519-617-9463

Leah Deveau,
Environmental Assessment Specialist
ORTECH Environmental
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PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE SUBMITTING TO MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITY

Section 1 - Project Description

1.1 - Renewable Energy Project
Project Name <i>(Project identifier to be used as a reference in correspondence)</i> Silvercreek Solar Park

Project Location 49588 Vienna Line, Aylmer, Ontario					
Same as Applicant Physical Address? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide site address information below)					
Civic Address- Street information <i>(includes street number, name, type and direction)</i>					Unit Identifier <i>(i.e. apartment number)</i>
Survey Address <i>(Not required if Street Information is provided)</i>					
Lot and Conc.: used to indicate location within a subdivided township and consists of a lot number and a concession number.			Part and Reference: used to indicate location within unorganized territory, and consists of a part and a reference plan number indicating the location within that plan. Attach copy of the plan.		
Lot	Conc.	Part	Reference Plan		
Location Information <i>(includes any additional information to clarify physical location)(e.g. municipality, ward/ township)</i> Township of Malahide, Elgin County					
Geo Reference <i>(e.g. southwest corner of property)</i> south entrance to the property					
Map Datum	Zone	Accuracy Estimate	Geo Referencing Method	UTM Easting	UTM Northing
UTM	17	+/- 5m	manual	502139	4726823

Project Phasing <i>(outline construction, operation and decommissioning activities)</i>
Construction will begin in 2012 upon approval of the REA application and will require approximately 5 months to complete. Construction activities will involve installation solar panels, installation of on-site electrical equipment, construction of a 15km distribution line, a new substation and a less than 500m 115kV electrical line. The facility will operate continuously during the daytime with tracking capabilities. The contract period of the facility is 20 years, after which time the site may either be retrofitted with new panels or the site may be decommissioned and returned to agricultural use.

1.2 - Environmental Context
Describe any negative environmental effects that may result from engaging in the project <i>(consider construction, operation and decommissioning activities.)</i> Refer to attached reports. A Natural Heritage Assessment is in process and will address environmental effects.
Propose early avoidance/prevention/mitigation concepts and measures. The project design incorporates setback distances from natural features in accordance with REA requirements. Please refer to attached reports for further information.

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1.3 - Renewable Energy Generation Facility			
Type of Facility / Operation (select all that apply & complete all appropriate sections)			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Biogas Facility (Anaerobic Digesters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Describe :
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biomass Facility (Thermal Treatment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Class (if applicable) :
Name Plate Capacity	Expected Generation	Service Area	Total Area of Site (hectares)
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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.			
The proposed project is a ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility. It will require installation of up to 44,520 polycrystalline solar photovoltaic panels, which will be mounted on 2,062 horizontal beam single-axis trackers.			

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Section 2 – Supporting Documents

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List of other Documents		

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

Documents will be available at a later date for public inspection at the following locations:

Project website : www.silvercreeksolar.com & Aylmer Old Town Hall Public Library

Section 3 – Applicant Address and Contact Information

3.1 - Applicant Information (Owner of project/facility)				
Applicant Name (legal name of individual or organization as evidenced by legal documents) Silvercreek Solar Park Inc.			Business Identification Number 82298 6121 RC 0001	
Business Name (the name under which the entity is operating or trading - also referred to as trade name)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> same as Applicant Name	
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Municipality Malahide	County/District Elgin	Province/State Ontario	Country Canada	Postal Code M5H 2R2

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

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Leah Deveaux

From: Dave Moerman <silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 12:09 PM
To: Leah Deveaux
Subject: RE: Private Utility Agreement

Elgin County Meeting. Friday Feb 3rd 2012

Attendees:

Dave Moerman, Silvercreek Solar
Fred Harding , MVA Engineering on behalf of Silvercreek
Clayton Waters, Director Engineering Services, County of Elgin
Peter Dutchak, Deputy Director of Engineering Services, County of Elgin

Discussion on drawing requirements for the connection line running in the county right of way. Several drawing styles were tabled and agree on.

Discussion on obtaining a franchise agreement for the counties right of way was discussed and it was agreed that silvercreek would submit and draft for discussion.

From: Leah Deveaux [<mailto:LDeveaux@ortech.ca>]
Sent: November-01-12 11:48 AM
To: Dave Moerman (SC)
Subject: FW: Private Utility Agreement

Dave,
Do you have minutes from your meeting on this day? (see below)
Just your notes in an email will suffice.

Leah Deveaux, BES
EA Specialist
Tel: (905) 822-4120 ext. 305
www.ortech.ca



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From: Clayton Watters [<mailto:cwatters@elgin-county.on.ca>]
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 3:43 PM
To: 'silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net'
Subject: Re: Private Utility Agreement

Give me a call. 519-671-7482 cell no

From: Dave Moerman <silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
To: Clayton Watters

Sent: Fri Feb 03 14:57:28 2012

Subject: Private Utility Agreement

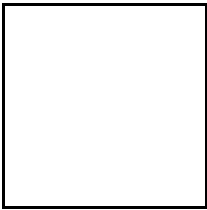
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June 13, 2012

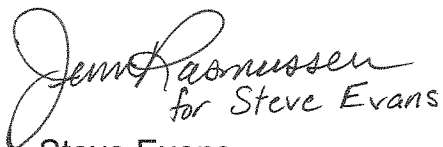
Ortech Environmental
c/o Leah Deveau, EA Specialist
Compliance and Permitting
804 Southdown Road
Mississauga, ON L5J 2Y4

Re: Proposed Silvercreek Solar Park

As requested, attached you will find the municipal consultation form from the County of Elgin.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Steve Evans
for Steve Evans

Steve Evans
Manager of Planning
County of Elgin

cc Mark McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Clayton Watters, Director of Engineering Services



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

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Elgin County	450 Sunset Dr. St. Thomas	519-631-1468	Mark Mc Donald		mmedwald@elgin-county-m.1		
Local roads area (include each local roads area in which project location is situated)						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Section 5: Consultation Requirement

5.1 - Project Location
Provide comment on the project location with respect to infrastructure and servicing.
Distribution lines will run for 15 kms, for the most part along County Rds. Imperial Rd - CR 73, Glenora Line - CR 32
5.2 - Project Roads
Provide comment on the proposed project's plans respecting proposed road access.
Access is from Vienna Line which is a local road. No comments
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to road access
No comments
Provide comment on any proposed Traffic Management Plans
County expects that any traffic issues associated with the placement of distribution lines along County Rds. will be carried out in accordance with Elgin County policies on traffic management.
Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the proposed Traffic Management Plans
No comment as there are no details at this stage.

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.

No comment

Identify any issues and provide recommendations with respect to the type of municipal service connections, other than roads.

No comment

5.4 – Facility Other

Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed landscaping design for the facility

Have not seen a landscape plan.

Provide comment on the proposed project plans for emergency management procedures / safety protocols.

Sec. 2.8 under project description provides information about Public Health & Safety. Unable to comment on sufficiency of this info.

Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed emergency management procedures / safety protocols.

The County reviewer did not notice any emergency management procedures / policies.

Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to any Easements or Restrictive Covenants associated with the Project Location

No comment.

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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.

Proponent will need to consult with County & local utility companies that may have buried infrastructure located in County R.O.W.

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No comment

Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of buried kiosks and above-grade utility vaults

No comment.

Identify any issues and recommendations with respect to the proposed location of existing and proposed gas and electricity lines and connections

No comment. Proponent will need to consult with utilities in the area.

Provide comment on the proposed project plans with respect to Building Code permits and licenses.

No comment, - local authority

Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification of any significant natural features and water bodies within the municipality or territory.

Appears that the natural features study and water bodies assessment is still with MNR for review.

Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification any archaeological resource or heritage resource.

Confirmation of archaeological findings is currently pending with the Ministry of Culture.

Leah Deveau

From: Peter Dutchak <pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 8:57 AM
To: Dave Moerman
Cc: Clayton Watters
Subject: RE: Agreement
Attachments: Silvercreek Solar Park Joint Venture.doc

Hi Dave,

We have had the opportunity to review the comments you sent and met with the County solicitor. I have attached a summary of the County's comments as it relates to the agreement.

Peter

Peter Dutchak, CET, CRS

Deputy Director of Engineering Services
County of Elgin

phone (519) 631-1460 ext. #4
fax (519) 631-4297
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Sent: June 5, 2012 7:32 PM
To: Peter Dutchak
Cc: Clayton Watters
Subject: RE: Agreement

Peter, please review and comment. Please see below for Annie's explanation of the reinserted provisions. If necessary and for clarity your council can contact her at the number below.
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Please let me know of any questions or comments on the attached.

Thanks,

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From: Dave Moerman [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]

Sent: April 30, 2012 3:21 PM

To: Peter Dutchak

Cc: Clayton Watters

Subject: RE: Agreement

Hi Peter, just reaching out to see how you were progressing on our agreement. If you would like a call to discuss any draft language, we would be happy to discuss.

Thanks

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From: Peter Dutchak [<mailto:pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca>]
Sent: April-13-12 9:40 AM
To: Dave Moerman (silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net)
Cc: Clayton Watters
Subject: Agreement

Dave,

I have a meeting with the County Solicitor next week to discuss the agreement.

I will respond shortly thereafter.

Peter

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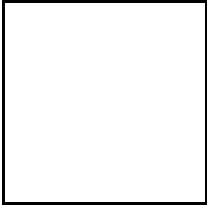
From: Dave Moerman [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Clayton Watters
Cc: 'Scott Manser'
Subject: RE: Easement Agreement and Municipal Consultation form

Hi Clayton, Do you have any comments for discussion after your review of Silvercreeks report package and ROW agreement? We would like very much to keep this process moving forward and can have a meeting or a call at your convenience.

Thanks

Best Regards

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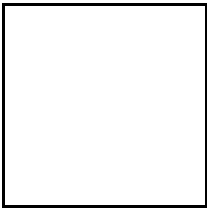
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July 25, 2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Silvercreek Solar Park Inc.
Project Location: Malahide Township (see map)
Dated at Malahide Township this 2nd day of August 2012

Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval (REA) is required. The proposal to engage in the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (ACT) Part V.0.1 and the Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

Meeting Location: **Date:** October 4, 2012
Time: 5:30pm – 8pm
Place: German Canadian Club
522 Talbot St. West; Aylmer, ON

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which this project is to be engaged in, is a Class 3 ground mounted Solar Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW. The project location is described in the map below. Additionally, the project will require installation of a new 34.5kV distribution line to be installed primarily below ground, to a new 115kV substation adjacent to the existing Aylmer Transmission Station.

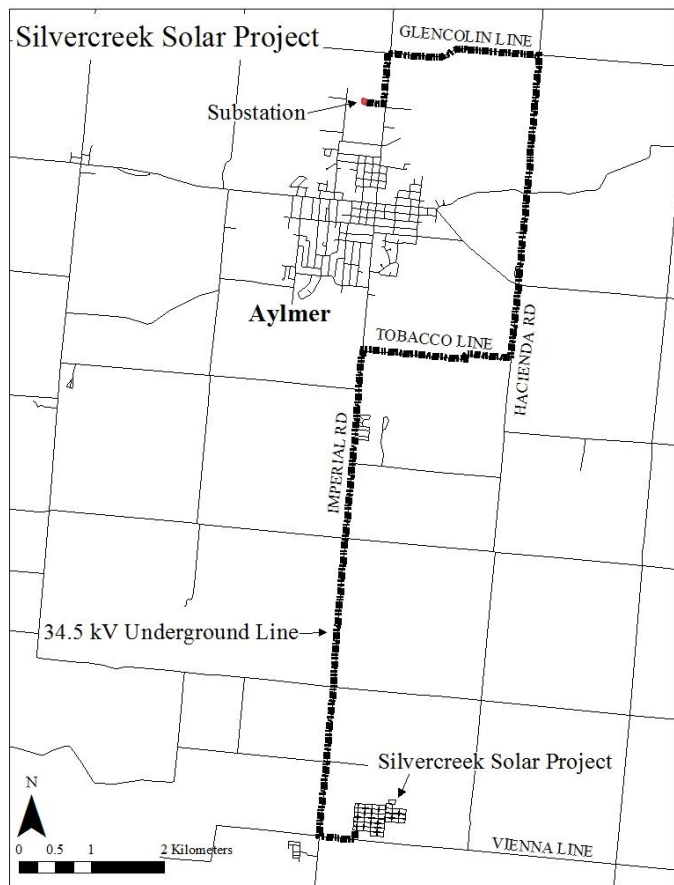
Documents for Public Inspection: The Draft Project Description Report titled "Project Description: Silvercreek Solar Park" describes the project as utilizing up to 46,000 polycrystalline solar photovoltaic panels, with a rated power output of 290 W, each to be mounted on horizontal beam single-axis trackers totaling 10 MW. The project will require installation of a new 34.5kV distribution line to be installed primarily below ground to a new 115kV substation adjacent to the existing Aylmer Transmission Station. A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report was made available for public inspection on November 18, 2009.

Further, the applicant has prepared supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. Written copies of the draft supporting documents will be made available for public inspection on August 2, 2012 at the following locations:

Elgin County Library – Aylmer Branch, 38 John St. South Aylmer and www.silvercreeksolar.com

To learn more about the project please contact:

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Information will be collected and used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and used solely for the purpose of assisting Silvercreek Solar Park Inc. in meeting their Renewable Energy Approvals requirements. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



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August 2, 2012

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Re: Silvercreek Solar Park – Draft Renewable Energy Approval Package

Dear Mr. McDonald,

In follow up to our letter of July 25, 2012, we would like to provide you with one hard copy and one CD copy of the Silvercreek Solar Park Draft Renewable Energy Approval for your review and comment. We are in receipt of your municipal consultation form dated June 13, 2012. Should you wish to discuss revisions to this form based on updated information provided in these Draft reports, please do not hesitate to contact me at (905) 822-4120 x. 305 or ldeveaux@ortech.ca

Regards,

Leah Deveaux
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cc: Dave Moerman,
Steve Evans, Manager of Planning
Clayton Watters, Director of Engineering Services

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

Section 1 - Project Description

1.1 - Renewable Energy Project
Project Name (<i>Project identifier to be used as a reference in correspondence</i>)
Silvercreek Solar Park

Project Location 49588 Vienna Line, Aylmer Ontario					
Same as Applicant Physical Address? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide site address information below)					
Civic Address- Street information (<i>includes street number, name, type and direction</i>)					Unit Identifier (<i>i.e. apartment number</i>)
Survey Address (<i>Not required if Street Information is provided</i>)					
Lot and Conc.: used to indicate location within a subdivided township and consists of a lot number and a concession number.		Part and Reference: used to indicate location within unorganized territory, and consists of a part and a reference plan number indicating the location within that plan. Attach copy of the plan.			
Lot	Conc.	Part		Reference Plan	
Location Information (<i>includes any additional information to clarify physical location</i>)(e.g. municipality, ward/ township)					
Township of Malahide, Elgin County					
Geo Reference (<i>e.g. southwest corner of property</i>) south entrance to the property					
Map Datum	Zone	Accuracy Estimate	Geo Referencing Method	UTM Easting	UTM Northing
UTM	17	+ / - 5m	manual	502139	4726823

Project Phasing (<i>outline construction, operation and decommissioning activities</i>)
Construction will begin in 2013 upon approval of the REA application and will require approximately 5 months to complete. Construction activities will involve installation solar panels, installation of on-site electrical equipment, construction of a 15km distribution line, a new substation and a less than 500m 115kV electrical line. The facility will operate continuously during the daytime with tracking capabilities. The contract period of the facility is 20 years, after which time the site may either be retrofitted with new panels or the site may be decommissioned and returned to agricultural use.

1.2 - Environmental Context
Describe any negative environmental effects that may result from engaging in the project (<i>consider construction, operation and decommissioning activities.</i>) Refer to attached reports. Providing the recommendations, mitigation measures, and monitoring commitments that have been provided in attached reports are followed, it is anticipated that any potential impacts on the natural heritage features within the Project Area will be appropriately mitigated against known negative impacts.
Propose early avoidance/prevention/mitigation concepts and measures. The project design incorporates setback distances from natural features in accordance with REA requirements. Please refer to attached reports for further information.

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1.3 - Renewable Energy Generation Facility			
Type of Facility / Operation (select all that apply & complete all appropriate sections)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind Facility (Land Based)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biofuel Facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind Facility (Off-Shore)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solar Photo Voltaic Facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biogas Facility (Anaerobic Digesters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Describe :
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biomass Facility (Thermal Treatment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Class (if applicable) :
Name Plate Capacity	Expected Generation	Service Area	Total Area of Site (hectares)
10 MW	18 GWh	Elgin County	35.6
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. The proposed project is a ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility. It will require installation of up to 46,000 290 watt polycrystalline solar panels mounted on horizontal single-axis trackers.			

1.4 – Renewable Energy Generation Activities
Describe the activities that will be engaged in as part of the renewable energy project
The project involves preparation of the site, installation of the solar panels and electrical system, construction of a 15 km distribution line, new substation, access road, short 115kV transmission line and site fencing.

Section 2 – Supporting Documents

2.1 – Requirement	Name of Draft documents distributed for consultation	Date available to Municipal or Local Authority Contact
DRAFT Project Description Report	Project Description Silvercreek Solar Park	August 2, 2012
DRAFT Design and Operations Report	Design and Operations Report Silvercreek Solar Park	August 2, 2012
DRAFT Construction Plan Report	Construction Plan Report Silvercreek Solar Park	August 2, 2012
DRAFT Decommissioning Plan Report	Decommissioning Plan Report Silvercreek Solar Park	August 2, 2012
List of other Documents		
Natural Heritage Assessment	Silvercreek Solar Park Natural Heritage Assessment	August 2, 2012
Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment	Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Silver Creek Solar Park	August 2, 2012
Waterbodies Assessment Report	Silvercreek Solar Park Water body Assessment	In Design and Operations Report August 2, 2012
Noise Assessment Report	Silvercreek Solar Park Acoustic Assessment report	In Design and Operations Report August 2, 2012
Stormwater Management	Silvercreek Solar Park Stormwater Management Report	In Design and Operations Report August 2, 2012
Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment	Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Silvercreek Solar Park	August 2, 2012

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

Documents will be available at a later date for public inspection at the following locations:

Project website : www.silvercreeksolar.com & Aylmer Old Town Hall Public Library

Section 3 – Applicant Address and Contact Information

3.1 - Applicant Information (Owner of project/facility)				
Applicant Name (legal name of individual or organization as evidenced by legal documents)			Business Identification Number	
Silvercreek Solar Park Inc			82298 6121 RC 0001	
Business Name (the name under which the entity is operating or trading - also referred to as trade name)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> same as Applicant Name	
49588 Vienna Line				
Civic Address- Street information (includes street number, name, type and direction)			Unit Identifier (i.e. apartment number)	
Survey Address (Not required if Street Information is provided)				
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Lot	Conc.	Part	Reference Plan	
Municipality	County/District	Province/State	Country	Postal Code
Malahide	Elgin	Ontario	Canada	M5H 2R2

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

Section 4 - Municipal or Local Authority Contact Information (check the one that applies)

Local Municipality <i>(include each local municipality in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of Municipality	Address	Phone	Clerk's Name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Upper Tier Municipality <i>(include each upper tier municipality in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of Municipality	Address	Phone	Clerk's name	Clerk's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Local roads area <i>(include each local roads area in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of local roads board	Address	Phone	Secretary-treasurer's Name	Secretary-treasurer's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address
Board Area <i>(include each board area in which project location is situated)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Name of Local Service Board	Address	Phone	Secretary's name	Secretary's Phone/Fax	E-Mail Address

Section 5: Consultation Requirement

5.1 - Project Location
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

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
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 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
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 existing and proposed gas and electricity lines and connections
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.
Identify any issues and recommendations related to the identification any archaeological resource or heritage resource.

Leah Deveaux

From: Dave Moerman <silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 11:58 AM
To: Leah Deveaux
Subject: FW: Agreement

From: Peter Dutchak [mailto:pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca]
Sent: October-10-12 1:56 PM
To: Dave Moerman
Subject: RE: Agreement

Hi Dave,

I trust your Counsel received the revisions Mr. Gibson made to the agreement after our meeting. Once you approve it on your end, I will take it to County Council for approval.

I have a question regarding locating the transmission line. Will this infrastructure be registered with Ontario One Call? I know it will be marked in the field, however, when someone calls for locates in the vicinity, how will they know it is there?

Peter

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From: Dave Moerman [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]
Sent: July 24, 2012 8:22 PM
To: Peter Dutchak
Cc: Melissa Schyven
Subject: RE: Agreement

Hi Peter, I can certainly meet with you in person and will have Melissa join us by phone. We look forward to speaking with you and Mr Gibson on August 1st at 10am.

Melissa can we just call your direct line instead of the conference number? Please advise.

Best Regards

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From: Peter Dutchak [mailto:pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca]
Sent: July-24-12 2:24 PM
To: silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net
Subject: RE: Agreement

Would it be possible to meet in person on August 1st at 10am, rather than a call? We would rather a real meeting.

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From: silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]
Sent: July 24, 2012 1:53 PM
To: Melissa Schyven; Annie Pyke; Peter Dutchak
Subject: Re: Agreement

Peter, Melissa, I can have a call Tuesday Aug 1 at 10:00am if that works call in numbers below.
Dave
Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

From: Melissa Schyven <MSchyven@stikeman.com>
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2012 13:41:11 -0400
To: Annie Pyke <APyke@stikeman.com>; 'Dave Moerman (silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net)' (silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net) <silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
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Both days are fine for me – Dave please choose whichever is better for you and let me know. We can use my dial in number 1.800.969.9731 access 7830652.

Thanks
Melissa

Melissa Schyven
Tel : (416) 869-5232
mschyven@stikeman.com

From: Annie Pyke
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 1:32 PM
To: 'Dave Moerman (silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net)' (silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net); Melissa Schyven
Subject: FW: Agreement

Hi Dave,

I will be out of the office from July 27th-August 5th, so I won't be available on those days – Melissa, are you available the morning of either July 31st or August 1st to have a call with the County of Elgin on their comments to the road allowance agreement?

Thanks,
Annie

From: silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net [<mailto:silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 1:29 PM
To: Annie Pyke
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Please let me know what works best for you
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From: Peter Dutchak <pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca>
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2012 15:20:34 +0000
To: Dave Moerman<silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
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Dave,

I spoke with Mr. Gibson, the County's Solicitor and we have July 31st, or August 1st, both in the morning available for a conference call.

Please confirm a time on either of these mornings and a number to call you.

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Sent: July 23, 2012 4:12 PM
To: Peter Dutchak
Cc: Clayton Watters; APyke@stikeman.com; Melissa Schyven
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To: Dave Moerman
Cc: Clayton Watters
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We have had the opportunity to review the comments you sent and met with the County solicitor. I have attached a summary of the County's comments as it relates to the agreement.

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From: Dave Moerman [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]
Sent: April 30, 2012 3:21 PM
To: Peter Dutchak
Cc: Clayton Watters
Subject: RE: Agreement

Hi Peter, just reaching out to see how you were progressing on our agreement. If you would like a call to discuss any draft language, we would be happy to discuss.

Thanks

Best Regards

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From: Peter Dutchak [<mailto:pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca>]
Sent: April-13-12 9:40 AM
To: Dave Moerman (silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net)
Cc: Clayton Watters
Subject: Agreement

Dave,

I have a meeting with the County Solicitor next week to discuss the agreement.

I will respond shortly thereafter.

Peter

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From: Dave Moerman [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Clayton Watters
Cc: 'Scott Manser'
Subject: RE: Easement Agreement and Municipal Consultation form

Hi Clayton, Do you have any comments for discussion after your review of Silvercreeks report package and ROW agreement? We would like very much to keep this process moving forward and can have a meeting or a call at your convenience.

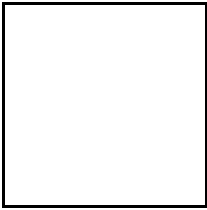
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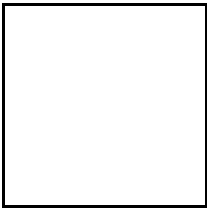
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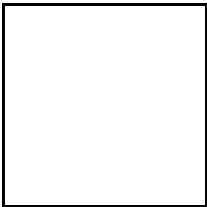
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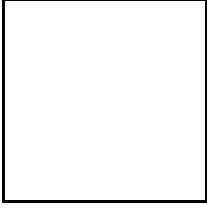


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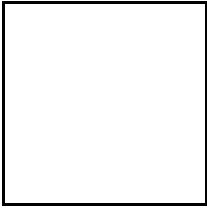


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Leah Deveau

From: Dave Moerman <silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Leah Deveau
Subject: FW: Description of Roads

From: Annie Pyke [<mailto:APyke@stikeman.com>]
Sent: October-31-12 4:29 PM
To: 'Dave Moerman'
Subject: RE: Description of Roads

Thanks, Dave, is there some way to indicate how the road allowances connect? I assume Part 1 connects to Part 2 which connects to Part 3? Maybe something along the lines of (see my changes in red):

Part 1: The Eastern limits of the Imperial Road right of way between Vienna Line and Bradley Creek Line, intersecting Glencolin Road; and thereafter,

Part 2: The Southern limits of the Glencolin Road right of way between Hacienda Road and Imperial Road, and thereafter,

Part 3: The Westerly limits of the Imperial Road right of way between Glencolin Rd and 11545 Imperial Road Substation Property.

From: Dave Moerman [<mailto:silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 3:40 PM
To: Annie Pyke
Subject: RE: Description of Roads

Annie see attached. Dave

From: Annie Pyke [<mailto:APyke@stikeman.com>]
Sent: October-31-12 3:15 PM
To: 'Dave Moerman'
Subject: RE: Description of Roads

Hi Dave,
I think since you are more familiar with the actual route its probably easier if you take a first crack at it?
Thanks,
Annie

From: Dave Moerman [<mailto:silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Annie Pyke
Subject: FW: Description of Roads

Annie , see below a response from the county on what description they will accept. Do you want to draft something using there guidance?

Dave

From: Peter Dutchak [<mailto:pdutchak@elgin-county.on.ca>]

Sent: October-31-12 1:14 PM

To: Dave Moerman [silvercreeksolar@amtelecom.net]

Subject: Description of Roads

Dave,

Gibson simply wants a more detailed description of the road allowances to be used. He indicated that the existing description indicates "turns" which is not appropriate. Using Latitudes and Longitudes is overkill. I think a description something like "the eastern limits of the Imperial Road right of way between concession xx to xy" or something similar would suffice.

Peter

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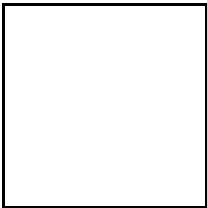
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