

Meeting Summary Report

City of Kawartha Lakes Public Consultation	
Monday, August 17, 2015	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Meeting Location	Woodville Town Hall 100A King St. W. Woodville, ON K0M 2T0
Attendees	Three community members, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One councillor • No media • Five Registered Proponent project team members <p><i>All personal information removed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, 2000.</i></p>
Overview of the Meeting	
	The meeting was open format. Community members were welcome to come at any time, view the publicly displayed material and ask questions.
Comments and Concerns	
Visual Impact	<p><u>Community Member # 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about the visual impact of the solar park <p><u>Proponent's Response:</u> Visual impact is one of the most frequent questions we receive from community members with regard to solar park development. Visual abatement is a key component of solar park development. While the park is being constructed, it is quite visible as the construction process calls for open space. However, once the construction phase is completed, we work with community members as well as local governments to ensure the integration of the solar park into the landscape. Using various techniques such as setbacks, land forming, strategic placement of mature trees and vegetation and fencing, our goal is to have the solar project nearly invisible to any passerby.</p>
Land and property value	<p><u>Community Member #1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about property values decreasing <p><u>Proponent's Response:</u> It is understandable that some community members may express concern about the possibility of a decrease in the value of their property due to its proximity to a solar site.</p> <p>There is no available evidence (via systematic reviews of impact on property values) that links the location of a fully operational solar facility with impacts on property value after the construction phase.</p>

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	<p>Landowners that have lease agreements are compensated and the increase in revenue per acre for the lessor could potentially result in an increase in property value. With regards to a property being within a visual distance of the solar facility and the potential effects to property values, the solar development will be designed to minimize any potential visual effects on nearby landowners and thus any potential impact to property values.</p>
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