

March 9, 2012

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Dear Ms. Edwards:

**RE: Injasuti Developments, Flowerburn Solar Farm (Municipality of Central Elgin)
Response to Technical Review**

Further to your email on March 9, 2012, this letter presents our responses to the technical review of the Flowerburn Solar Farm proposal. We have organized the questions as listed in your email.

1. *Has there been any additional consultation or correspondence from the Aboriginal communities?*

As previously discussed, we received a letter from the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation dated January 20, 2012. The community requested that we contact their consultation staff to discuss the proposal. On February 9, 2012, we contacted their consultation staff. We have not heard back from the community.

2. *Is there a new COD date (the one I have is Dec. 31, 2011)? Is it April 30 like Beaver Creek?*

The Commercial Operation Date is April 30, 2012 which is the same date as Beaver Creek.

3. *Same question as Beaver Creek - Did the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority review the documents? Did they have any comments?*

The Kettle Creek Conservation Authority was included in the circulation list for Public Open Houses #1 and #2. These notices provided information on the location of the Open Houses as well as an overview of the proposed solar farm and technical reports.

The lands subject to the application are not located within the regulated area of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (refer to enclosed map).

4. *Same as Beaver Creek again... The Municipality identified several concerns (listed below) in their MCF returned to the proponent in May of 2011, how has (or will) the proponent addressed these concerns?*

a. *Construction impacts to Beaver Creek – Municipality suggested acceptable construction practices regarding erosion mitigation should be utilized.*

The subject property (43777 Fruit Ridge Line) is approximately 27.3 hectares (67.5 acres) while the area proposed for the solar farm is approximately 6.2 hectares (15.3 acres). Beaver Creek is over 625 metres south of the proposed solar farm project boundary.

The Flowerburn Solar Farm will use trackers (as opposed to fixed mount). Once the solar panels are installed, any disturbed areas will be reseeded with native, non-invasive species to prevent soil erosion. The grading as a result of construction will not result in significant water runoff.

b. *Permits (if necessary) should be obtained for oversized loads, work on municipal road allowances, and buildings and structures.*

Injasuti Developments understands that any work on a municipal road allowance will require a road occupancy permit. However, it is not anticipated that any additional permits will be required based on the scope of the development.

c. *Roads – half load restrictions apply during certain months*

Injasuti Developments is aware that half load restrictions apply to Fruit Ridge Line and Centennial Road from March 1 to April 30. It should be noted that the Construction Plan Report addressed traffic impacts and provided the following conclusion:

“No road impact is expected beyond what might normally occur from permitted agricultural or industrial operations in the vicinity of the project. The size of equipment used to deliver the materials, grade and construct the solar farm will not exceed the normal truck or trailer sizes permitted on the public roads. No long or oversize truck permits will be needed for construction” (p. 7, IBI).

5. *Is this site similar to Beaver Creek, serviced by municipal water but neighbours use well water?*

Yes, Beaver Creek and Flowerburn are serviced by municipal water. Neighbouring properties are serviced by water wells. The Flowerburn Solar Farm will not impact these wells.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please let us know.

Yours truly,

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