

Chief and Council
Acadia First Nation
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May 4, 2021

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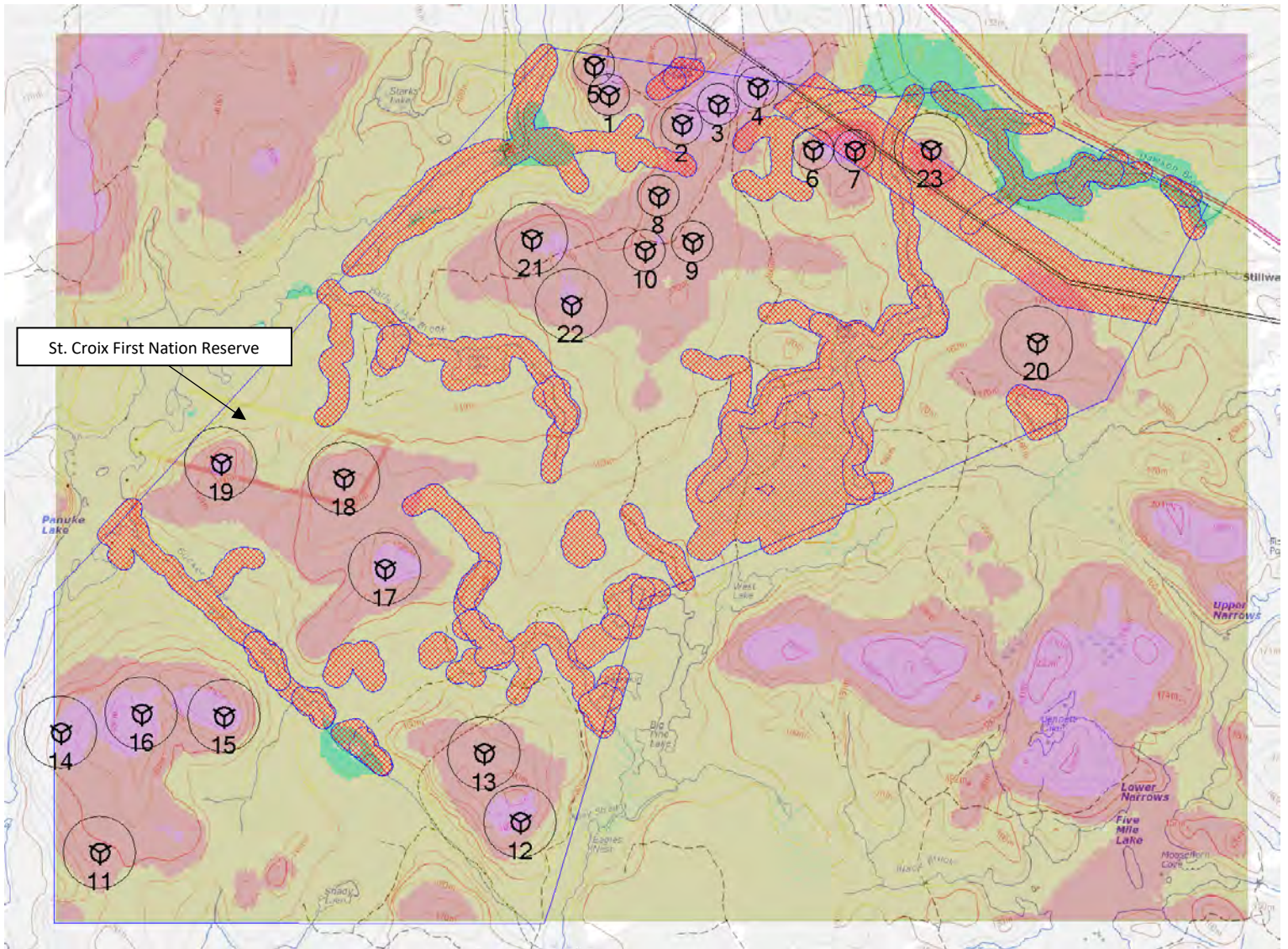


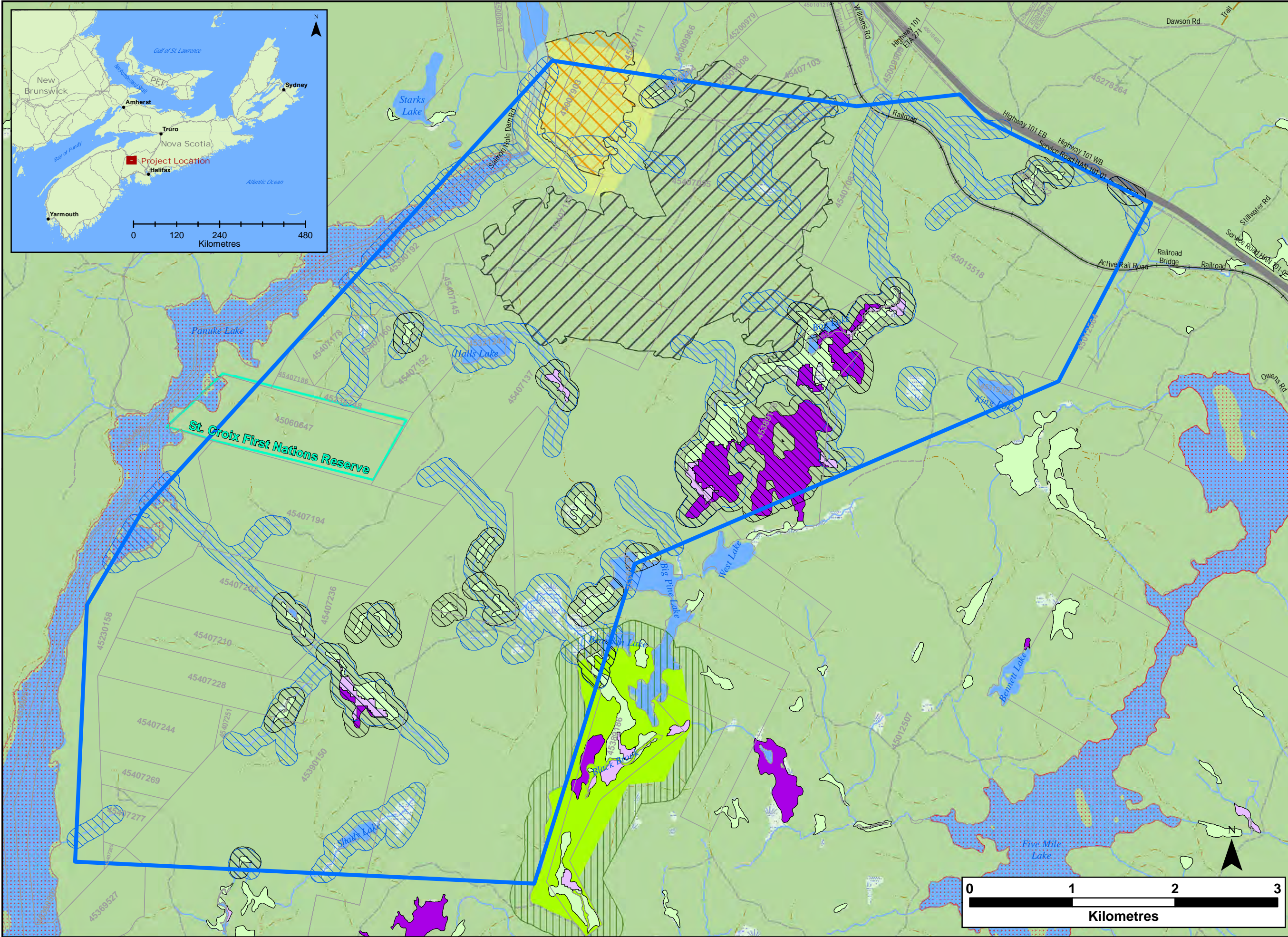
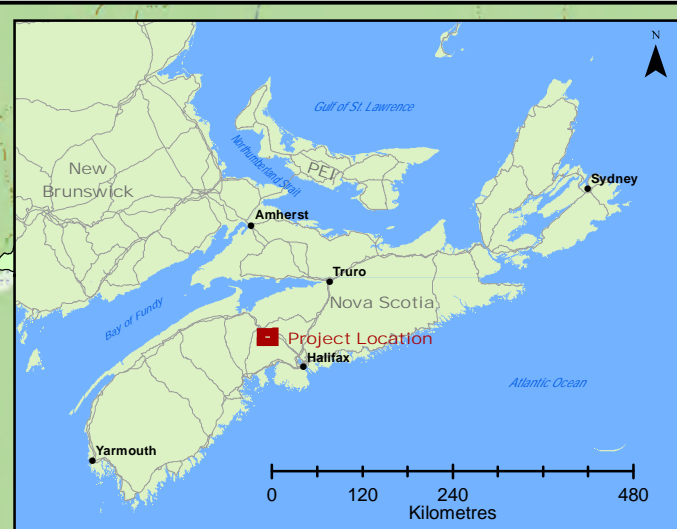
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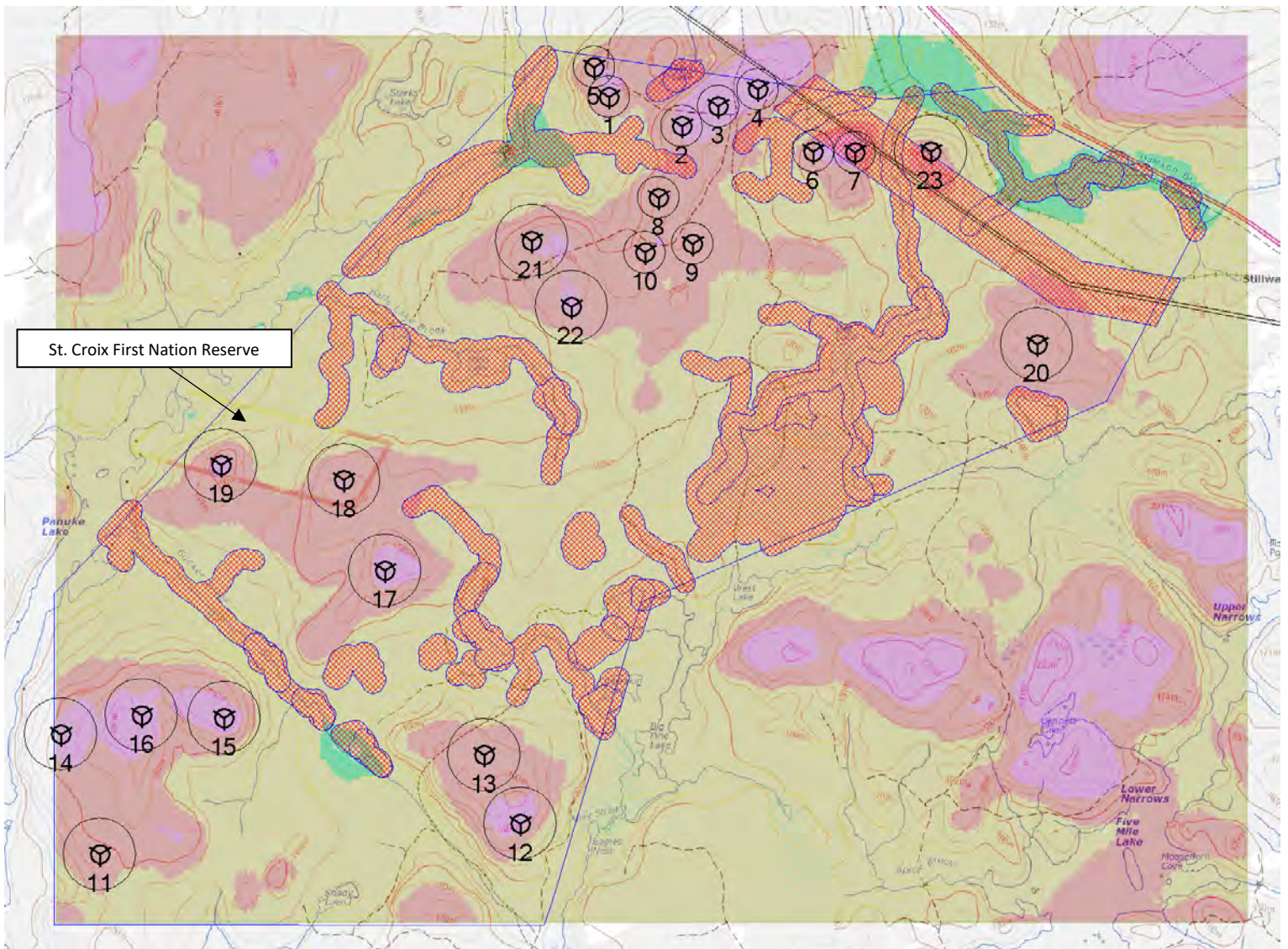


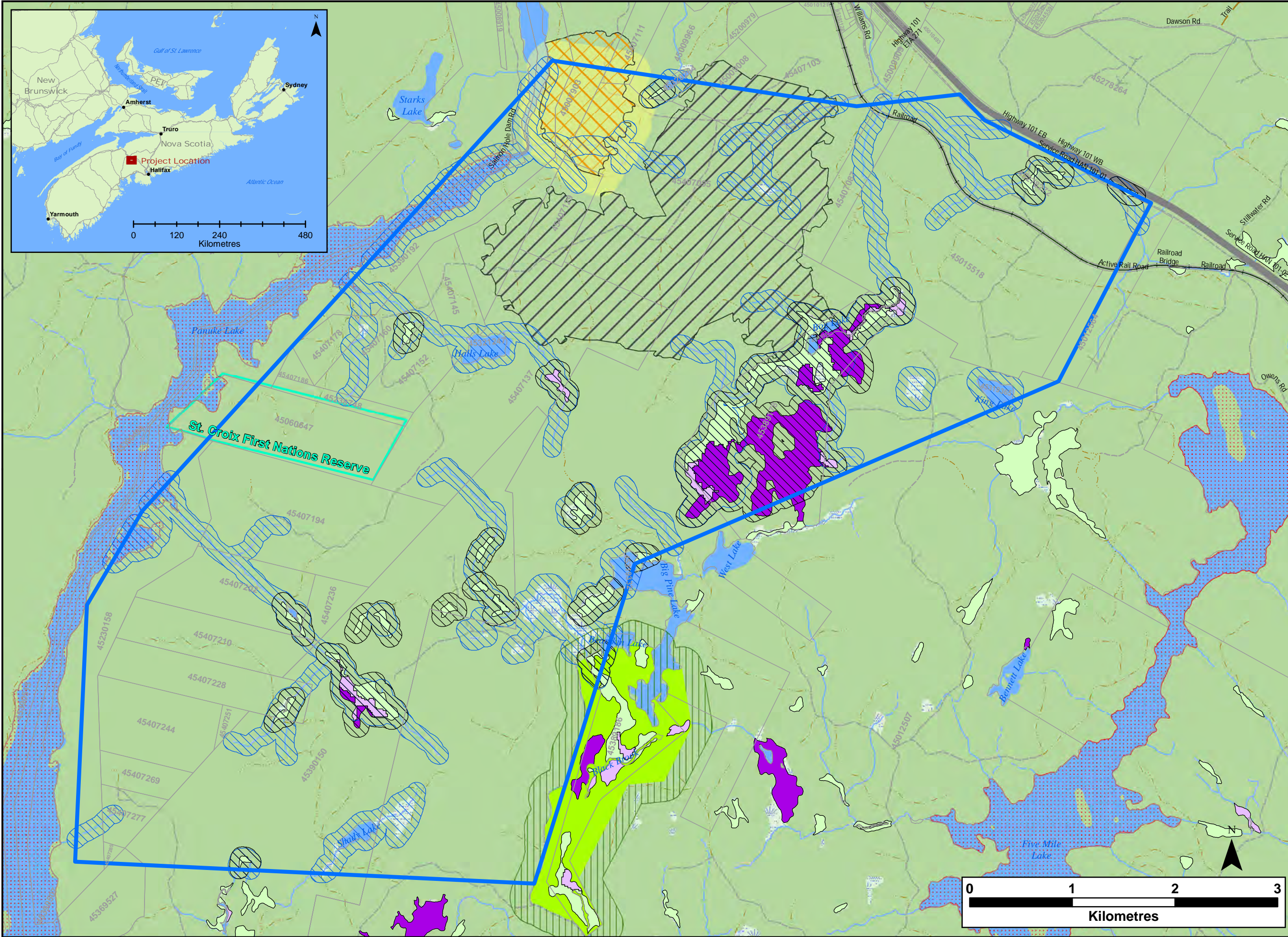
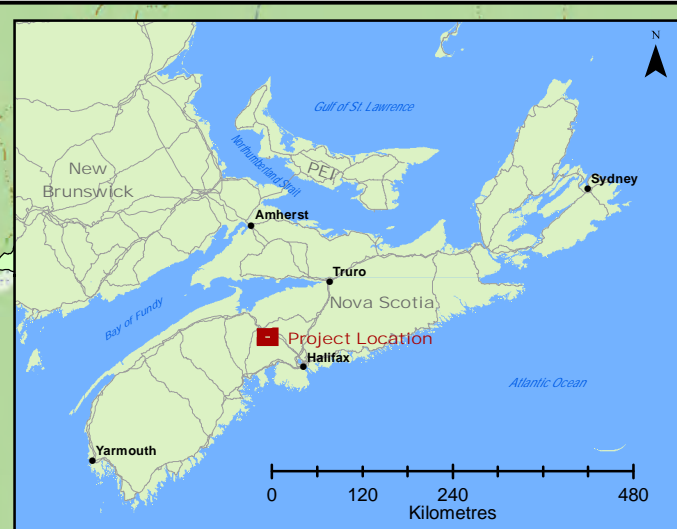
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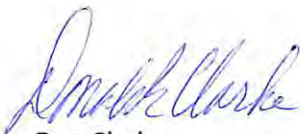
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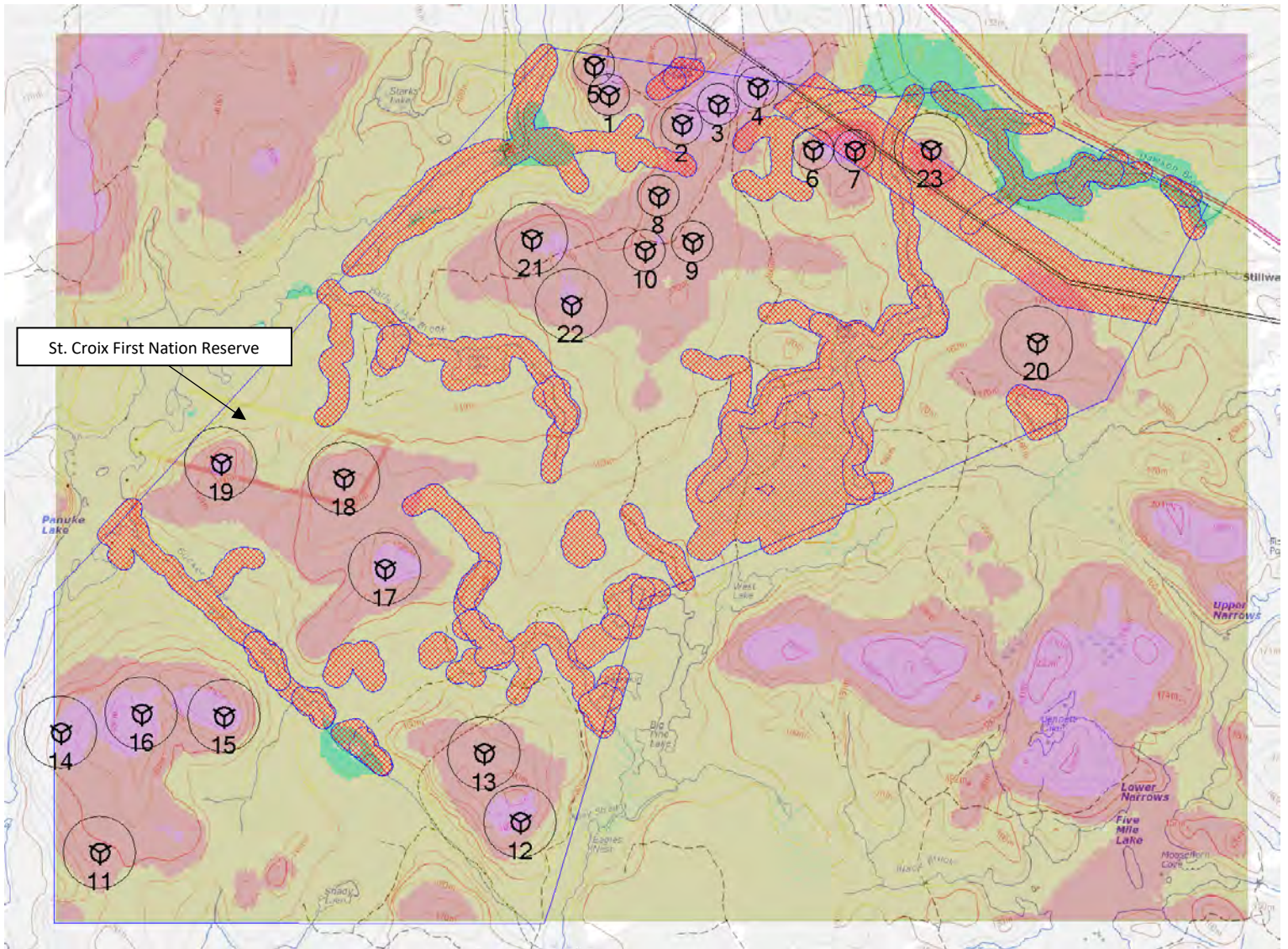
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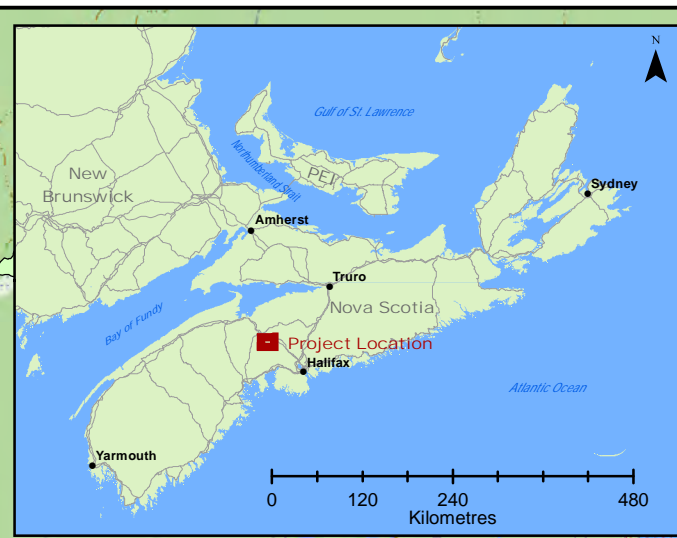
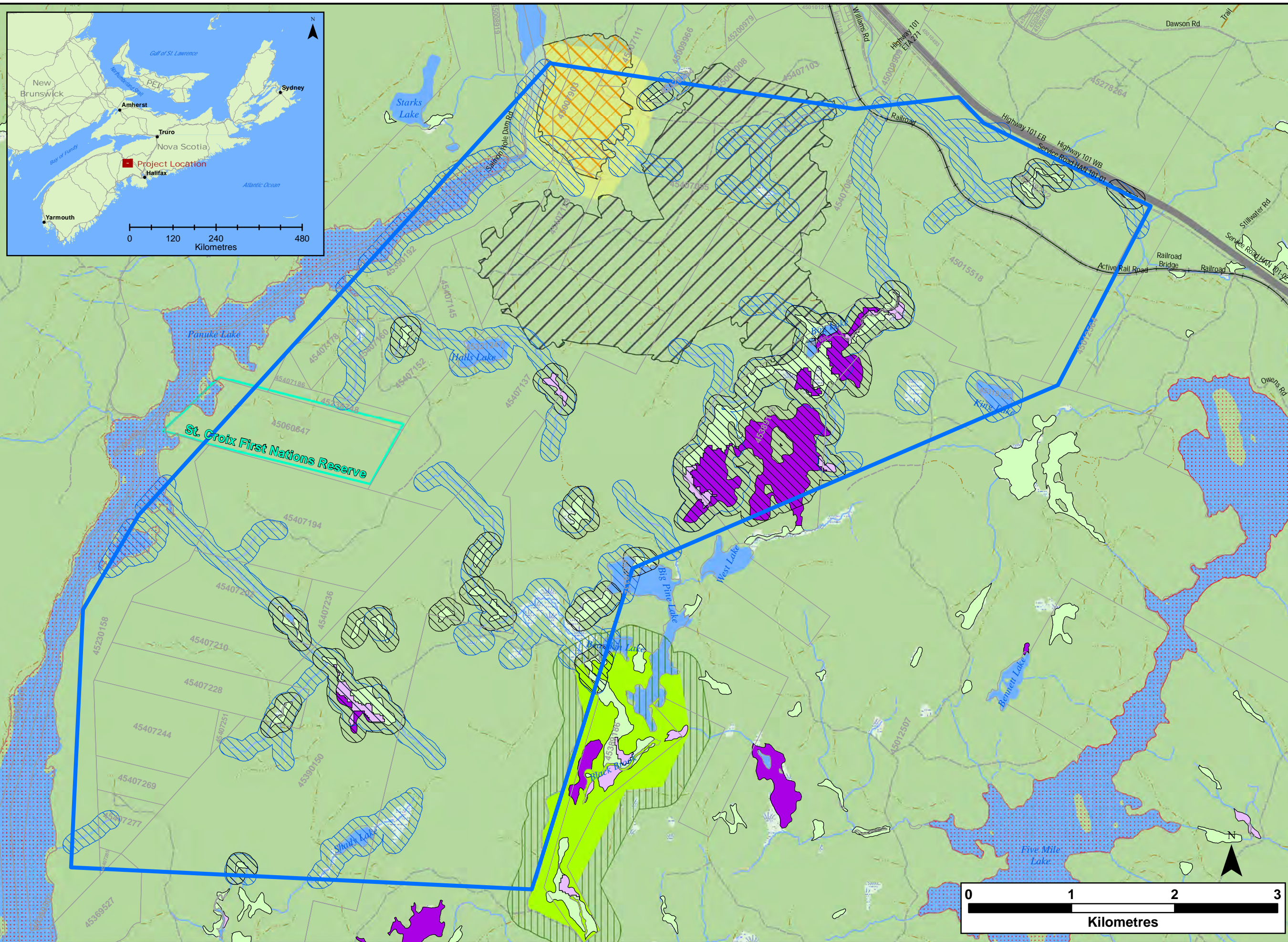
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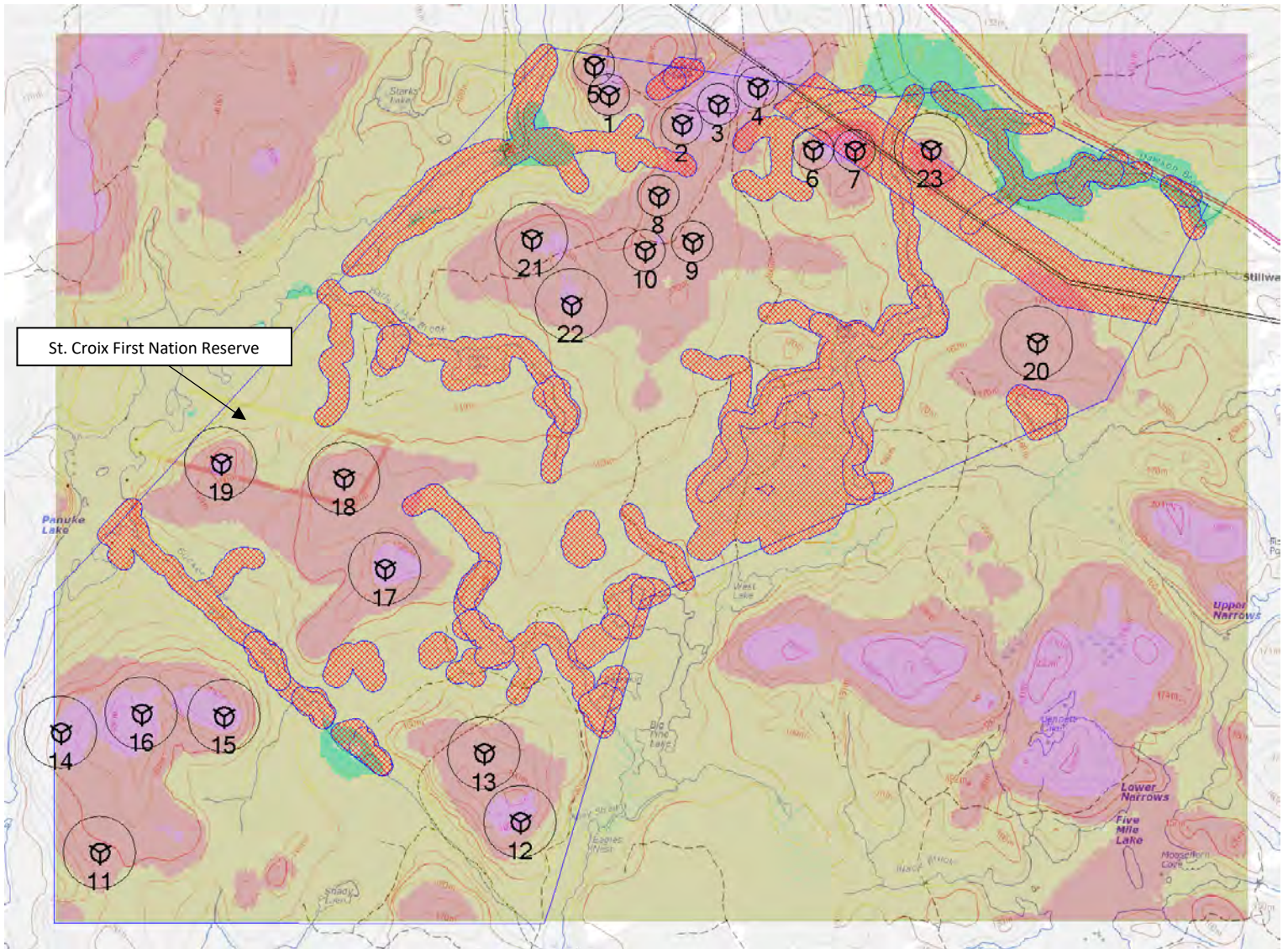
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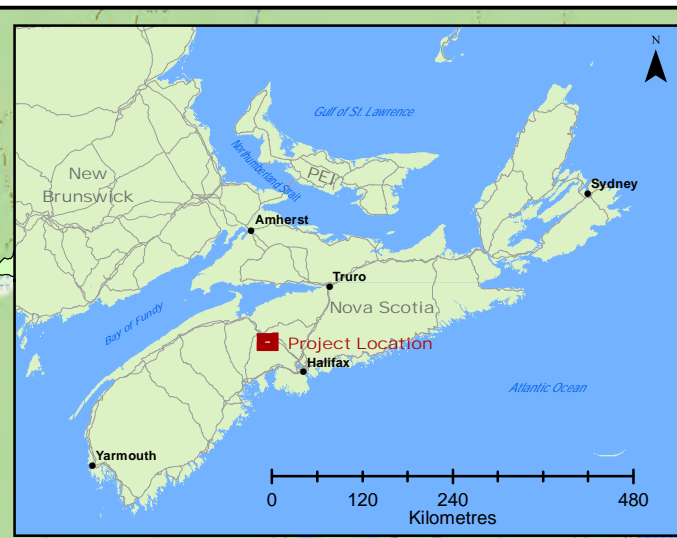
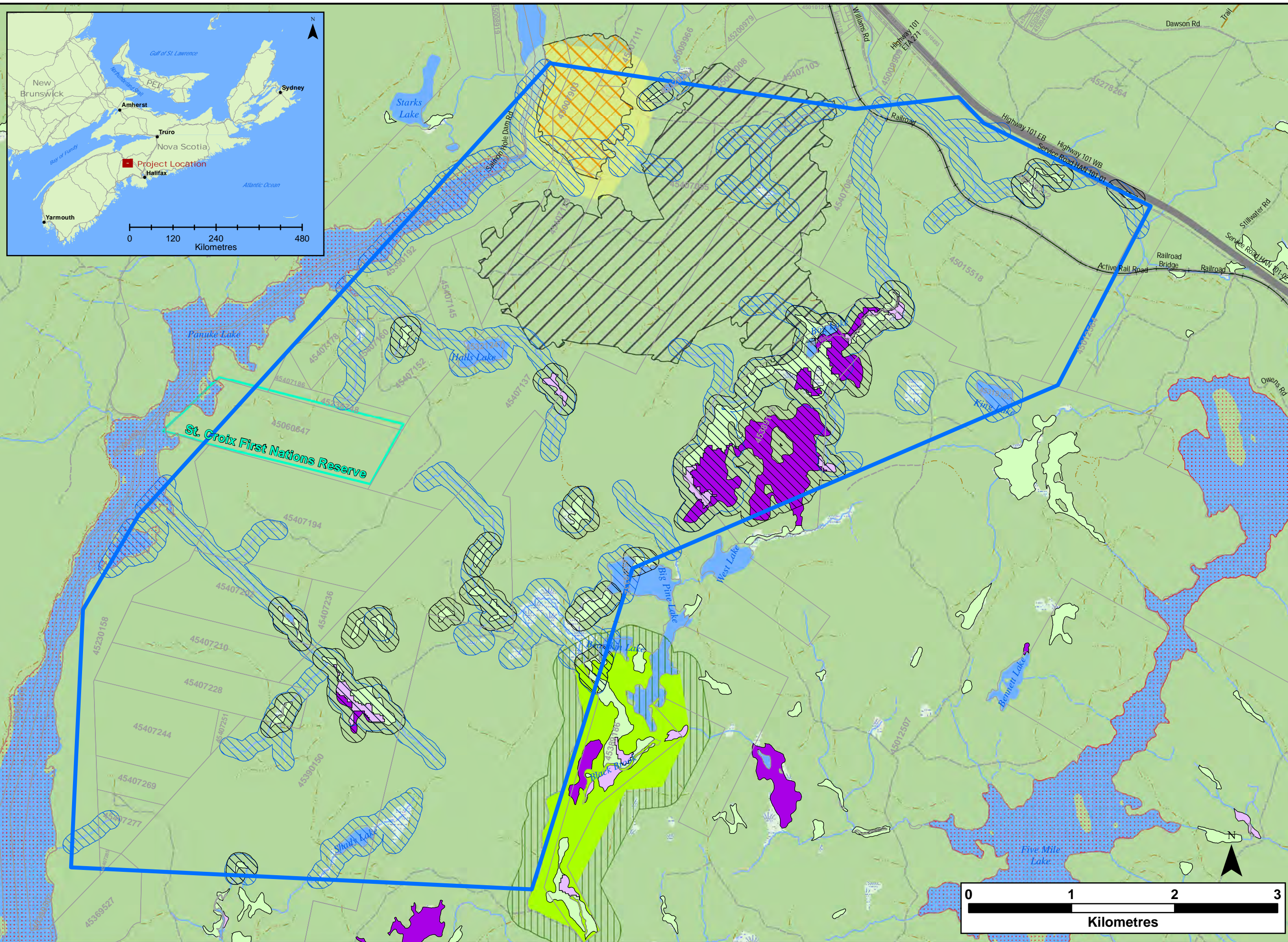
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- Municipal Partners: Town's of Mahone Bay, Berwick, and Antigonish
- Leads the pursuit of decarbonization for the municipal electric utilities and other municipalities in Nova Scotia
- Owner and Operator of the Existing Ellershose Wind Farm

➤ Potentia Renewables Inc. (PRI)

- 100% Canadian wholly-owned subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada
- Established in 2010, with close to 800 solar and wind projects (950MW) in operation, under construction or under contract
- After a recent acquisition, PRI is now the Owner and Operator of 7 wind farms (37MW) in Nova Scotia
 - Limerock, Greenfield, Kemptown, Pockwock, Whynotts, Truro Heights and Truro-Millbrook

Ellershouse Windfarm

- 10 Enercon Turbines: Output 23MW
- Developed with assistance from Minas Energy in three phases
 - Phase 1: 4 Turbines Commissioned in 2015
 - Phase 2: 3 Turbines Commissioned in 2016
 - Phase 3: 3 Turbines Commissioned in 2017
- Environmental Assessments were submitted to the Province and approved
- Previous First Nation Engagement occurred through Minas Energy



Proposed Expansion: 13 Turbines (65MW)



Work Completed To Date

➤ Wind Resource Assessment

- MET Town Installed August 2020 – Actively sharing wind data.

➤ Lease & Crown Lands Application

- Crown Lands application submitted February 2021, currently under review
- Executed Lease – April 2021 with Wagner Forest Nova Scotia

➤ Environmental Work Underway

- Bird and Wildlife Studies – Winter Studies Completed March 2021, Continuing in Fall 2021
- Bat Surveys – Continuing in Fall 2021
- Archaeological Review – Continuing in Fall 2021
- Habitat Studies (Wetland, Vegetation) – Continuing in Fall 2021

➤ Grid Interconnection

- Completed System Impact Study January 2021
- Preferable Interconnection Queue Position
- Submitted Facilities Study Agreement in April 2021

Process Ahead

➤ NSPI System Studies

- Generator Interconnection Agreement

➤ Provincial RFP Process

- Anticipated release in July 2021
- Anticipated Announcement October 2021

- Complete Spring, Summer & Fall Studies

- Completing EA steps in 2021-2

➤ Community Engagement

- Community Liaison Committee established



First Nation Engagement

- January 13th letters sent to Annapolis Valley, Glooscap & Sipeknekatik First Nations to express the following:
 - Partnership opportunities and project involvement
 - Equity investment
 - Land lease
 - Employment & Consulting opportunities
- Successful meeting held with the Office of Aboriginal Affairs on January 28th, 2021
- Mayor Don Clark of Berwick connected with First Nations to follow-up on letter
 - Phone meeting with Chief Toney of Annapolis Valley First Nation, positive conversation regarding leasing land along with equity and partnership opportunities.
 - Further contact with John McCaul in early April discussing economic development for Annapolis Valley First Nations

Questions?

- We are interested in partnership opportunities with First Nation Communities, does the KMKNO have any requirements or recommendations during these conversations?
- How could we go about offering employment during this Project to First Nation community members?
- What is the KMKNO's preferred process for consultation/next steps?
- Will a Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge Study be requested for this Project and what is the process for this?

Thank You!

Contact Us:

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Climate & Energy Outreach Coordinator
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Hi Frank,

I'm going to forward the information to my council tomorrow and set up a time slot for you to present to council next Tuesday. I will see if the 11:30 time slot is available and get back to you tomorrow.

Thanks,

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Sent: October 14, 2021 3:27 PM
To: james.stevens@eastlink.ca
Cc: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Potentia Renewables - Wind Project - First Nation Participation Deck - Oct 14

James

Following up on our recent conversation and the deal summary provided on Sept 20th we've drafted our initial version of the investment deck for consideration by the Millbrook First Nation.

Our intent was to provide an overview of investment and capacity building options that go along with participating in the project. Once you've had the chance to review the deck, I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

If it works for you, would a 30-minute call next week on Tuesday (Oct 19th) at 11:30am AT work for you? If not please suggest another day/time.

Talk soon.

Frank

Sincerely,

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From: [Frank Kuznik](#)
To: [Sarah Palmer](#)
Subject: AVFN: Potentia Renewables - Wind Project Introduction Deck - Oct 19
Date: May 5, 2022 3:17:11 PM
Attachments: [Potentia_NS RFP_First Nation_Wind Project Introduction_Final_Oct 18.pdf](#)

From: Frank Kuznik
Sent: October 19, 2021 10:26 AM
To: John McCaul <jmccaul@avfn.ca>
Cc: Frank Kuznik - Potentia Renewables (fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com) <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Potentia Renewables - Wind Project Introduction Deck - Oct 19

John

Thank you for your time this morning, here is the deck for your review, we can go through it tomorrow at 11am.

I'll send out the invite now.

Sincerely,

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From: [Frank Kuznik](#)
To: [Sarah Palmer](#)
Subject: Ulnooweg: Potentia - Project Introduction Deck (Final) + Introduction letter to Glooscap - Oct 13, 2021
Date: May 5, 2022 3:41:56 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Chief Peters Glooscap FN 2021Jan13.pdf](#)
[Potentia NS RFP First Nation Wind Project Introduction Final Oct 14.pdf](#)

From: Frank Kuznik
Sent: October 14, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Darrell Hasiuk <dhasiuk@ulnooweg.ca>
Cc: Frank Kuznik - Potentia Renewables (fkuznik@potentiar Renewables.com) <fkuznik@potentiar Renewables.com>
Subject: Potentia - Project Introduction Deck (Final) + Introduction letter to Glooscap - Oct 14

Darrell

Thanks again for your time and feedback on our presentation, we appreciate your input and wanted to provide you with the final version of the deck to circulate to the finance officers for each First Nation.

1. Wind Project Deck – Final Version

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. If you have any further comments, please let me know

2. Chiefs Council Meeting – Nov 10th

- a. As per our discussion, I understand that you will be sharing the deck with the Finance Officer and presenting to council on the 10th
 - i. I'll be in Nova Scotia attending the project open house, would it be beneficial for me to attend the council meeting in person?

3. Open House / Community Liaison Meeting / Project Tour

- a. We are planning to host an open house and community liaison meeting on Nov 9th and 10th – date and location TBD
- b. We are also planning a tour of the existing Ellershouse Wind Farm, most likely on Nov 9th
 - i. As we finalize details, I'll share them with you, please let me know if there is any interest in participating in any of the listed events

4. Project Introduction

- a. We started to introduce our projects to the surrounding communities and First Nations in January this year
- b. The Town of Berwick (signed by Mayor Don Clark) sent emails and introduction letters to the following First Nations:
 - i. Eskasoni, Acadia, Millbrook, Bear River, Annapolis Valley, Sipekne'katik and Glooscap.

[REDACTED]

5. First Nation Contractor & Supplier List

- a. I'll be reaching out to both the CMM and the Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq to discuss the opportunity to supply a list of contractors and suppliers

6. Millbrook and Eskasoni

- a. As mentioned, I'll be sharing the decks individually with both Steve and James from each of the First Nations to continue that discussion
- b. If any additional First Nation would like to discuss the proposal, please let me know and I'll be happy to follow up
- c.

Thanks

Frank

Email string with Glooscap First Nation and the introduction of the wind projects:

From: Michael Payne <mpayne@berwick.ca>

Sent: January 13, 2021 2:18 PM

To: 'Aaron Long' <aaron.long@municipalenergy.ca>; 'Katherine Dorey' <Katherine.Dorey@townofmahonebay.ca>; Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>

Subject: FW: AREA letter to Chief Peters 2021Jan13

FYI . . .

From: Glooscap First Nation [<mailto:admin@glooscapfirstnation.com>]

Sent: January 13, 2021 3:02 PM

To: Michael Payne

Subject: RE: AREA letter to Chief Peters 2021Jan13

Good afternoon Mr. Payne,

I have forwarded your email to our Natural Resources Officer, Gail Tupper. I'm sure she will respond promptly.

Please let me know if I can be of further service.

Wela'lin/Thank you,

Bobbie Labrador

Administrative Assistant

With love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility & truth - The Seven Sacred Teachings

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From: Michael Payne <mpayne@berwick.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:03 PM
To: 'rcrowe@glooscapfirstnation.com' <rcrowe@glooscapfirstnation.com>
Cc: 'fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com' <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>; 'Katherine Dorey' <Katherine.Dorey@townofmahonebay.ca>; Aaron Long <aaron.long@municipalenergy.ca>; 'admin@glooscapfirstnation.com' <admin@glooscapfirstnation.com>
Subject: AREA letter to Chief Peters 2021Jan13
Importance: High

Chief Peters,
Please see attached a letter and attachments from Mayor Clarke of the Alternative Resource Energy Board.
The originals are in the mail.

Regards,

Mike



Michael R. Payne
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From: Frank Kuznik

Sent: September 16, 2021 3:23 PM

To: Steve Parsons <steveparsons@eskasoni.ca>

Cc: Jonathan Bitoun <jbitoun@potentiarenewables.com>; Frank Kuznik - Potentia Renewables (fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com) <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>

Subject: Potentia Renewables - Eskasoni First Nations - Follow Up - Sept 16

Steve

I wanted to follow up on our recent conversation regarding the option for the First Nation to participate in our upcoming wind projects in Nova Scotia.

We had discussed presenting an option to the council when they meet in October, and the plan was to get you the proposal deck in advance of that meeting for review.

We are still working through some of the details to the offer and would prefer providing a complete offer for consideration so we can address all questions.

As mentioned in our call we hope to present our package to the 13 First Nations council at their board meeting in early Oct, I'm assuming that Chief Denny will be a part of that meeting.

If possible, could you confirm the date of your next council meeting and we'd be happy to address any specific project related questions with council.

Should you have any questions, please let me know, in the meantime, I'll continue to work on the initial draft of the proposal deck and forward to you once available.

Frank

From: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Sent: September 1, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Steve Parsons <steveparsons@eskasoni.ca>
Cc: Jonathan Bitoun <jbitoun@potentiarenewables.com>; Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Potentia Renewables - Eskasoni First Nations - Follow Up - Sept 1

Steve

Thank you for your time this afternoon, appreciated the chance to share our project details with you and the opportunity to present our thoughts on a potential partnership with the Eskasoni First Nation.

As mentioned, I'll work on a package of information to share with you in advance of the council meeting in early October, I look forward to your feedback.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Talk soon.

Frank

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From: Steve Parsons <steveparsons@eskasoni.ca>
Sent: August 30, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Cc: Jonathan Bitoun <jbitoun@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Re: Potentia Renewables - Truro Heights Wind Farm - Upcoming Nova Scotia RFP

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Sorry Jonathan , something has come up so I will have to change the call date to Wed same time .

Can you send me the link

Steve

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2021, at 11:20 AM, Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com> wrote:

Steve

Thank you for your flexibility in moving the call to this week while I was out of the office, I look forward to our conversation tomorrow at 1pm.

I see we are set up on Microsoft Teams for a video call, if that possess any issues due to connectivity, please provide us with a contact number and I can call you instead.

Talk soon.

Frank

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From: Steve Parsons <steveparsons@eskasoni.ca>

Sent: August 25, 2021 5:46 PM

To: Jonathan Bitoun <jbitoun@potentiarenewables.com>
Cc: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Re: Potentia Renewables - Truro Heights Wind Farm - Upcoming Nova Scotia RFP

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Let's propose Tuesday early pm . Please send an invite and link
Steve

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From: Jonathan Bitoun <jbitoun@potentiarenewables.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:32:25 PM
To: Steve Parsons <steveparsons@eskasoni.ca>
Cc: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: RE: Potentia Renewables - Truro Heights Wind Farm - Upcoming Nova Scotia RFP

Hi Steve,

Please forgive the delayed response. My name is Jon Bitoun, I am a Project Manager at Potentia Renewables and working closely with Frank on the upcoming Nova Scotia RFP. It's a pleasure to you meet you electronically.

Could we schedule our introductory call next week by any chance? Frank is out of office this week and it would be ideal to have him join this initial call. Please let me know when might be most convenient for you next week and we can send out a calendar invitation.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Bitoun
Manager, Project Development

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Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 11:27:43 AM
To: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>

Subject: Re: Potentia Renewables - Truro Heights Wind Farm - Upcoming Nova Scotia RFP - August 19

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How about Thursday at 9am

549-5470

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On Aug 19, 2021, at 5:33 PM, Frank Kuznik
<fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com> wrote:

Steve

I wanted to send you a quick email and introduce myself with the hope of having a call in the near future. With our current partnership in the Truro Heights Wind farm, we were hoping to expand that opportunity with our current wind projects Ellershouse Wind and Panuke Lake during the upcoming RFP process to be run in Nova Scotia.

We have a number of ideas we'd like to share from benefit and social programs, partnership options to employment opportunities. One of our current partners AREA which constitutes three of the local municipalities (Berwick, Mahone Bay and Antigonish) is already on board and I was hoping to include Eskasoni FN in our discussions as a possible First Nation partner. In May, I know that Bob Clarke, Mayor from the town of Berwick introduced the project to Chief Denny (see attached letter), I was hoping to follow up on that introduction.

My intent for the call is to explore options with the Eskasoni First Nation, we have a number of ideas to present and would welcome an opportunity for a quick call to make that introduction. If you can provide a time that is convenient and contact number for the initial call, I'll be happy to accommodate your schedule.

I look forward to our initial introduction.

Frank

Sincerely,

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From: [Frank Kuznik](#)
To: rpaul@unsm.org; dbrown@unsm.org
Cc: [Frank Kuznik - Potentia Renewables \(fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com\)](mailto:fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com)
Subject: Introduction - Inquiry (Potentia Renewables Inc.) - Oct 18th
Date: October 18, 2021 4:49:00 PM

Afternoon Douglas and Rachel,

I hope you don't mind this unsolicited email but I'm looking for the correct party at the Union of NS Mi'kmaq to direct this email to, if you are not, my apologies, would you mind re-directing me the correct person.

We are currently participating in a wind energy development process in Nova Scotia. We have 2 projects under development and have introduced them to a few of First Nation and communities in the province. Our intent is to engage as many provincial resources as possible for the current development and long-term operation of the wind farm. The projects will be located in the municipality of West Hants, the initial development of the project has begun but the bulk of the work won't start until 2022 and will range from engineering, environmental, transportation, supply chain, heavy equipment, site preparation and general labourers to name some of the positions required over the next 18 months.

It would be helpful if you had a general list of labourers, contractors, and suppliers from the Mi'kmaq community that you may be able to share with us. We can then start discussing the project and engaging quotes from the local community as we start to fully develop our projects.

Should you have any questions, or would like to discuss our request, I'd welcome the opportunity to go over our projects with you.

Sincerely,

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Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq

From: [Frank Kuznik](#)
To: chiefaugustine@ncns.ca
Cc: [Sarah Palmer](#); [Frank Kuznik](#)
Subject: Introduction - Potentia Renewables Inc.
Date: May 2, 2022 5:19:57 PM

Chief Augustine

Potentia Renewables Inc. ("Potentia") would like to extend an invitation to discuss our recent work in Nova Scotia in renewable energy with the Mi'kmaq community. www.potentiarenewables.com

As you may be aware, the province of Nova Scotia has extended an invitation to renewable energy developers to submit proposals for the upcoming request for proposal due on May 11th. Our group has been actively engaging Mi'kmaq partners as we develop our projects and have had a number of conversations with Ulnooweg, Eskasoni, Millbrook and Glooscap First Nation. As our project borders on the St-Croix reserve we are actively working with the Annapolis Valley First Nation to answer any concerns and questions as it relates to the project that will border their reserve land.

In addition to the conversations with the First Nations we have received guidance from both the KMKNO and the Office of L'nu affairs and we wanted to reach out to your group to see if you have any questions regarding our projects.

Our projects will be located in the Ellershouse area and developed as an extension of the current wind farm in the area. Our introduction to the community through the existing developer AREA has paved the way for a strong relationship with the community which we are looking to extend to the Annapolis Valley First Nation community.

The intent of this email was only as a brief introduction, should you be interested in additional information regarding our projects, it would be a pleasure to speak with you and share the details.

Sincerely,

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From: [Frank Kuznik](#)
To: [Sarah Palmer](#)
Subject: FW: Ellershouse III / Panuke Lake - Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Invitation - April 19th
Date: May 2, 2022 4:16:49 PM
Attachments: [CLC Meeting Agenda April2022.pdf](#)

From: Frank Kuznik
Sent: April 13, 2022 1:22 PM
To: jmccaul@avfn.ca
Cc: Aaron Long (aaron.long@municipalenergy.ca) <aaron.long@municipalenergy.ca>; Ryan Hearn <rhearn@potentiarenewables.com>; Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Ellershouse III / Panuke Lake - Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Invitation - April 19th

John


As discussed, part of the engagement for both the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake wind farms has included regular consultation with the local community. In advance of our proposed open house on April 26th with the Annapolis Valley First Nation (AVFN) community, we will be holding our regular Community Liaison Committee (CLC) on April 19th.

The committee has been set up to provide ongoing project updates and regular interaction with the local community.

We would like to formally invite you, and other members of the AVFN community to attend our next meeting which is scheduled for the Ellershouse Community Hall at 7pm. If that is of interest to you at this time, please see the attached agenda and meeting location. If for any reason this meeting does not fit your calendar, we will also cover the details in our upcoming open house on the 26th and subsequent meeting with AVFN council on April 28th.

Ellershouse Community Hall
April 19, 2022
7:00pm – 8:30pm

If you are planning on attending, if you could let us know, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Frank Kuznik
Director, Business Development

From: [Ryan Hearn](#)
To: [Katie Myrans](#); [Sarah Palmer](#)
Subject: FW: Potentia - Ellershouse and Panuke Lake Wind Project - Update Mar 30
Date: March 30, 2022 1:18:41 PM
Attachments: [Ellershouse Newsletter Vol.2 FINAL 22MAR2022 \[compiled\].pdf](#)
[Panuke Lake Newsletter Vol.2 FINAL \[compiled\] 22MAR2022 1.pdf](#)

FYI

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From: Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:10 AM
To: pbutler@mikmaqrights.com
Cc: Jonathan Bitoun <jbitoun@potentiarenewables.com>; Cathy Xiaoxu. Zhao <czhao@potentiarenewables.com>; Ryan Hearn <rhearn@potentiarenewables.com>; Frank Kuznik <fkuznik@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: Potentia - Ellershouse and Panuke Lake Wind Project - Update Mar 30

Afternoon Patrick

I wanted to follow up on your request for an update for both the Ellershouse and Panuke Lake projects. We had the opportunity to speak on a couple of occasions last year and your insight was very helpful in navigating us through our ongoing conversations with the Mi'kmaq community.

I was hoping that you may have some time next week, I'd like to return the courtesy you showed us last year and give you an overview of our projects, our conversations with the First Nations community and an overall update on the RFP process. Happy to answer any questions you may have and I'm sure you'll have additional insight for us regarding the Mi'kmaq community.

If I could suggest a day for a 30-minute call of Wednesday April 6th, I can be available anytime from 12pm to 5pm AST. If you can provide a time that works, I can set up a video call on Microsoft Teams if that works for you.

Sincerely,

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From: Patrick Butler <pbutler@mikmaqrights.com>
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To: Panuke Lake Wind <panukelakewind@potentiarenewables.com>
Subject: FW: Panuke Lake Wind Project

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Hi Jonathan,

Please add me directly to these mail outs moving forward. I seen there was also one for Ellerhouse III but my e-mail got bounced back for that one..

Wela'lin,
Patrick Butler (He/Him)
Mi'kmaq Energy and Mines Advisor

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Subject: FW: Panuke Lake Wind Project

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Frank Kuznik
Sent: February 3, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Frank Kuznik; Aaron Long; Ryan Hearn; Katherine Dorey
Subject: First Nations - NS RFP - Monthly Update Meeting

When: April 1, 2021 11:00 AM-11:45 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting; + Agenda

Good Morning,

I have heard back from Patrick with the KMKNO as noted below. Are there a few times over the next few weeks that I can propose to him for a virtual meeting?

Katherine

Good Morning Katherine,

I am following up on your request for a virtual meeting with KMKNO. I am the Energy and Mines Advisor here and would be happy to meet with you.

Could you please advise on some days/times that work for you in the coming weeks?

Wela'lin,

Patrick Butler

Mi'kmaq Energy and Mines Advisor

As part of the ongoing consultation with the First Nation's, from our conversation with OAA, it was recommended that we keep the FN, KMKNO and OAA apprised of our progress on the project on a monthly basis, regardless of whether they have connected with us or not.

If you continue to keep the FN up to date, our steps to completing the EA will be made easier. Katherine along with our support, has agree to send out the update letters to the FN on behalf of the project.

- A. Discuss last update
- B. Recent project update
- C. Environmental Progress
- D. Other points of interest