

Summary of Engagement

m.ah a temEEwuh SOLAR PROJECT

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WHAT IS THE M.ah A TEMEEWUH SOLAR PROJECT?

Logan BC Solar Project Limited Partnership (Logan BC Solar), which is a formal partnership established between BluEarth Renewables Inc. and Oregon Jack Creek Band, proposes to develop the m.ah a temEEwuh Solar project (the Project), which would be a solar-generating facility anticipated to produce approximately 208 megawatts of alternating current energy for a lifespan of approximately 40 years. The Project would consist of solar panel arrays installed in two phases that connect to the existing provincial transmission infrastructure, underground electrical collection systems, inverters, an operations building, and perimeter fencing, located approximately five kilometres north of Logan Lake, B.C.

The Project is reviewable under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018) (the Act) pursuant to Part 4 of the Reviewable Projects Regulation, as it is a new project with a rated nameplate capacity of ≥ 50 MW of electricity.

For more information, visit the Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) Project Information Centre (EPIC) website [project page for the Project](#).

PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Project is being reviewed by the EAO under the Act. After Logan BC Solar submitted the Initial Project Description (IPD) and Engagement Plan for the Project, the EAO issued an order under Section 13(3)(a) of the Act on February 13, 2026, formally starting the Early Engagement phase.

After Early Engagement, the EAO's Chief Executive Assessment Officer (CEAO) will make a Readiness Decision. This Summary of Engagement, along with Logan BC Solar's forthcoming Detailed Project Description (DPD), will inform the Readiness Decision to either:

- Proceed to an environmental assessment;
- Require a revised DPD;
- Exempt the Project from an environmental assessment; or
- Terminate the Project from the environmental assessment process.

For more information on the Early Engagement and Readiness Decision phases, see [EAO guidance materials](#).

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this Summary of Engagement is to help inform Logan BC Solar's development of the DPD by providing a summary of comments received during the Early Engagement phase.

This Summary of Engagement includes the list of participating Indigenous nations who have provided notice under Section 14(1) of the Act, a summary of comments received during the public comment period, input from technical advisors, and information and engagement requirements for the DPD.

WHAT WE ASKED

The EAO asked for feedback from the public, potentially affected First Nations, and technical advisors from provincial and federal government agencies, and local governments to understand and gather information on:

- Preferred means of engagement; and
- Initial interests, concerns, questions, feedback, and knowledge regarding the Project.

HOW WE ENGAGED

On February 18, 2026, the EAO notified potentially affected First Nations of the start of the Early Engagement phase, requesting their review to understand their interests and to seek their input on the IPD and Engagement Plan.

Between March 2 and March 27, 2026, the EAO engaged provincial and federal technical experts and local governments by requesting feedback on the IPD and Engagement Plan and held a webinar for technical advisors on March 9, 2026, providing an overview of the environmental assessment process, comment submission instructions, and a Proponent-led project overview.

The EAO held a public comment period from March 17 to April 16, 2026, which included an in-person open house in and a virtual information session.

WHO WE HEARD FROM AND WHAT WE HEARD

First Nations

The EAO notified the following First Nations of the start of the Early Engagement phase, requesting their review of the IPD to understand their interests:

- Ashcroft Indian Band;
- Boothroyd Indian Band;
- Boston Bar First Nation;
- Coldwater Indian Band;
- Kanaka Bar Indian Band;
- Lower Nicola Indian Band;
- Lower Similkameen Indian Band;
- Lytton First Nation;
- Neskonlith Indian Band;
- Nicomen Indian Band;
- Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council;
- Okanagan Indian Band;
- Okanagan Nation Alliance;
- Oregon Jack Creek Band;
- Shackan Indian Band;
- Siska Indian Band;
- snpink'tn Indian Band (Penticton);
- Spuzzum First Nation;
- Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation;
- Tk'emlups te Secwepemc; and
- Upper Nicola Band.

Participating Indigenous nations

First Nations that would experience adverse effects from the Project can identify if they wish to be a participating Indigenous nation. Participating Indigenous nations are afforded specific procedural rights under the Act, including access to capacity funding, consensus-seeking processes, an opportunity to communicate consent or withhold consent at specific decision points, and access to facilitated dispute resolution. Confirmations are posted to the [EPIC Project page](#). For more information on participating Indigenous nations please see the EAO's [guidance materials](#). The following First Nations identified as a participating Indigenous nations for the Project:

- Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly;
- Kanaka Bar Indian Band;
- Lower Nicola Indian Band;
- Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council; and
- Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation.

Public

The EAO held a public comment period from March 17 to April 16, 2026, including an in-person open house in Logan Lake on March 31, 2026, and a virtual information session on April 7, 2026. Six people attended the in-person open house and five people participated in the virtual information session. Both events included information on the environmental assessment process and details about the Project with opportunities for attendees to ask questions to both the EAO and Logan BC Solar.

Table 1 below provides a summary of public comments received during Early Engagement. The EAO accepted 112 survey submissions, as well as three written submissions received by e-mail. All comments and submissions are posted on [EPIC.engage.com](https://epic.engage.com).

Comment Theme	Concern or Comment
Location	Concerns related to Project location, including proximity to Tunkwa Lake Park, District of Logan Lake, and Highland Valley Copper (HVC) Mine area.
Project Size & Scale	Concerns related to size change from Phase I to Phase I and II (~104 MW to ~208 MW).
	Requests for clarity on footprint size and fenced area size.
Wildlife Habitat	Concerns related to habitat loss, disruption to migration corridors for ungulates and birds, and at-risk species.
Recreation & Trail Access	Concerns related to loss or restriction of trails used for hunting, fishing, hiking, off-road vehicles, and horseback riding.
	Concerns related to impacts on tourism, community well-being, and access to Crown land.
Engagement & Consultation	Feeling that engagement was poorly advertised, request for in-person sessions, door-to-door information sharing, and for more social media presence.
Vegetation, Grasslands, & Soils	Concerns related to impacts on grasslands and soils recovery post-wildfire.
	Concerns related to erosion, such as slope instability, sedimentation and soil transfer effects to watershed, wetlands, and downstream effects to Guichon Creek.
	Concerns related to introduction of invasive species.
Noise, Dust, Air Quality, & Traffic	Concerns related to construction phase and traffic related generation of dust.
	Concerns related to increased traffic from truck vehicle trips during construction.
	Concerns related to noise and vibration during construction, such as annoyance.
Water & Hydrology	Concerns related to water quality due to sedimentation and runoff, and associated impacts to fish, wildlife, livestock and vegetation recovery.
	Concerns related to impacts to watershed, wetlands and downstream effects to Guichon Creek, including disturbances to fish habitat, riparian function, seasonal flows, water quality, and the overall ecological health of the area.
	Concerns related to toxic seepage soil runoff potentially impacting aquifers used for drinking water.
Visual	Concerns related to line-of-sight industrialization of scenic landscape.
Grazing & Ranch Use	Concerns related to loss of active grazing land and impacts to grazing licence holders.
Socio-Economic	Concerns related to short term construction jobs vs long term losses for the local community.
	Concerns related to the lack of benefits accruing locally.

Cumulative Effects	Concerns related to industrialization in the region including the existing HVC Mine, and other proposed solar and wind projects, pipelines, and transmission projects.
	Concerns related to cumulative effects of wildfire disturbance and ongoing land-use pressures (for example, grazing, forestry, transportation and transmission infrastructure, mining), resulting in habitat loss and fragmentation within an already highly impacted region.
Indigenous Rights	Concerns related to archaeological and cultural sites, including proper identification and protection to avoid ground disturbance and permanent loss.
	Broad concerns regarding potential impacts to Indigenous stewardship opportunities, traditional land use, and cumulative impacts to Indigenous rights and interests.

Table 1: Summary of Public Comments Received

Technical Advisors

The EAO sought feedback on the IPD and Engagement Plan from technical advisors between March 2 and March 27, 2026, and held a webinar on March 9, 2026. See [Appendix 1](#) for a list of technical advisors invited to participate during Early Engagement.

Table 2 provides a summary of input received from technical advisors, and a complete list of comments on the IPD is available in the Issues Tracking Table on the EAO’s [EPIC website](#).

Category	Technical Advisor Input
Permits, Requirements and Other Regulatory Processes	A chance find protocol for fossils is required despite no known occurrences, as the area lies between two Important Fossil Areas (Kamloops–Merritt–Nicola areas A and B).
	Onsite sewer systems must comply with the Sewerage System Regulation, including permitting, design, and installation by an authorized person, and upgrades to meet current standards where design flow or use changes.
	Drinking water source is not yet defined; any system will require Health Authority approval, including source, construction, and operating permits.
	<i>Species at Risk Act</i> permitting requirements are missing from the list of potential permits (IPD-Table 5) and should be added; permits may be required for activities affecting listed species and/or their residences.
	Suggested language revision (IPD- Table 4) to more accurately reflect protections under the <i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i> , including year-round protections for certain species and nests, and to include the nesting zone(s) and habitat type(s) used to determine nesting period.
	Request to update IPD–Tables 5 & 16 to clarify responsible authorities under key legislation, including identifying either the BC Energy Regulator or the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship as the responsible authority under the <i>Land Act</i> , <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> , and <i>Wildlife Act</i> .
	An Agricultural Impact Assessment is recommended to evaluate project impacts on agricultural resources.
	Authorities are interested in more details regarding general mitigation measures and potential offsetting opportunities in the future.
Wildlife & Species at Risk	Proximity to critical habitat for species at risk should be considered even where no direct overlap occurs, noting the project is located approximately 13 km from American badger (<i>jeffersonii</i> subspecies) critical habitat and 18 km from western rattlesnake critical habitat.
	Recommendation to add six additional species at risk to IPD–Table 8, as they have the potential to occur within the Project area.

Category	Technical Advisor Input
	Potential impacts of fencing on wildlife movement and forage availability need assessment.
	Project lighting may affect birds, insects, and wildlife and requires further evaluation.
	Broader concerns include habitat loss, and wildlife management and protection.
Vegetation & Restoration	Riparian areas should be avoided where possible, with any necessary disturbance minimized.
	Immediate post-construction native revegetation and erosion control measures should be implemented where applicable rather than deferred to decommissioning, and monitoring should be required to ensure the success of restoration and rehabilitation efforts.
	An invasive plant and vegetation management plan should be implemented early and maintained throughout operations.
Water Resources	Water source for operations is currently undefined and must be identified in the assessment process.
	Request to clarify use of “Project area” versus “Project footprint” in IPD Section 6.2.3 (Aquatic Resources), as the statement that the Project area does not overlap mapped watercourses appears to refer to the footprint only, whereas the broader Project area does include watercourses.
	Shapefiles suggest that Project footprint intends to avoid intermittent streams and large mapped wetlands; recommend this commitment is formalized.
	Broad concerns regarding potential impacts to the Guichon Creek watershed.
Air Quality & Emissions	Dust (especially road dust) and impacts to air quality and country foods need to be addressed and will likely require fugitive dust mitigation plans.
	Though greenhouse gas and carbon emissions are expected to be low, future quantification will be required for the lifecycle of the Project.
Cumulative Effects & Environmental Context	Recommend the DPD incorporate relevant BC Cumulative Effects Framework findings, including the overview of overlapping cumulative effects issues provided, to support current condition value reporting in the Area of Interest and consideration of key cumulative effects values (forest biodiversity, old growth, watersheds, grizzly bear, visual quality, and moose).
	Request for more site-specific discussion of wildfire effects (severity and extent) and implications for a solar project, including benefits and risks, soil stability, and ecosystem response to post-fire conditions and vegetation removal.
Land Use & Stakeholder Considerations	Project overlaps with the Face/Paska Orv (Off-Road Vehicle) trail network and will require coordination to relocate trails and update data, including consultation, field work, and signage.
	Grazing tenures exist in the area and potential impacts will need to be addressed.

Table 2: Summary of Technical Advisor Input

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

The next step for Logan BC Solar is to develop the DPD for the Project. Logan BC Solar is required to provide meaningful responses to the input included in this Summary of Engagement, the [Issues Tracking Table](#) and to public concerns identified on [EPIC. engage](#) and consider each issue in the development of the DPD. The guidelines for completing a DPD are included in the [Early Engagement Guide](#).

The EAO requires Logan BC Solar to engage with First Nations and meaningfully incorporate their feedback into the DPD before formal submission. The EAO requests that the submission of the DPD be accompanied by:

- A table that clearly references how and where (i.e., what section or page(s)) feedback received by participants (in addition to what is summarized in this report) is incorporated into the DPD as warranted, or a rationale as to why it was not incorporated;
- An updated First Nations consultation log; and
- A completed Readiness Decision Phase Proponent Checklist.

The Readiness Decision Phase will begin once Logan BC Solar submits the final DPD. During this phase, the EAO and participating Indigenous nations will evaluate the DPD against the requirements of the [Early Engagement Guide](#) and this Summary of Engagement to determine whether sufficient information is available to support the Readiness Decision.

APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS

The list below includes the groups that were requested to provide comments on the IPD during Early Engagement as technical advisors:

- District of Logan Lake;
- Thompson Nicola Regional District;
- Logan Lake Community Forest Corporation (represented by Forsite);
- Interior Health Authority;
- Government of British Columbia:
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Food;
 - Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions;
 - Ministry of Environment and Parks;
 - Ministry of Forests;
 - Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
 - Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation;
 - Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth;
 - Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals;
 - Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport;
 - Ministry of Transportation and Transit;
 - Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship; and
 - BC Energy Regulator.
- Government of Canada:
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada;
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada; and
 - Transport Canada.