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ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT

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WELCOME!

We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We also acknowledge the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognize that we are all Treaty People.

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Please visit www.areas.ca to learn more.

NOVA SCOTIA RATE BASE PROCUREMENT RFP

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

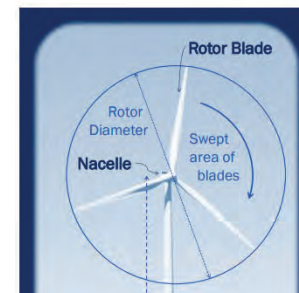
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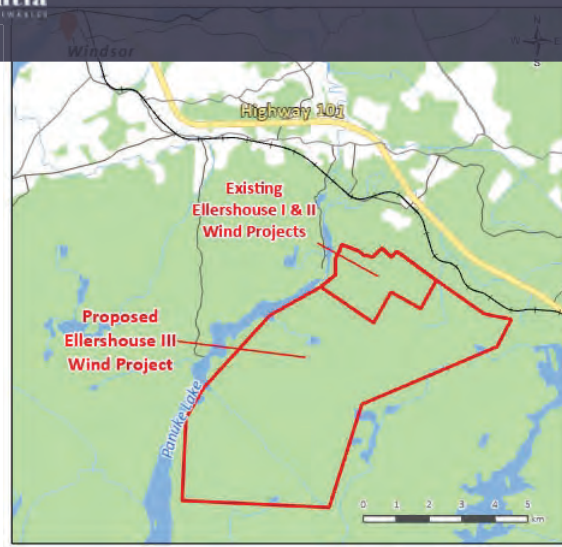
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For more details visit www.novascotiarbp.com.

HOW WIND POWER WORKS





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converted to the correct voltage and exported to the transmission system for people to use.

Access Roads: Each turbine will have its own access road. Each Access Road is typically 6 metres in width.

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WHAT DOES DEVELOPING A WIND PROJECT LOOK LIKE: THE GOLDEN SOUTH WIND PROJECT IN SASKATCHEWAN



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ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER VOL. 1

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Kind regards,



Ben Greenhouse,
Senior Vice President of Business Development
Potentia Renewables Inc.

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- ◆ Expected Timeline
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OPEN HOUSE

Join us in person to learn more about the proposed Ellershouse III Wind Project timelines, environmental surveys and impacts, and socioeconomic benefits. Meet the development team, ask questions, and provide feedback.

November 10, 2021

6:00 – 9:00 PM

St. Louise Union Church

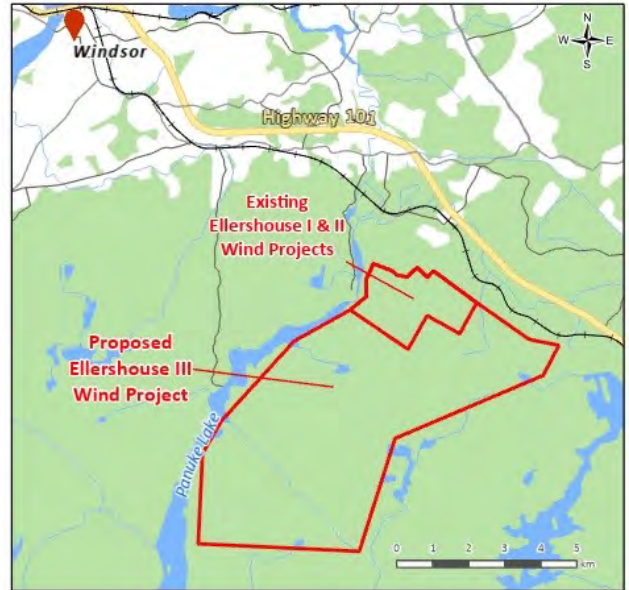
16 Maple Avenue, Ellershouse, NS

If you cannot attend the in-person event or prefer to attend online, we welcome you join us for a Virtual Open House. Additional details and a registration link will be available on our project website.

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EXPECTED TIMELINE



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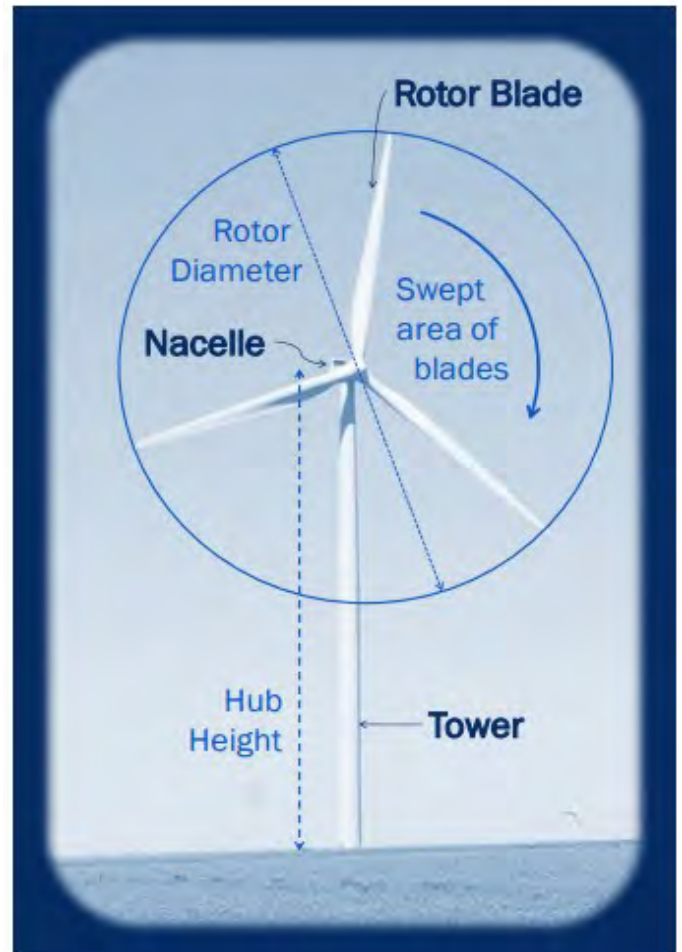
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Our philosophy stems from the fundamental belief that long-term economic growth should not and need not be achieved at the expense of the environment. Our mission is to safely and sustainably build and operate renewable energy projects for generations to come. We look forward to working with you and your community in building the future of energy today.

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YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

We pride ourselves as a developer that actively engages and communicates with the local community. In addition to our upcoming in person and virtual Open Houses, our team looks forward to hearing your questions or comments through our Project website or email, provided below.

We have attached a comment form to this newsletter that you can return and provide your feedback. You can scan and email the filled form, return it by mail, or visit our website to complete a digital feedback form. We look forward to receiving your comment form as your input plays an important role in the development of our Project.

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER VOL. 2

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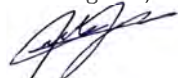
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As we have continued to refine the Project over the last few months in preparation for submission to Nova Scotia’s Rate Base Procurement in May 2022, we have incorporated the community’s feedback and developed a preliminary Project layout included for review with this newsletter. Minor changes to the Project design may continue to be made based on public feedback, environmental constraints, and technical requirements.

We would like to hear from you, and we welcome any comments, suggestions, questions, and concerns you might have. Please provide your thoughts on the comment form included with this newsletter. Our contact information is also included below should you wish to reach out to us directly.

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Manager, Project Development
Potentia Renewables Inc.

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- ◆ Project Update
- ◆ RFP and Project Timeline
- ◆ Providing Your Feedback
- ◆ Project Layout Map

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PROJECT UPDATE

Since our November 2021 newsletter and open house, the Project has been further refined by incorporating stakeholder and community feedback, technical, environmental, and economic considerations. The attached, updated Project map shows a preliminary Project layout with 12 proposed turbine locations for the 66 MW Project.

Please note the Project layout may change as the Project is developed and further refined. The final locations of turbines and associated infrastructure are dependent on many factors, including turbine technology, environmental field studies, community input, and technical and economic considerations. We welcome any input you may have on the proposed Project layout and confirm we will continue to consult with the community on the layout or other Project changes.

RFP AND PROJECT TIMELINE



NOVA SCOTIA RATE BASE PROCUREMENT RFP TIMELINE

On February 11, 2022, the Rate Base Procurement (RBP) Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued by CustomerFirst Renewables, the Procurement Administrator acting on behalf of the Nova Scotia Government. The RFP sets out the requirements and scoring criteria for proposals due mid-May 2022. The results of the RFP are expected to be announced in August 2022. Selected Projects are expected to execute a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Nova Scotia Power Inc. in October 2022.

If the Project is selected for the RBP portfolio and executes a PPA, the Project is expected to be built by December 2024 and operate for approximately 25 years. Further information on the RBP RFP is available at novascotiarbp.com.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Environmental and technical studies will continue for the Project throughout 2022, and Project permitting will start in mid- or late-2022. Environmental field studies, including bird, bat, wildlife, and habitat studies, will conclude in Fall 2022, and an Environmental Assessment (EA) Registration document is expected to be submitted in December 2022. Approval of the EA by Nova Scotia Environment could be issued as early as February 2023. We will continue to consult with the community during the development of the Project through open houses, newsletters, phone calls, emails or the Project website.

Project interconnection studies have been completed, and an Interconnection and Operating Agreement with Nova Scotia Power has been executed. The Project is expected to start construction as early as Q1 2024 and be in operation by Q4 2024.






ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT

Notes:

1. Produced March 22, 2022
2. Coordinate system: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 20N
3. Data sources include: ESRI.

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Legend

-  Proposed Ellershouse Turbine Location
-  Existing Ellershouse Turbine Location
-  Property Boundary



Legislation will make producers responsible for recycling packaging

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Amanda MacDougall's passion for environmental issues long preceded her role as mayor of Nova Scotia's second largest municipality. "This is a good news story," MacDougall, the mayor of Cape Breton Municipality, said of the Progressive Conservative government's enviro-goals legislation that is expected to pass through the House this week. "My heart is in the world of environmental advocacy so showing that we can do things and we can support business and we can do things that also support our planet, that's perfect, we need to find that balance."

The balance found in one of the 28 legislated goals proposed in the officially named Environmental Goals and Change Reduction Act is a provision to develop and legislate an extended producer responsibility policy for Nova Scotia.

"The gist of EPR is that it shifts the end of life cost to deal with products, in this particular instance its printed paper and packaging, onto the producer rather than the municipal units," said MacDougall, who along with her mayoral duties acts as vice-president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, which represents the province's 49 municipal units.

"Right now what is happening in Nova Scotia is essentially taxpayers are paying twice for the majority of the printed paper and packaging that is being produced and used here," MacDougall said. "Corporations like Sobeys and bigger companies that have head offices outside of Nova Scotia but operate here, they already pay into the EPR funds, so they are paying for that and that goes to the price of the product but taxpayers are also paying for it because part of their municipal taxes are going to dealing with these types of products."

MacDougall said municipalities have been pushing for a provincial EPR program for the past decade and it will be one of the resolutions NSFM discusses at its virtual fall conference to be held Wednesday and Thursday.

The NSFM resolution says Nova Scotia municipalities spend more than \$25 million a year to collect and process blue bag materials, printed paper and packaging (PPP) and that co-ordinated PPP recycling programs exist in many other provinces, but not in Nova Scotia.

"In other provinces, these programs are funded by the



CBRM Mayor Amanda MacDougall welcomes provincial environmental legislation that will bring in extended producer responsibility for recycling printed paper and packaging. **DAVID JALA • CAPE BRETON POST**

companies that produce PPP, who incorporate the costs of the recycling programs into their national product pricing," the resolution information says.

MacDougall said municipalities do not have the jurisdiction to make EPR happen without provincial legislation.

"Industry develops a framework of how these products are going to be collected and dealt with, municipalities can then tap into larger funds, often times national funds," MacDougall said. "For us, I think it would equate to about \$16 million for the province and it all comes back to, like most of our waste, you get so much for dealing with this tonnage, or how much is collected."

Tim Halman, the environment and climate change minister, said when the House adjourns, Nova Scotians can expect to see their environment minister on their doorsteps seeking input on expanding the province's limited EPR program to paper products and plastic packaging.

"Like I say to my kids when you go to Toys R US and you get that obscene amount of plastic around your toys, that's going to come to an end," Halman said. "That's going to be very challenging for companies to put that on the market. Frankly that's the next stage in the circular economy. Those packaging practices have to go away. That's what we're going to be focused on."

The concept is that companies that have to pay to recycle packaging and printed paper will produce less of it.

Halman said there is a lot of work to be done on regulations to make EPR happen by 2023.

"I think this is going to be a great point of collaboration between our municipal units and the provincial government," Halman said. "I want to signal to the municipalities of our province that the provincial government is looking forward to working with them to expand extended producer responsibility." MacDougall said EPR

requires balance to protect small business in the province.

"Really, it comes down to less than one per cent," of Nova Scotia businesses that would be tagged with EPR fees, she said.

"If a business makes under a de minimis (minimal) amount, they're exempt. We're not talking about a

local pizza shop because they use pizza boxes that are printed. It is the person or company that actually produces those boxes."

Tony Mancini, a municipal councillor on Halifax regional council and chairman of HRM's environment and sustainability committee, said 80 per cent of the country's population already live in provinces that have adopted EPR programs.

"We don't know all the details yet but to hear the minister is making this a priority, we are very excited here in HRM but also all my colleagues and all the other municipalities are very excited," Mancini said.

"When you buy something, a certain percentage of that purchase goes to EPR," he said. "It's long overdue."

Halman said when the goals are legislated, the next phase will be to develop a plan by the spring of 2022 to implement the goals.

"This gets us calibrated, this sets the path, it sets the certainty," Halman said. "It signals to municipalities we're moving on it, it's legislated. Legislation is powerful, it compels government to act and it holds government to a very high level of accountability and transparency."



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CHESTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Community Economic Development Officer

The Municipality is seeking a full-time Community Economic Development Officer who will be accountable for implementing actions associated with Council's Municipal Economic Development Strategy and strategic priorities.

The successful candidate must have a degree, diploma or equivalent from a post-secondary institution in Business/Public Administration, Economic Development, or similar field of study; or equivalent experience with a minimum of 1-3 years' experience.

For further details, please obtain or view a copy of the Job Description on the Municipality's website at www.chester.ca or request a copy at employment@chester.ca.

This competition will remain open until successfully filled. Please send your resume along with three professional references, in confidence, using one of the following options:

- By email at employment@chester.ca
- By fax at 902-275-4771
- By mail to: Pamela Myra, Municipal Clerk, 151 King Street, PO Box 369, Chester, NS B0J 1J0

While we thank you for your interest, only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Chester is committed to treating people fairly, with respect and dignity, and to offering equal employment opportunities based upon an individual's qualifications and performance — free from discrimination or harassment because of Age, Race, Colour, Religion, Creed, Ethnic, national or aboriginal origin, Sex (including pregnancy and pay equity), Sexual orientation, Physical disability, Mental disability, Family status, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, or other protected characteristics, in accordance with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Code.

The Municipality of Chester is committed to the principles of the *Accessibility Act*. As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment, and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities. If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact employment@chester.ca.



PROPOSED PANUKE LAKE & ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECTS



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NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on November 3, 2021, Dexter Construction Company Limited registered the Whycoomagh Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand an existing quarry located at 5505 Whycoomagh Port Hood Road, Churchview, Inverness County, Nova Scotia. The existing quarry has been in operation for over 20 years. The land associated with the expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of 10.0 hectares, which includes the existing quarry footprint. A project life of up to 40 years is expected. The expanded quarry will support continued extraction and production of aggregate products used primarily in the road construction industry in Inverness County. It is expected that the continued use of the quarry will be identical, or very similar, to historic use at the site. The project is anticipated to commence during the 2022 construction season with production volumes of approximately 50,000 tonnes per year during years in which the quarry is active.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Canada Post, 115 Main Street, Whycoomagh, NS
- Charlene's Bayside Restaurant and Cafe, 9657 NS-105, Whycoomagh, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, Regional Office: 218 MacSween Street, Suite 12, Port Hawkesbury, NS (Due to COVID-19 protocol, advance scheduling is recommended. Please call 902-625-0791 to schedule a time.)
- NSE EA website (when available) <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:
Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment
P.O. Box 442, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8
on or before December 3, 2021 or contact the Department at 902-424-3600, 902-424-6925 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@novascotia.ca

All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department's website for public viewing. In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department's website.

Down blankets are light and warm

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CATHY REID
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This is the dampest time of the year, late fall, when it feels warm if you are in the sun, and the air is cold if you aren't. It's the same in the house. We don't quite need the heat on full blast, but nights are getting chilly.

It's time for a Twin Ducks Inc. down blanket. This fully Canadian company is dedicated to helping Canadians find comfort and warmth while sleeping. They manufacture many down items, from duvets to pillows and more. Their down blankets are very popular. Why is a

down blanket a great addition to your bed? Lighter and less expensive than a proper duvet, a down blanket has pockets filled with goose and duck down, with some white duck feathers for bulk, to keep you warm. It is washable too.

Here is why down works to give a comfortable night's sleep, be it goose, duck or a combination of both. Down is naturally hypoallergenic and has all been sanitized to guarantee lasting hygienic freshness along with odour protection. What this means for you is a product that resists dust mites, bacteria, mould and mildew growth. Your body releases heat at night, so some of which ends up as condensation in the bedding. Without you even noticing, you can have a moisture build-up if your bedding doesn't breathe, which can turn ugly. Trapped moisture can make you feel clammy and chilled, as well as creating



Twin Ducks Inc. down blankets help provide warmth and comfort on chilly fall nights. **CONTRIBUTED**

odor-building bacteria. The down blankets are machine wash and dry. Yes, you can put your down blanket into the washer, give it a good wash in cold water with mild detergent and then tumble it dry on a low setting in the dryer. This makes the blankets particularly useful for children or those who want the warmth of down without the cost of dry-cleaning a much

larger and bulkier duvet, both environmentally and in dollars. The washability is possible because of the construction of the blanket itself. Seven-inch square pockets are stitched through cotton fabric, enclosing the down so it cannot shift out of place. This means the warmth is where you need it most, over your body where heat is generated. The casing is

230c, down proof (important for washing, as you don't want a dryer full of white fluff), and 100 per cent cotton. The outside edge is completely bound in satin binding for a lovely soft finish. The down and cotton are natural fibres and very breathable, so your body can self-regulate heat as you sleep.

Down blankets are available in sizes from twin to king, and in two colours, a soft white and a darker gray. Use one as a lightweight duvet combined with a cotton spread or a quilt to boost the warmth factor. We need to be warm and comfortable to obtain that good night's sleep.

Did you know? Vikings were the first recorded users of duvets.

Cathy Reid is the owner of Absolutely Fabulous at Home in New Minas and offers information on consumer products every week.

Tune out news during stressful times

FINANCIAL FOCUS



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Your phone dings. Another news alert. Do you reach for your phone immediately, eager to see the latest update?

While technology makes it tempting to stay connected 24/7, sometimes the best thing you can do for your

health – and your long-term financial strategy – is to tune it out. Here are some ways to tune out negativity during uncertain times.

Put down the phone and turn off the news. Allow yourself just one hour of news time each day, preferably in the middle of the day. This ensures you don't start or end your day anxious. It's important to stay informed, but once a day should suffice.

Focus on the positive: List the top five (or more) things you're grateful for each day. Your list may be the same from day to day or it could change based on

the past day's experience. It could be as simple as being thankful for the roof over your head or a smile from a stranger as you walk your neighbourhood.

Get physical: You've probably heard it before, and that's because it's true – physical activity is just as healthy for your mind as it is for your body. This doesn't mean you have to train for a marathon or become a yoga guru. Start small. Simply going for a walk or doing basic stretches can help keep your mind and body at their best.

Connect with family and friends: Having

a strong support system is important during good times, but even more so during challenging ones. Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a while to see how they're doing. Send a text or card or give them a call. If your family is spread out across the country, use digital apps to connect and play games.

Stick to a schedule: When you're stressed, it often takes a toll on your sleep schedule. Keeping a consistent routine can help. Get up and go to bed at the same times each day, even on weekends. Know your stress triggers and pay attention

when you notice them flaring up.

While it's important to be aware of what's going on in the world, focusing on the bad news won't help your financial strategy or your health. Remember, you're in it for the long term.

Catherine Metzger-Silver is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Kentville. Connect with her on Facebook at E.J. Advisor Catherine Metzger-Silver, by email at catherine.metzger-silver@edwardjones.com or by phone at 902-691-2900. Edward Jones is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.

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WOLFVILLE STREET WORK



The Town of Wolfville is reminding residents and visitors that construction of utility and drainage improvements, additional parking stalls and sidewalk from the Visitor Information Centre to King Street is now underway. Willow Avenue will be closed to all non-local vehicular traffic for up to six weeks, beginning Oct. 12. Pedestrians are urged to stay clear of the construction zone but may continue to use unaffected areas of Willow Park. The Magic Winery Tour Bus will be accommodated. Loading and unloading of passengers will still take place on Willow Avenue near the Visitor Information Centre but passengers will have to park elsewhere. For more information, contact the Town of Wolfville's Department of Public Works at 902-542-5767. **KIRK STARRATT • VALLEY JOURNAL ADVERTISER**

Kings and West Hants court report

ENVIRONMENT ACT OFFENCES LEADS TO FINES

Rawa Saba, carrying on business as Mimi's Pizza in Greenwood, has been fined for two offences under the Environment Act. They include failing to test samples as required by the Guidelines for Monitoring Public Drinking Water Supplies; and contravening a directive contrary to the Environment Act.

Saba was present in provincial court with an interpreter on Oct. 21 and changed pleas to guilty on the two charges. Judge Ronda Van Der Hoek fined Saba \$697.50 for failing to test water samples as required and \$575 for contravening a directive issued under the Environment Act.

Saba committed the offences in Greenwood between Nov. 10, 2018, and Nov. 10, 2020.

Charges of failing to sample, test, and monitor a drinking water supply for microbiological quality; failing to sample, test and monitor a drinking water supply for general chemical and physical quality; and failing to record results of tests and forward them in accordance with the Guidelines for Monitoring

Public Drinking Water Supplies were dismissed on Oct. 21 with the Crown offering no evidence.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR HAVING STOLEN PROPERTY

Lawrence Wesley McCully, 47, of Hilden, Colchester County, has been handed a suspended sentence with probation for possessing stolen property, an all-terrain vehicle, of a value exceeding \$5,000.

McCully changed his plea to guilty on Oct. 21. Judge Christopher Manning handed McCully a suspended sentence with 18 months of probation.

The court granted a stand-alone restitution order for \$8,738.90 to the benefit of Echelon Insurance; and granted a standalone restitution order for \$7,000 payable to the victim.

McCully committed the offence in Woodville on Oct. 21, 2020.

A charge of transferring the possession of an all-terrain vehicle with intent to conceal or convert the property while knowing it had been obtained by the commission of the offence of theft over \$5,000 was dismissed on Oct. 21.

HOUSE ARREST FOR POSSESSING PROCEEDS OF CRIME, CANNABIS

Steven Thane Upshaw, 31, of Windsor, will serve a period of imprisonment in the community after pleading guilty to two offences.

They include possessing the proceeds of crime to a value exceeding \$5,000 and unlawfully possessing cannabis for the purpose of distribution.

Upshaw changed his pleas to guilty on Oct. 18. He was handed a nine-month conditional sentence order, including house arrest for the first four-and-a-half months and daily curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the remaining time.

The court granted a forfeiture order under the Cannabis Act for property seized and imposed a 10-year firearm prohibition against Upshaw in relation to the charge of possessing cannabis for the purpose of distribution.

Upshaw committed the offences in Kings County between June 6, 2019, and March 16, 2020. Charges of unlawfully possessing illicit cannabis and unlawfully possessing cannabis for the purpose of selling it were dismissed on Oct. 18.

MAN GIVEN CONDITIONAL SENTENCE WITH HOUSE ARREST

Nigel Raymond Upshaw, 37, of Bishopville, has been handed a conditional sentence order, including house arrest, for two offences.

They include possessing the proceeds of crime to a value exceeding \$5,000 and unlawfully possessing cannabis for the purpose of distribution.

Upshaw changed his pleas to guilty on Oct. 18. He was handed a six-month conditional sentence order, including house arrest for the first three months, to be followed by daily curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the remaining three months.

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MAN FINED FOR BREATHALYZER OFFENCE

Matthew Bryn Jones, 40, of Kentville, has been fined for having a blood alcohol concentration equal to or exceeded the legal limit within two hours after ceasing to operate a conveyance.


Jones pleaded guilty to the charge on July 20. The court imposed a one-year driving prohibition against Jones, and the matter was adjourned to allow time for a pre-sentence report to be prepared and for sentencing.

On Oct. 21, Judge Christopher Manning fined Jones \$2,000 and sentenced him to 18 months of probation.

Jones committed the offence in Kentville on Jan. 5.

The legal blood alcohol limit is 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood. Jones gave breathalyzer readings of 230 and 220.

Charges of operating a conveyance while his ability to do so was impaired to any degree by alcohol or a drug or both; and failing to stop his vehicle, give his name and address and offer assistance having been involved in an accident were withdrawn on Oct. 21.



West Hants
something inspiring awaits

Virtual Public Hearing
Tuesday,
November 23, 2021
6:00 pm
West Hants Municipal Building
76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS

A Public Hearing will be held to receive comments on a proposed amendment to the Civic Addressing By-law which would allow Council to change a road or street name if Council feels it necessary for the safety of residents.

The public hearing will be held on November 23 by Council. It will be available on the Municipal Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RMWindsorWestHants.

If you would like to virtually attend the meeting, or have comments or questions, please contact Madelyn LeMay by 12:00 noon November 16 at 902-798-8391 ext. 114 or mlemay@westhants.ca

Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk



Before we got the work done [through HomeWarming], we couldn't walk in the basement it was so cold. You had to put a coat on.
- Judy and Francis Welsh, Mulgrave, Nova Scotia

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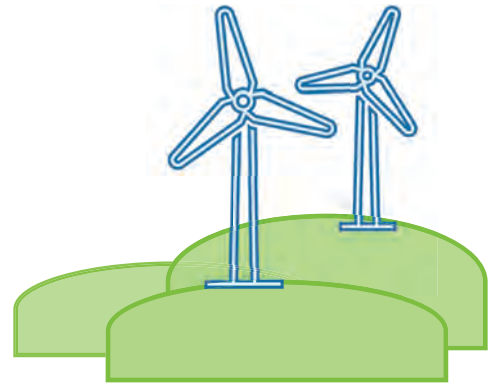
We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We also acknowledge the Peace & Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognize that we are all Treaty People.

The Ellershouse III Wind Project is being proposed by Potentia Renewables Inc. (PRI), a leading Canadian renewable energy developer, in partnership with the Alternative Energy Resource Authority (AREA), a clean energy development company owned by the municipalities of Antigonish, Berwick, and Mahone Bay.

We are here to provide more information about the Ellershouse III Wind Project, our companies, the team members, and hear your questions and feedback.



ABOUT PRI & AREA



Potentia Renewables Inc. (PRI) is a Canadian developer, owner, and operator of renewable energy assets with over 1,100 MW across ~800 solar and wind projects that are in operation, under construction or under contract.

PRI is owned by Power Energy Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Power Corporation Canada, a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

PRI's team has developed and constructed, and/or owns and operates one-third of the rooftop solar installations and 10% of built wind capacity in Canada.



The Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) is comprised of three municipalities in Nova Scotia: Mahone Bay, Antigonish, and Berwick.

Collectively the municipalities own AREA, and AREA owns and operates the 23.5 MW Ellershouse I & II wind farms.

In 2020, AREA conducted an RFP to select a development partner and chose PRI to develop and submit the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake wind projects for the upcoming Nova Scotia procurements.

WIND ENERGY PROJECT BENEFITS



- Nova Scotia has set a renewable electricity target of 80% by 2030, and a greenhouse gas reduction goal of 53% (below 2005 levels) by 2050. Wind energy projects like ours will help the province reach its renewables mandate and emissions reduction goals.
- Wind is now the lowest cost option for new electricity generation in Canada.
- Wind turbines generate electricity without producing greenhouse gasses or air pollution - and the fuel is free and renewable!

How do wind energy projects support the local community?

Economic Support & Development

- Annual contribution of \$1000 per turbine to a local community fund for the duration of the 25-year renewable energy contract
- Wind energy projects will enhance the community's economic development by providing additional tax revenue to the Municipality of the District of West Hants
- Wind energy projects will also create construction jobs and increase demand for local supplies and services, such as food and lodging

Training, Skills Development & Shared Knowledge

- We work to understand local employment and training gaps and help fill them
- We create opportunities for local training within provincial institutions
- We can provide access to our wind energy project sites with tours offered to the local community

Employment Opportunities

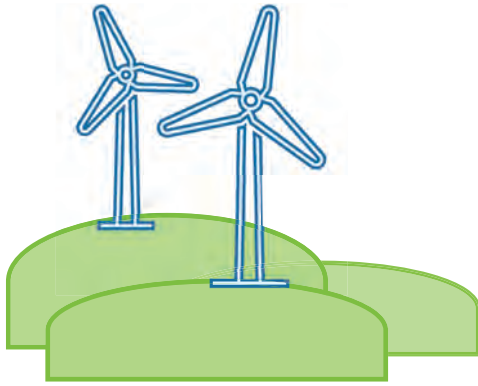
- As the projects develop further, the opportunity for local employment will increase
- A variety of full time and part time suppliers, contractors and local consultants will be required to build, operate and maintain the projects long-term

Student Bursaries

- Bursary initiatives to be discussed with local partners
- We are open to receiving suggestions from the community

Input for Local Programs

- As we continue to expand our local partners, PRI is open to working with the community and participating in current programs that have already been established



WIND ENERGY 101

Wind Turbines

When the wind blows, the blades of the wind turbine generate lift which turns the rotor, spinning a generator inside the nacelle and generating electricity.

Modern wind turbines range anywhere from 95 to 120 metres in hub height, and each of the 3 blades can range between 60 and 80 metres in length. On average, the final footprint of the turbine is about 20 by 20 metres.

Electrical Interconnection

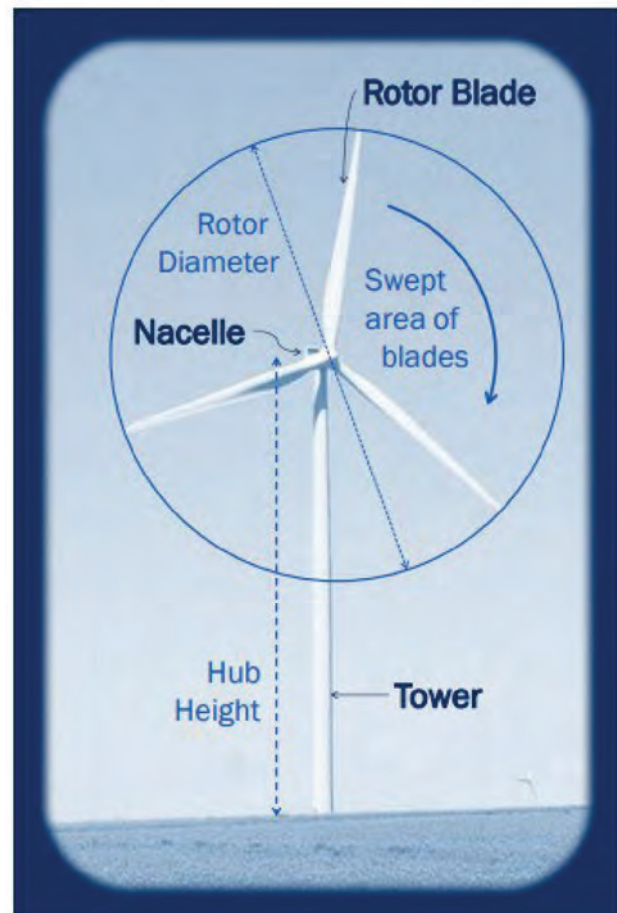
The wind turbines are connected by an electrical collector system that meets at the substation. The electricity is then converted to the correct voltage and exported to the transmission system for people to use.

Access Roads

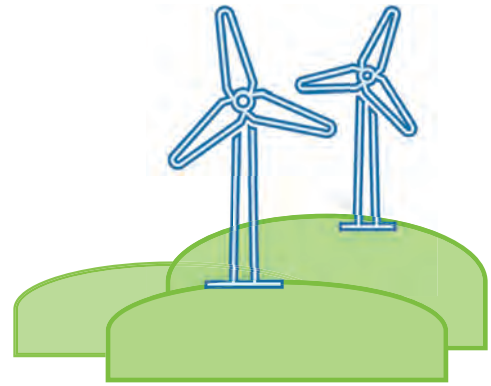
Each turbine will have its own access road. Each Access Road is typically 6 metres in width.

Other Infrastructure

Temporary laydown and storage areas, a permanent operation and maintenance building, and upgrades of local roads may also be required.



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS



Environmental Assessment (EA):

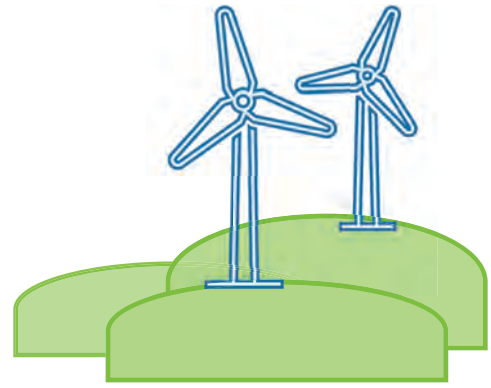
- An EA is required by Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) for wind energy projects 2 MW or larger to assess any potential effects of a project on the natural environment, community stakeholders and the public
- An EA is used to identify potential environmental effects at an early stage in project development to help inform project planning and layout
- Public consultation is an integral part of this process - the community is invited to comment on the EA during the government review period
- A submitted EA is reviewed by NSECC and other relevant government agencies before a decision is issued
- The Nova Scotia Minister of Environment only provides approval once satisfied that potential environmental effects will be minimized

Proponent submits Environmental Assessment (EA)

NSECC reviews EA submission over a 50-day period
The first 30 days are open to public comments provided to NSECC for consideration

Decision and approval conditions, if approved, issued by Minister of Environment

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Wildlife

- Migratory bird and other wildlife will be studied for a minimum of one year prior to EA submission to understand abundance and species diversity
- Bats are studied during the spring, summer, and fall seasons when they are active within the same year

Plants

- The local plant community is studied to identify wildlife habitats and the presence of rare plant species so that the habitats and plants can be avoided, and potential impacts can be mitigated

Wetlands and Watercourses

- Wetlands and watercourses are delineated in the field to validate desktop studies and to confirm infrastructure setbacks
- Watercourses and water bodies are evaluated for the presence of fish and fish habitat

Geotechnical

- Understanding the local geology will help us with the design, engineering and construction of the project

Sound and Shadow Flicker

- Computer modelling will help us understand the predicted sound levels at local receptors to ensure regulatory levels are met
- Modelling can also identify shadow flicker amounts that could result from our layout

Visual Simulation

- Visual simulations help us, and the community understand what the project will look like from various viewpoints once it is built

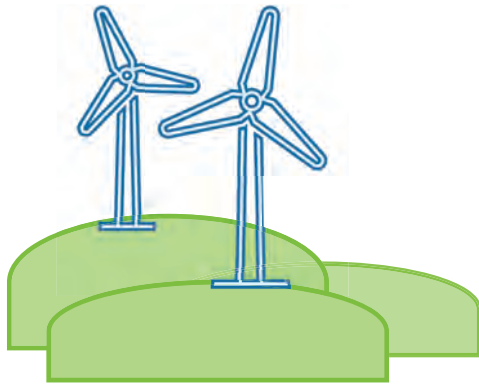
Cultural and Heritage Resources

- Desktop and field studies will help us understand the cultural and heritage resources in the area and to avoid or mitigate for sensitive features
- A Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge (MEK) study will be conducted to gather traditional ecological knowledge in the project area

Socio-economic Assessment

- An evaluation of the potential impacts of the project on social and economic factors (e.g., employment, transportation, recreation) will be included in our EA





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are committed to listening to and engaging with the community. Community members will play leading roles with early planning activities, including:

- Providing key information about the local area, including sensitive or unique environmental, cultural or community features, and locations of potential receptors
- Helping develop a list of local businesses and services that could work with us
- Volunteering for the Community Liaison Committee



If you are interested in joining the CLC or know of a good candidate, please contact us by email or by visiting the project website:

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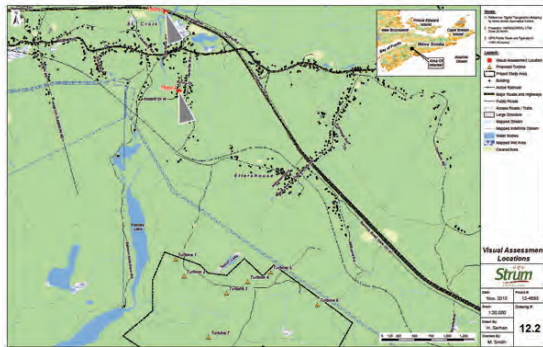
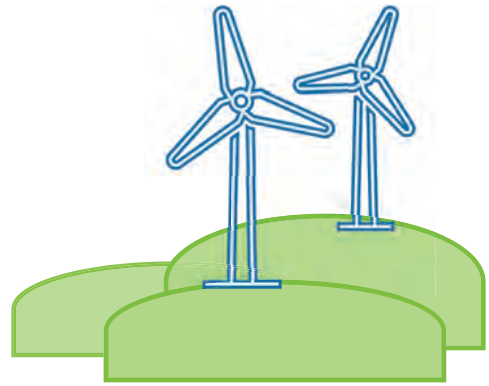
The Community Liaison Committee (CLC):

- Serves as a link between the community and the development team
- Brings local ideas, concerns, and interests to the table
- Represents landowners, residents, business-people, and community groups and/or organizations
- Meets 3-4 times a year
- Voluntary commitment
- Does not require that you are in favour of the project



**HAVE A COMMENT OR SUGGESTION?
FILL OUT A COMMENT FORM OR SPEAK TO A TEAM MEMBER**

VISUAL ASSESSMENT



Visual simulations help us, and the community, understand what the wind project will look like once it is built.

At this early stage in development, we have not finalized layouts, so we have provided an **example of a visual assessment from the existing Ellershouse Wind Farm** below.

The two photomontages show the Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms from vantage points in the local area as indicated on the map above. A photomontage takes into account turbine dimensions, turbine locations, local topography, photo location and direction.

Visual simulations will be created when we develop our layouts further and will be included in later newsletters and on our project websites.

EXAMPLE FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY



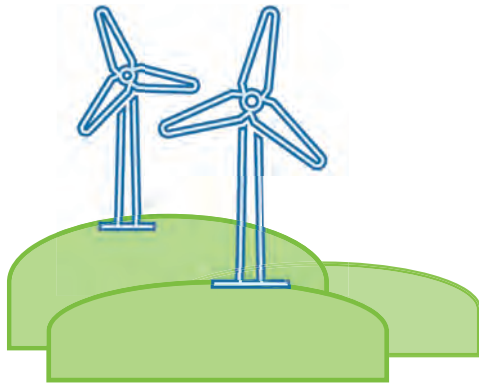
Photo 1: Photomontage showing a simulated view from Highway 101 near St. Croix looking southeast towards the existing Ellershouse Wind Farm

EXAMPLE FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY



Photo 2: Photomontage showing a simulated view from Bobbit Dr W in St. Croix looking southeast towards the existing Ellershouse Wind Farm

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY VIEWPOINTS THAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD MODEL IN OUR VISUAL SIMULATIONS!



SOUND AND SHADOW

Sound Modelling

- Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) requires a sound level of no more than 40 dBA outside a home or dwelling
- 40 dBA is equivalent to the sound of a quiet rural area or a household refrigerator
- Sound modelling will be conducted to understand the level of sound that may be experienced at homes and dwellings in the area and to guide our turbine layout to ensure sound levels meet regulatory limits
- A noise impact assessment report will be included in the EA document to be reviewed by NSECC

Shadow Flicker

- Shadow flicker is created when moving shadows are cast by rotating turbine blades in the sun
- Occurs under specific meteorological conditions when rotating blades are positioned directly between the sun and the viewer
- Shadow flicker will be modelled when developing a turbine layout to understand the amount of shadow flicker that could be experienced at homes or dwellings in the area
- A shadow flicker modelling report will be included in the EA document to be reviewed by NSECC

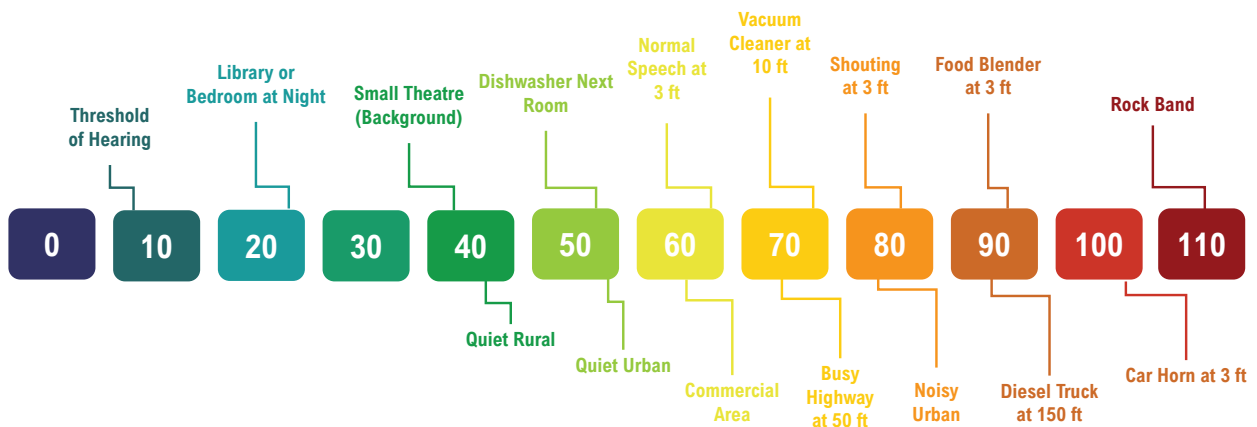


Diagram adapted from the Federal Aviation Administration's "Comparative Noise Levels" found on https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/policy_guidance/noise/basics/

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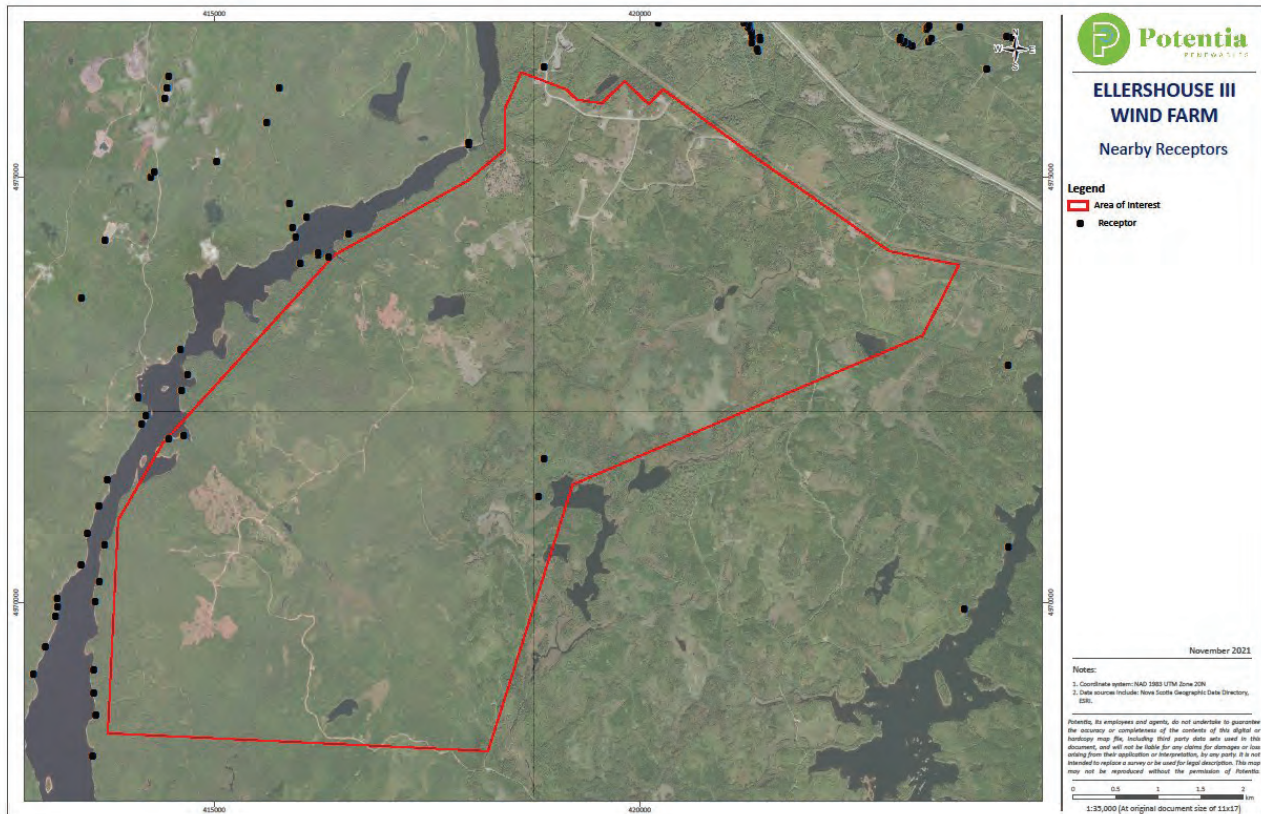


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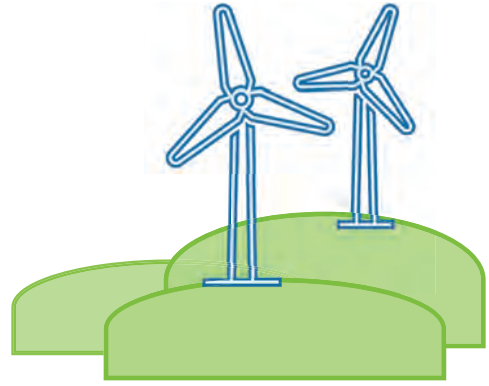
Please review the project area maps below that include locations of dwellings or buildings of interest. These potential receptors will be used in our sound and shadow flicker modelling.

Do you know of any receptors that may be missing from the maps?

Speak to a representative or fill out a comment form to let us know!



NOVA SCOTIA RENEWABLE PROCUREMENT



RATE BASE PROCUREMENT

In July 2021, the Nova Scotia government announced that it will add 350 MW of renewable, low impact electricity to the provincial electricity grid through a Rate Base Procurement (RBP).

The province will issue a request for proposal (RFP) to independent power producers like PRI to develop renewable energy projects and sell electricity to Nova Scotia Power Inc. under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

RFP TIMELINE

Province of Nova Scotia

Additional details about the RBP are available online at www.novascotiarp.com

**AUG 13,
2021**

Draft RFP
released

**EARLY NOV
2021**

Second Draft
RFP expected

**DEC
2021**

Final RFP
expected

FEB 2022

Project
proposals
expected

MAY 2022

RFP Results
expected to be
announced

GREEN CHOICE PROGRAM

Depending on how successful we are with our submission in the RBP, the projects may be submitted to the Nova Scotia Green Choice Program (GCP) procurement, which will follow RBP procurement. The size and timeline of the GCP is to be determined.

Additional details about the GCP are available online at www.novascotiagcp.com



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



2021



- Early technical studies (wind measurement, engineering, and interconnection), desktop environmental review
- Stakeholder and Mi'kmaq consultation
- Open House
- Community feedback

2022



- Submit proposal to province
- RFP winners announced
- Continued technical and environmental studies
- Ongoing consultation and community feedback
- Project permitting starts

2023



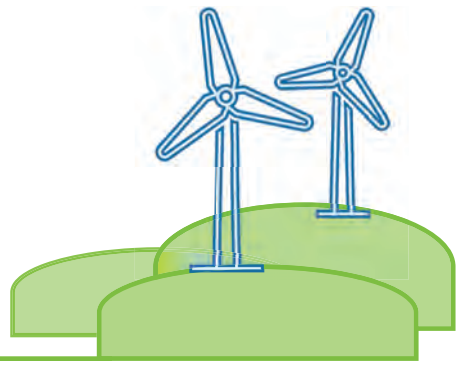
- Continued permitting
- Continued consultation and community feedback
- Detailed engineering

2024



- Construction start
- Turbine delivery and installation
- Begin operation

PROJECT INFORMATION



ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT



LOCATION

Immediately south of the existing Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms

SIZE

Planned to be up to 12 wind turbines with a capacity of 66 megawatts, producing 200,000+ megawatt-hours annually

POINT OF INTERCONNECTION

Ellershouse III would connect to the grid near the St. Croix substation

DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Construction could start in late 2023 or early 2024 and electricity could begin flowing to the grid in late 2024



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO US!

Please fill out a comment form or speak to a team member



You can contact us by email at

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ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

A reminder to please fill out a comment form for the Ellershouse III Wind Project before you go. You can leave the completed form in the box by the entrance/exit or give it to one of our team members.

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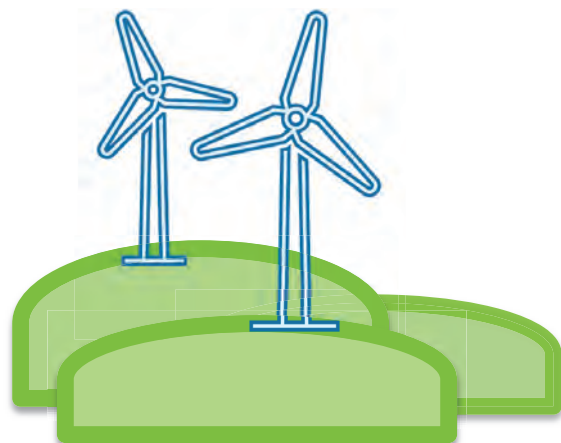
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ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT & PANUKE LAKE WIND PROJECT



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

November 23, 2021

7:30PM – 8:30PM



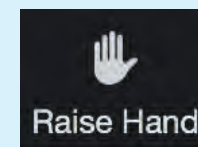
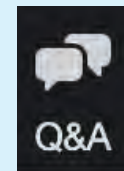
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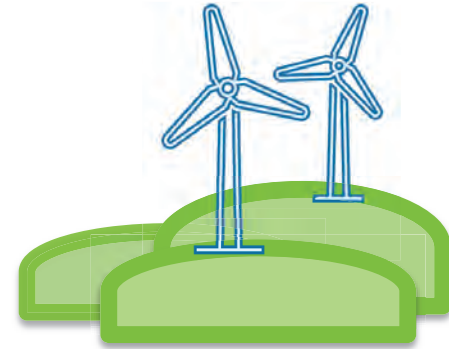
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ELLERSHOUSE III WIND PROJECT

PANUKE LAKE WIND PROJECT



- **Team Introduction**
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TEAM INTRODUCTION



Potentia Renewables Inc. (PRI) is a Canadian developer, owner, and operator of renewable energy assets with over 1,100 MW across ~800 solar and wind projects that are in operation, under construction or under contract.

PRI is owned by Power Energy Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Power Corporation Canada, a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

PRI's team has developed and constructed, and/or owns and operates one-third of the rooftop solar installations and 10% of built wind capacity in Canada.



The Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) is comprised of three municipalities in Nova Scotia: Mahone Bay, Antigonish, and Berwick.

Collectively the municipalities own AREA, and AREA owns and operates the 23.5 MW Ellershouse I & II wind farms.

In 2020, AREA conducted an RFP to select a development partner and chose PRI to develop and submit the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake wind projects for the upcoming Nova Scotia procurements.



NOVA SCOTIA PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

RATE BASE PROCUREMENT

In July 2021, the Nova Scotia government announced that it will add 350 MW of renewable, low impact electricity to the provincial electricity grid through a Rate Base Procurement (RBP).

The province will issue a request for proposal (RFP) to independent power producers like PRI to develop renewable energy projects and sell electricity to Nova Scotia Power Inc. under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

RFP TIMELINE

Province of Nova Scotia



**Early March
2022**

RFP will be
released

**Early June
2022**

Power
producers
submit
proposals

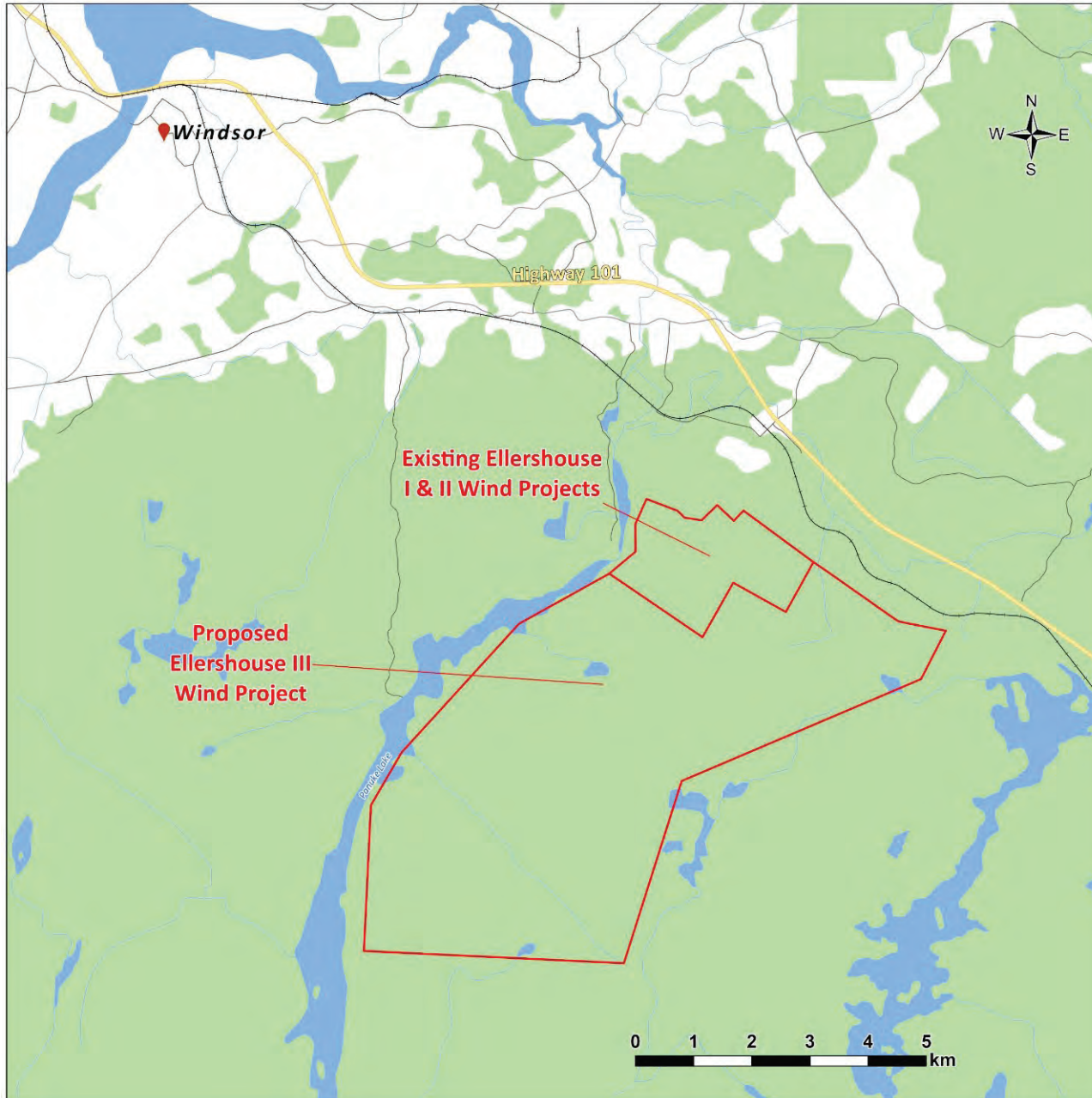
**Mid August
2022**

Successful bidder
of the RFP will be
announced

**Early October
2022**

Execution of PPA
for the selected
proposals

ELLERSHOUSE III WIND FARM: OVERVIEW



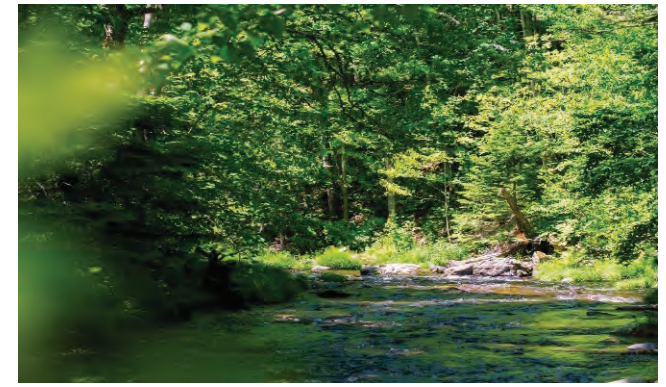
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)



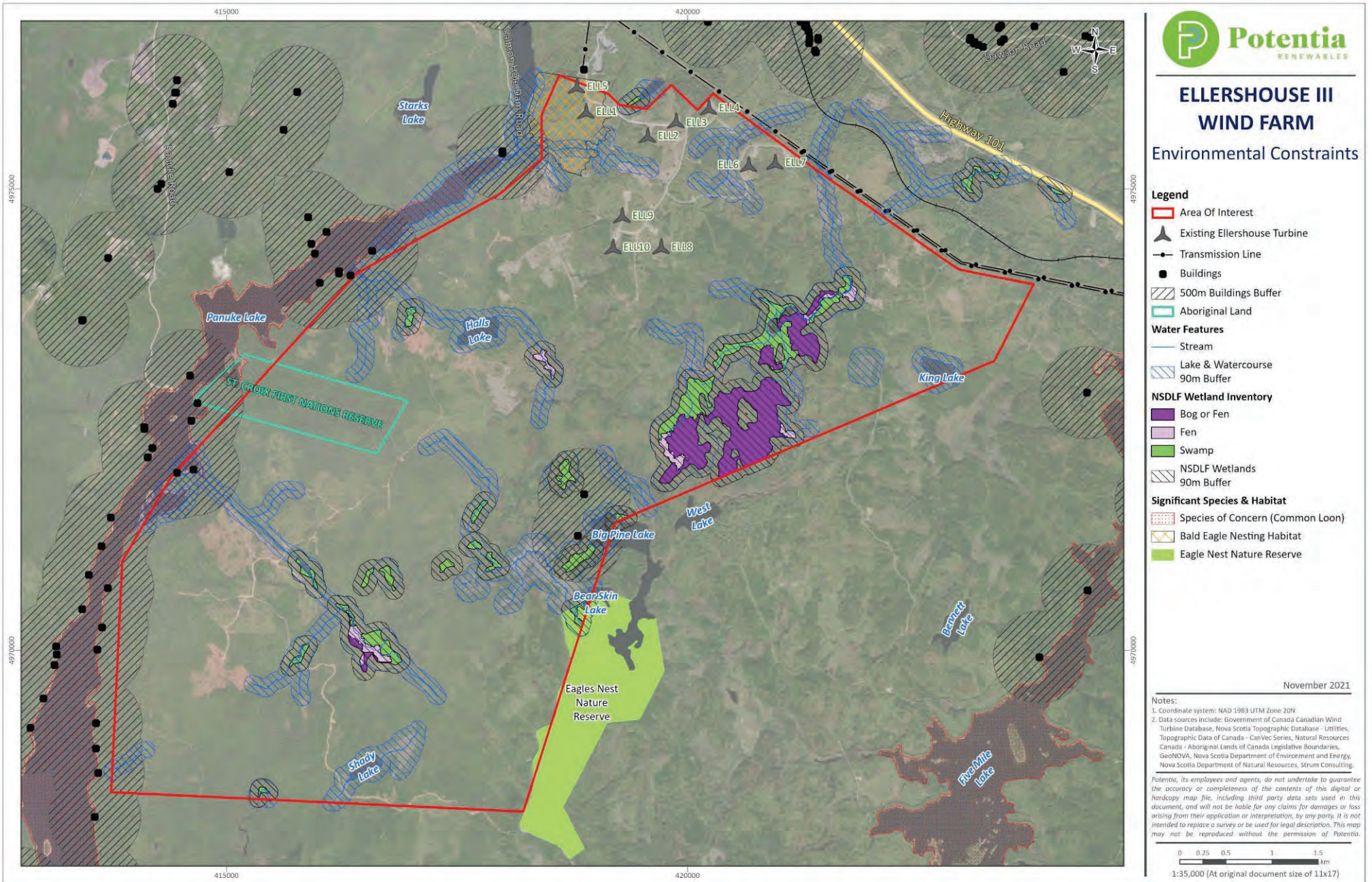
An EA is required by Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) for wind energy projects 2 MW or larger to assess any potential effects of a project on the natural environment, community stakeholders and the public

**Proponent
submits
Environmental
Assessment (EA)**

**NSECC reviews EA
submission over a 50-day
period**
**The first 30 days are open
to public comments
provided to NSECC for
consideration**

**Decision and
approval
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ELLERSHOUSE III WIND FARM: ENVIRONMENT



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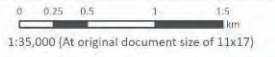
Environmental Constraints

- Legend**
- Area Of Interest
 - Existing Ellershouse Turbine
 - Transmission Line
 - Buildings
 - 500m Buildings Buffer
 - Aboriginal Land
- Water Features**
- Stream
 - Lake & Watercourse 90m Buffer
- NSDLF Wetland Inventory**
- Bog or Fen
 - Fen
 - Swamp
 - NSDLF Wetlands 90m Buffer
- Significant Species & Habitat**
- Species of Concern (Common Loon)
 - Bald Eagle Nesting Habitat
 - Eagle Nest Nature Reserve

November 2021

Notes:
 1. Coordinate system: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 20N
 2. Data sources include: Government of Canada Canadian Wind Turbine Database, Nova Scotia Topographic Database - Utilities, Topographic Data of Canada - CanVec Series, Natural Resources Canada - Aboriginal Lands of Canada Legislative Boundaries, GeoNOVA, Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Energy, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Strum Consulting

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES TO BE COMPLETED

Studies	Description
Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migratory birds and bat wildlife are studied for a minimum of one year prior to EA submission • Bats are studied during the spring, summer, and fall seasons when they are active within the same year
Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife habit and rare plant species studies
Wetland and Watercourses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delineation of wetlands in the field to validate desktop studies and confirm infrastructure setbacks • Evaluation of watercourses and waterbodies to identify presence of fish and fish habitat
Geotechnical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical studies will be conducted to understand the local geology and help with the design, engineering and construction
Sound and Shadow Flicker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling to understand the predicted sound levels at local receptors • Modeling to identify shadow flicker amounts
Visual Simulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simulations of the project from various viewpoints
Cultural and Heritage Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop and field studies for culturally- and historically-sensitive features • Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge (MEK) study will be conducted to gather traditional ecological knowledge in the project area
Socio-economic Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts of the project on social and economic factors (e.g. employment, transportation, recreation, etc.)

VISUAL ASSESSMENT AND SIMULATIONS



Visual simulations help us, and the community, understand what the wind project will look like once it is built.

At this early stage in development, we have not finalized layouts, so we have provided an **example of a visual assessment from the existing Ellershouse Wind Farm** below.



Visual simulations will be created when we develop our layouts further and will be included in later newsletters and on our project websites.

DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



2021

- Early technical studies (wind measurement, engineering, and interconnection), desktop environmental review
- Stakeholder and Mi'kmaq consultation
- Open House
- Community feedback

2022

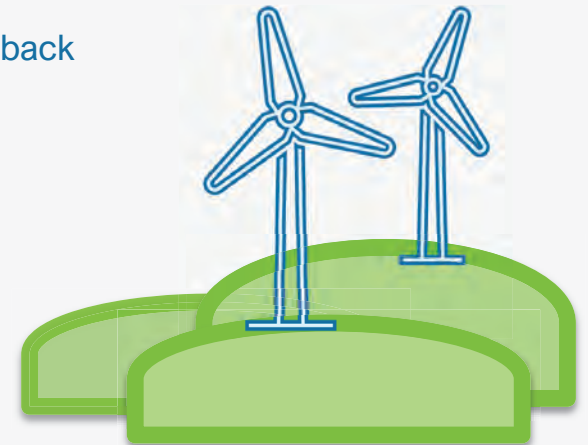
- Submit proposal to province
- RFP winners announced
- Continued technical and environmental studies
- Ongoing consultation and community feedback
- Project permitting starts

2023

- Continued permitting
- Continued consultation and community feedback
- Detailed engineering

2024

- Construction start
- Turbine delivery and installation
- Begin operation



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

How do wind energy projects support the local community?

Economic Support & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Fund – \$1,000 per turbine per year to a local community fund for the duration of the 25-year renewable energy contract• Provide additional tax revenue to the Municipality of the District of West Hants• Create construction jobs and increase demand for local supplies and services, such as food and lodging
Training, Skills Development & Shared Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work to understand local employment and training gaps and help to fill them• Create opportunities for local training with provincial institutions• Offer tours to the local community
Employment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As projects develop further, opportunities for local employment will increase• A variety of full time and part time suppliers, contractors and local consultants will be required to build, operate and maintain the project long-term
Student Bursaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be discussed with local partners• Open to receiving suggestions from the community

As we continue to expand our local partners, PRI is open to working with the community and participating in current programs that have already been established.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are committed to listening to and engaging with the community. Community members will play leading roles with early planning activities, including:

- Providing key information about the local area, including sensitive or unique environmental, cultural or community features, and locations of potential noise receptors
- Helping develop a list of local businesses and services that could work with us
- Volunteering for the Community Liaison Committee (CLC)



If you are interested in joining the CLC or know of a good candidate, please contact us by email or by visiting the project website:

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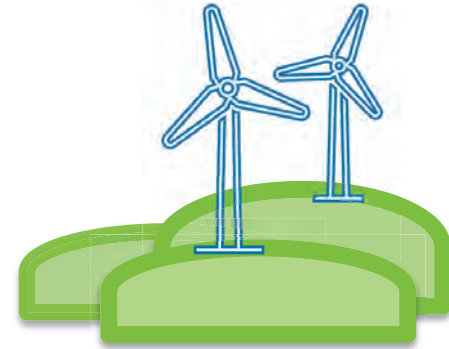
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The Community Liaison Committee (CLC):

- Serves as a link between the community and the development team
- Brings local ideas, concerns, and interests to the table
- Represents landowners, residents, business-people, and community groups and/or organizations
- Meets 3-4 times a year
- Voluntary commitment
- Does not require that you are in favour of the project

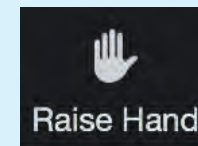
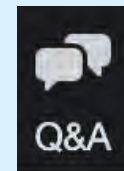
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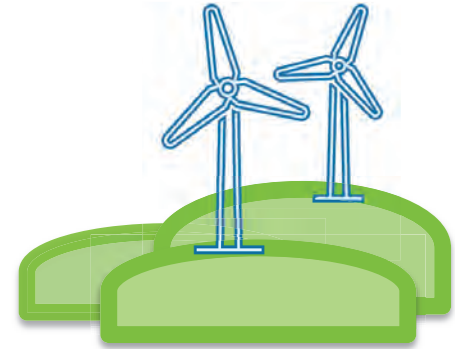
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Ellershouse 3 Open House Consultation Records
November 10, 2021

Question	Meeting notes	Ellershouse Team Response	Follow up
<p>What kind of positive comments have you heard from the attendees? (i.e. they expressed support for the project because of their positive experience with Ellershouse I & II or they think renewable energy is the future, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, attendees were supportive of the projects and are supportive of renewable energy • The local community is used to wind projects, thanks to Ellershouse I and II, and they are used to the technologies and the presence of wind farm in the community • They are happy about the projects bringing in more economic development and benefits, as well as community benefits • They are also happy about the potential new jobs that come with the projects (construction and supply) • Comments were received from people of all age range, young to old • Generally positive comments for support for renewable energy, being required in the time of climate change • Supportive because of our associated with Ellershouse I and II – general feeling that those projects had good relationship with the community • Happy to see us carry forward with the new phase – the association helps them feeling comfortable • Supportive of the projects and generally supportive of renewable energy • Happy with the fact that there will be more clean energy in the province • Had good experience with Ellershouse I and II – already educated about the technology • Expressed we have good staff that are knowledgeable and communicative • Good storyboard contents • Overall pleased community • Spoke to someone who expressed a comment about how renewable energy is needed for the future and in the community • Some suppliers were looking forward to possibly supply for the project (concrete) • Someone was making inquiry of possible job 		

Consultation Record, November 10, 2021 Open House

Question	Meeting notes	Ellershouse Team Response	Follow up
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to cottage – some attendees are happy with the road upgrades so they can get better use out of the roads, which helps to facilitate access to their cottages 		
What kind of concerns were expressed? (i.e. shadow or sound, environmental, proximity of their properties, etc.)	Someone has expressed concern about the potential impact of the projects on wildlife – general wildlife, nothing specific	Responded that we will be conducting more environmental surveys to confirm the environmental constraints we have identified; we will also be implementing necessary mitigations This person expressed satisfaction with the information presented at the open house and required no follow up	
	Few concerns – even people who expressed concerns were supportive of the projects		
	Access to cottage – one cohort worried that we would be removing some roads and reduce their access to the cottage	Responded that we are not planning to remove the roads	
	<p>Concerns with the roads – worried that it would impact their ability to do snowmobiling, plowing snow off the road</p> <p>Snowmobiling – some are worried that the roads will be maintained throughout the winter (plowing) then they cannot be used for snowmobiling anymore; asked if we can preserve some of the roads for snowmobiling</p>	Responded that we have received their concerns and we will keep that in mind when planning the roads – hard to say at the early stage of the project but for safety reasons the roads must be maintained. Asked for the people to submit these concerns to the email and mark out which roads they would like to see preserved and we will follow up with them afterwards to see if there is anything we can do for them	All Attendees that provided emails were added to the project contact list to receive updated news on the project.
	Attendee expressed concern that her camp is in the within the project area and the proximity of the turbines to the camp	Responded that the design is preliminary, and the project area is quite big – but we will abide by the necessary setbacks	At this time the Attendee has not

Consultation Record, November 10, 2021 Open House

Question	Meeting notes	Ellershouse Team Response	Follow up
		Once we have the detailed layout then we can provide her with more detail Jonathan (project Lead) provided his contact information and asked to email him with more detail	followed up with an email
	A couple was concerned that the turbines will be located too close to their cabin due to the proximity on the map (Ellershouse 3)	Upon closer inspection, it was determined that their cabin is outside of the proposed project boundary Their cabin is also located within a swamp area so we will not be building near it They have asked to see the final layout when it is ready	All Attendees that provided emails were added to the project contact list to receive updated news on the project.
	A few people were worried that the turbine will be located too close to their properties; they are supportive of building wind farms, but they raised the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple was concern because of the turbine location – concerned if it will be too close to their camp • Don't mind if they see the turbines but concerned about road construction and clearing – want to make sure that the access to their camp is not impacted <p>The couple's camp is not near the turbines and any construction of roads shouldn't affect them</p> <p>They requested a follow up for when the turbine layout is available – connected with Jonathan Bitoun and will be followed up when necessary</p>	Upon reviewing the sound and shadow map, which identified their properties, the owners realized that the turbines will be pretty far away, and they have no further concern Also informed these people that we will be adhering to a 500m setback from all properties	All Attendees that provided emails were added to the project contact list to receive updated news on the project.
In general, what kind of questions did you receive from the public? Were you able to answer them all at the open house?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, the questions received were about the upcoming plans for the projects • General questions about the size of the turbines and about the RFP, People had questions about the size of the turbines in comparison to Ellershouse I and II • Some questions about the RFP timeline and the development timeline 		

Consultation Record, November 10, 2021 Open House

Question	Meeting notes	Ellershouse Team Response	Follow up
	Specifically, from the municipalities, there was a question why the projects are in West Hants and no other municipalities	Responded that this was due to site selection	
	Someone asked what the width of the turning radius is – Andrea to follow up with answers once construction details are confirmed	She will inform the church organizers for the open house who will pass on the information	Issue was confirmed the same evening
	Attendees question distances to their cottages – proximity of turbine to cottages	A few people were more worried about the sound and the noise Not much worries about the visuals	Attendees were added to the mailing list
	Someone asked how many turbines will be constructed and the exact locations of the turbine (not shown on the map)	Responded that we will be siting the turbines based on the environmental constraints, the sound and shadow, and wind resources; final layout will be provided at a later date Person did not ask for any follow up	
Have any attendees expressed specific interests for additional consultation or engagement?	A couple requested to see the final layout (Ellershouse III) and someone from PRI will follow up with them Someone asked if we would have more community consultations in the future as we refined the layout	If the project moves forward there will be additional consultation.	All Attendees that provided emails were added to the project contact list to receive updated news on the project and the updated layout.
Have any attendees shared specific environmental, cultural, historical or community knowledge about the project site? If so, what are these?	None were shared		
Has anyone expressed interest in joining the CLC?	No one expressed interest in joining		

Consultation Record, November 10, 2021 Open House

Question	Meeting notes	Ellershouse Team Response	Follow up
Has anyone specified any areas, initiatives, charities, or organizations we should support as part of community benefits?	Local residents and community members of Ellershouse would like to see the money from the community benefits stay with them	Some of the money will stay in Ellershouse and some will also be shared with other communities in West Hants Attendees indicated that they were pleased with this response.	
Was there any attendee from organizations or special interest groups? (i.e., council members, associations, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A council member was at the meeting, someone from West Hants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generally chatted about the projects and he asked about what a receptor and Jonathan was able to provide him with an answer • A CLC member from the existing Ellershouse I & II CLC 		



Public Comment Form – Ellershouse III Wind Project

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- #1 / Post secondary bursary funds
- #1 / Local vendor procurement opportunities
- #1 / Others (please specify):

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- Yes
 No

3. How familiar are you with benefits of wind power?

- Very familiar
 Somewhat familiar
 Not familiar

4. What topics would you like to learn more about? (Check all that apply)

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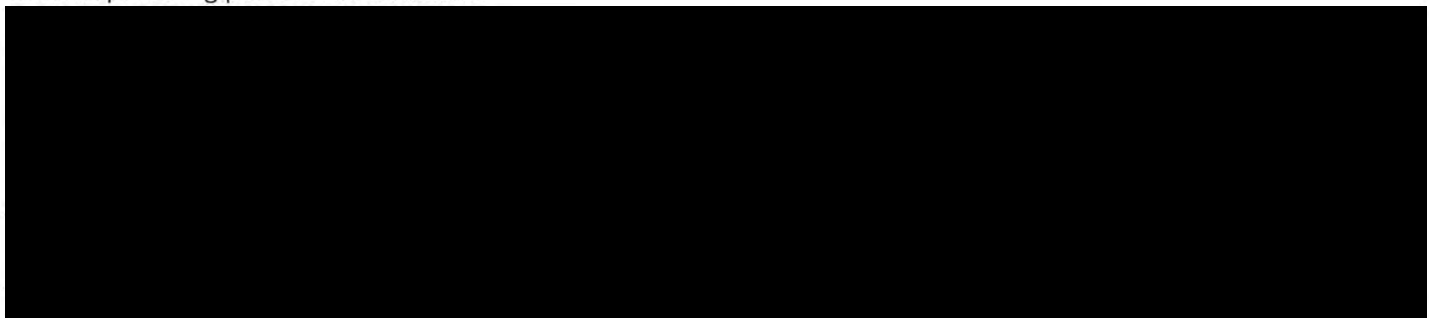
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- Yes
- No
- I need more information before deciding

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NO

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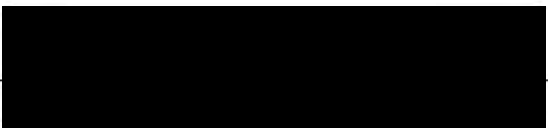


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Date: Mar. 10/2021



Ellershouse III Wind Project
Open House Comment Form
November 10, 2021



Thank you for attending the open house! We greatly appreciate your time and hope we have provided useful information and answered your questions. Your feedback, input, questions and comments are important to us as we plan this project.

Visual Assessment – Are there any viewpoints you think we should include in our visual simulations?

looks good

Sound and Shadow – After reviewing the locations of dwellings or buildings of interest (potential receptors) for our sound and shadow flicker modelling, do you know of any receptor(s) that may be missing from the map?

none

Do you have any **specific environmental, cultural, historical or community knowledge about the project site** to share with us?

none

In addition to the community benefits we have mentioned on the storyboards, are there **other areas, initiatives, charities, or organizations in the community the Project should support?**

I'm happy with what the local committee puts forward -



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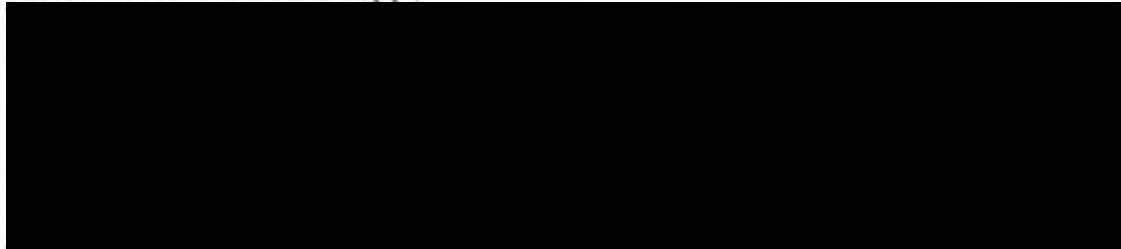


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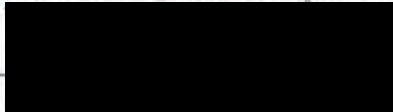
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Signature:



Date: 12 Nov 21

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



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CustomerFirst Renewables, the Procurement Administrator on behalf of
The Province of Nova Scotia
4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 480
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April 26, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Ellershouse III Wind Project

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

As the CEO of the economic development corporation for Glooscap First Nation, our team was introduced to the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake Wind projects by Potentia Renewable Inc. (PRI), as they work to develop their submission into the Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP.

PRI has reached out to our community on several occasions to ensure that we've received regular project updates and provided the option to ask any questions and voice any concerns as it relates to our community. On December 8, 2021, during and in person meeting, PRI presented the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake Wind Projects to a group of our councillors and staff in an informative meeting. Following that meeting, PRI continued to stay in touch with regular updates via email and video conference calls. We have welcomed the engagement efforts made for the projects and appreciate the ongoing responses to questions and regular updates from the development team. We look forward to further engaging in the process and providing additional input during their ongoing community engagement.

We acknowledge and support the effort of decarbonizing Nova Scotia's electricity grid and believes projects like the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake Wind Project are an important part of that effort. We look forward to learning more about the projects, and we look forward to their continued community engagement.

Kind regards,

Michael Peters

Chief Executive Officer

Glooscap First Nation Economic Development Corporation
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May 2, 2022

Customer First Renewables, the Procurement Administrator on behalf of
The Province of Nova Scotia
4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 480
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Ellershouse III Wind Project

Dear Customer First Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

As the Senior Manager, Finance and Investments for the Ulnooweg Development Group, I have been introduced to both the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake Wind projects currently under development in the West Hants Regional Municipality. We were introduced to the projects by Potentia Renewable Inc. (PRI), as we provide advice and assistance to the current partners, Whynotts Mi'kmaq Wind LP, and we shared PRI's intention to submit into the upcoming Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP to the 13 directors who are Chiefs of the Nova Scotia First Nations.

PRI shared their initial development and community outreach plan with our group and have kept us up to date on the progress of those conversations. We have welcomed the consultation efforts made for the projects and appreciate the ongoing responses to questions and updates from the project development team.

We acknowledge the effort of decarbonizing Nova Scotia's electricity grid and have recommended that the communities individually express their support, as they desire, for either or both the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake Wind Project as a part of that effort. We know the interested communities will look forward to hearing more about the projects, and we are confident that PRI's continued community engagement process will continue to address any local concerns that may arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darrell Hasiuk", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Darrell Hasiuk
Senior Manager, Finance and Investments
Ulnooweg

CustomerFirst Renewables, the Procurement Administrator on behalf of
The Province of Nova Scotia
4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 480
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April 19, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP, Letter of Support for the Ellershouse III Wind Project

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

I am the Chair of the Ellershouse Community Liaison Committee (CLC), established in 2014 to facilitate community input into the design and operations of the Alternative Resource Energy Authority's (AREA) 23.5MW Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms. We understand AREA has partnered with Potentia Renewable Inc. (PRI) to develop the Ellershouse III Wind Project for the upcoming Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP.

AREA has been an excellent neighbour throughout the permitting, construction and operational phases of the existing Ellershouse wind farm. They have developed a strong relationship with the community by sincerely listening to citizen concerns, which resolved many initial hesitations. The sentiment in the community is very positive with regards to the existing Ellershouse I and II wind farms.

PRI introduced the Ellershouse III Wind Project to our CLC during a November 8, 2021, meeting, and provided additional project information at their November 10, 2021, Community Open House. We have appreciated the consultation efforts made for the project, and look forward to providing additional input during their ongoing community engagement. The CLC has voted in favour of my signing this letter.

We support the effort of decarbonization Nova Scotia's electricity grid and the Ellershouse CLC supports the Ellershouse III Wind Project as a part of that effort. While we look forward to hearing more about the project, I am confident that their continued community engagement process will alleviate any local concerns that may arise.

Please contact me at any time regarding our full support for the Ellershouse III Wind Project as described in their Rate Base Procurement submission.

Kind regards,



David Blanchard

Chair of the Ellershouse Community Liaison Committee
902-757-2191



CustomerFirst Renewables, the Procurement Administrator on behalf of
The Province of Nova Scotia
4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 480
Bethesda, MD 20814

April 19, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Ellershouse III Wind Project

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

As the Chief Administrative Officer for the West Hants Regional Municipality, our team has followed the current operations of the Alternative Resource Energy Authority's (AREA) 23.5 MW Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms located in West Hants. We were recently introduced to AREA's development partner, Potentia Renewable Inc. (PRI), as they work to develop the Ellershouse III Wind Project (the Project) for the upcoming Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP.

PRI has reached out to our municipal team on several occasions to ensure the Project is in alignment with our Municipal Land Use bylaws and provided regular Project updates to our planning committee and municipal council. On November 9, 2021, members of the municipal council and planning committee toured the existing Ellershouse wind farms at the invitation of PRI and AREA. On November 9, 2021, PRI also presented the Ellershouse III Wind Project to our mayor and municipal councillors at a meeting of Council. We have welcomed the consultation efforts made for the Project and appreciate the ongoing responses to questions and regular updates from the Project's development team. We look forward to providing additional input during their ongoing community engagement as they work towards a successful RFP award and potential approval by Council of the required development agreement.

We acknowledge and support the effort of decarbonizing Nova Scotia's electricity grid and support the Ellershouse III Wind Project as a part of that effort. We look forward to hearing more about the Project, and we are confident that their continued community engagement process will continue to address any local concerns that may arise.

Kind regards,



Mark Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer
West Hants Regional Municipality

West Hants Regional Municipality

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CustomerFirst Renewables, the Procurement Administrator on behalf of
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May 3, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP, Letter of Support for the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

As the General Manager of the Alternative Resource Energy Authority's ("AREA"), a 100% municipally-owned company formed in 2014 by the towns of Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay, we believe in the strength of collaboration in the pursuit of cleaner and more affordable energy in Nova Scotia.

AREA currently owns and operates the 23.5MW Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms, which provides over 40% renewable energy to our owner-towns and the Riverport Electric Light Commission, making them the only utilities to meet the original design of Nova Scotia's 40% Renewable Electricity Standard in 2020. We have a proven track record in building clean energy projects and emission reductions in Nova Scotia, but there is still more work to be done.

AREA launched a request for proposal to find a strong partner for the development, construction, and operation of an Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm (the "**Project**"). Through this process, AREA chose to partner with Potentia Renewable Inc. (PRI) and signed a Development Service Agreement (DSA) for the development of Project for the Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP.

PRI has maintained the strong community support developed by AREA through the development of the Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms. PRI introduced the Project during a Ellershouse Community Liaison Committee (CLC) on November 8, 2021 and provided additional information in their Community Open House on November 10, 2021. Further information was provided through PRI's March 2022 Project Newsletter and ongoing updates have been provided on the Project website. PRI was also in attendance in the most recent Ellershouse I and II CLC meeting on April 19, 2022, where the CLC voted to support the Project in the upcoming RFP.

Additionally, PRI has reached out and maintained ongoing communications with the West Hants Municipality and the Mi'kmaq. All stakeholders have welcomed their engagement efforts and we are confident this will continue through the development, construction, and operations of the Project.



We support the effort of decarbonization Nova Scotia's electricity grid and support the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm as a part of that effort.

Please contact me at any time regarding our full support for the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm as described in their Rate Base Procurement submission.

Kind regards,

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Aaron Long
General Manager
Alternative Resource Energy Authority



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Bethesda, MD 20814

May 3, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Letter of Support for the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

The Towns of Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay (“**Towns**”), have partnered together to create the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (“**AREA**”), a 100% municipally-owned company formed in 2014. As the Mayor of Mahone Bay, I believe in the strength of collaboration in the pursuit of cleaner and more affordable energy in Nova Scotia.

AREA’s 23.5 MW Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms (“**AREA’s Projects**”) located in Ellershouse, Hants County, Nova Scotia is proof that when municipalities collaborate, they can transform communities. When AREA’s Projects reached commercial operations in January 2018, our Towns’ utilities became the only load-servicing entities in Nova Scotia to achieve the original design of the Nova Scotia 2020 Renewable Energy Standard. The benefits of renewable energy allow the Towns to provide lower electricity rates so residents can better manage the cost of living and doing business. We take pride in our involvement in AREA and our successful collaborations with industry and customers to date. We look forward to further contributing to Nova Scotia’s renewable energy goals through our partnership with Potentia Renewables Inc. (PRI) in the development of the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm (the “**Project**”).

PRI shared their initial development and community outreach plan with AREA and kept us up to date on the progress of those conversations. PRI has maintained the strong community support developed by AREA through the development of the Ellershouse I and II Wind Farms. They introduced the Project during a Ellershouse Community Liaison Committee (CLC) on November 8, 2021 and provided additional information in their Community Open House on November 10, 2021. Further information was provided through PRI’s March 2022 Project Newsletter and ongoing updates have been provided on the Project website. PRI was also in attendance in the most recent Ellershouse I and II CLC meeting on April 19, 2022, where the CLC voted to support the Project in the upcoming RFP.

Additionally, PRI has reached out and maintained ongoing communications with the West Hants Municipality and the Mi’kmaq. It is my understanding that all stakeholders have welcomed their engagement efforts and I am confident this will continue through the development, construction and operations of the Project.



I acknowledge and support the effort of decarbonizing Nova Scotia's electricity grid and support the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm as a part of that effort.

Kind regards,

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David Devenne
Mayor of Mahone Bay



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4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 480
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May 3, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Letter of Support for the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm

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I acknowledge and support the effort of decarbonizing Nova Scotia's electricity grid and support the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm as a part of that effort.

Kind regards,

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Laurie Boucher
Mayor of Antigonish



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May 3, 2022

Town of Berwick
236 Commercial Street
P.O. Box 130
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Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Letter of Support for the Ellershouse 3 Wind Farm

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

The Towns of Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay (“**Towns**”), have partnered together to create the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (“**AREA**”), a 100% municipally-owned company formed in 2014. As the Mayor of Berwick, I believe in the strength of collaboration in the pursuit of cleaner and more affordable energy in Nova Scotia.

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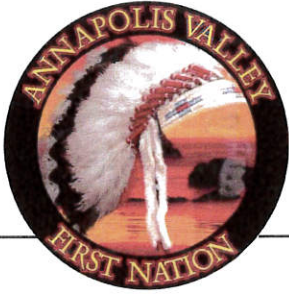
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Kind regards,

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Donald Clarke, Mayor
Town of Berwick



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May 9, 2022

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP - Ellershouse III & Panuke Lake Wind Project

Dear CustomerFirst Renewables (Nova Scotia RFP),

The Annapolis Valley First Nation was introduced to the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake wind projects by Potentia Renewable Inc. (PRI), as they work to develop their submission into the Rate Base Procurement RFP.

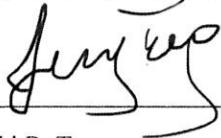
PRI reached out to our community on several occasions to ensure that we received regular project updates and provided the option to ask questions and voice any concerns as it relates to our community. On December 8, 2021, during an in person meeting, PRI introduced the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake wind projects to our Economic Development Officer, John McCaul along with another group of interested Mi'kmaq community members in the area during an informative meeting.

PRI presented to Chief and Council on April 26th, 2022 and outlined the project plan, a community engagement strategy and provided details regarding the potential benefits associated with the development of the wind farms. In addition, on April 29th PRI held an open house for our community, the members had the opportunity to visit with the project team and ask questions ranging from environmental to potential employment opportunities. Throughout the process, PRI has continued to stay in touch with regular updates via email, in-person visits and video conference calls. We've welcomed their consultation efforts made for the community and appreciate the ongoing responses to questions and regular updates from the development team.

Our community acknowledges and supports the effort of decarbonizing Nova Scotia's electricity grid and supports the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake Wind Project as a part of that effort. We look forward to learning more about the projects, and we are confident that their continued community engagement process will continue to address any local concerns that may arise.

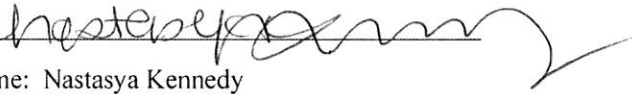
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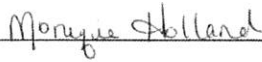
Name: Gerald B. Toney

Title: Chief

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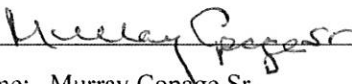
Name: Nastasya Kennedy

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Name: Monique Holland

Title: Councillor

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Name: Murray Copage Sr.

Title: Councillor