

OPEN HOUSES #2 & #3

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 - 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

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ABO Wind Company Profile

ABO
WIND



~1,000 employees worldwide, ~25 in Canada

Headquarters in Germany, 28 office locations worldwide



Internationally active in 16 countries

Europe, North & South America, Africa



Core business is development & construction

Wind, solar, green hydrogen and battery systems



\$7 billion invested in Projects

Approx. 5,000 megawatts developed and sold



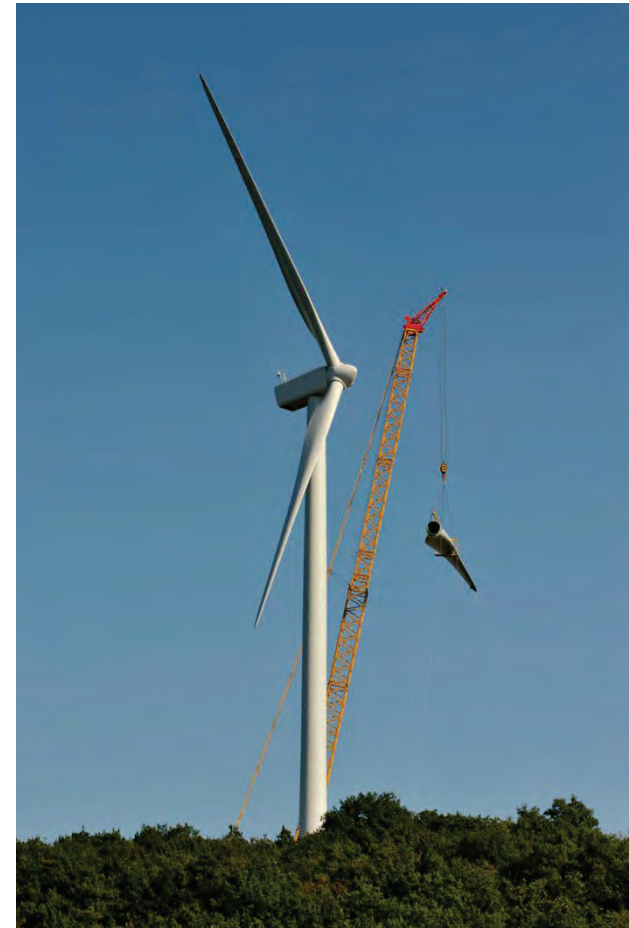
21,000 megawatts under development

supported by \$200 million in equity & favourable financing



Listed on the stock market since 2012

Profitable since company's inception in 1996



Rhodena Wind Project Local Benefits

ABO Wind commits to creating a lasting positive impact in the communities where we develop renewable projects.

The Rhodena Wind Project will generate the following positive benefits for the surrounding community:

- An estimated \$20-25 million in property tax to the municipality over the life of the Project that can be used for local services and infrastructure
- During construction, tens of millions of dollars in materials and services could come from local businesses, including construction sub-contracts, accommodations, restaurants and catering, and other amenities
- 75 to 125 short-term and long-term jobs/contracts in site clearing, road building, electrical, construction and concrete work, and ongoing maintenance
- Revenue to landowners from leases signed with the developer
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars for local community initiatives



Rhodena Wind Project Part of Nova Scotia's Clean Energy Transition



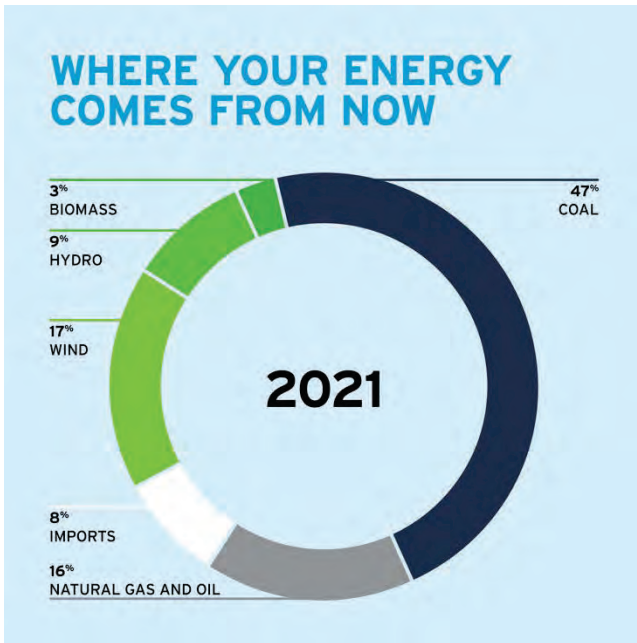
The Rhodena Wind Project is being proposed by ABO Wind Canada in response to the Green Choice Program. ABO Wind is partnering with Eskasoni First Nation to develop the Project. As a 51% partner, Eskasoni First Nation is actively collaborating with ABO Wind to create capacity building, employment and economic opportunities, and acting as an environmental steward for the land.

Clean Energy for Nova Scotia, utilizing Cape Breton's World Class Wind Speeds

This Project will harness our Province's wind to produce enough clean energy for **34,000 homes annually**.

Nova Scotia has one of the most ambitious climate change plans in Canada with a target to close all the coal power plants and reach 80% renewable energy by 2030. These ambitious targets require more renewable energy in our province.

The Green Choice Program (www.novascotiagcp.com) was developed collaboratively between the Province of Nova Scotia, renewable energy developers, Nova Scotia Power, and large energy buyers. It will allow participating customers to purchase up to 100% of their electricity from local renewable energy sources.



(Nova Scotia Power, 2021)



Scan the QR Code to learn more about the Project and access interactive maps:



A significant Project for the Region: **Labour, Construction and Suppliers**

Rhodena Wind Project Consultation and Community Engagement

- ABO commits to forthright and meaningful communication that is timely and respectful.
- We aim to carry forth discussions with interested parties and commit to the thoughtful consideration of feedback into our project planning in order to mitigate and avoid impact.
- We will discuss options, alternatives and mitigation measures related to presented concerns where feasible.
- We will provide responses to questions in a clear and easily understandable way.
- If you have questions or comments about the Rhodena Wind Project, please contact:

Heidi Kirby (Halifax Office)

by email at heidi.kirby@abo-wind.com or

phone at: 902-329-9907

For more information about the Rhodena Wind Project please visit:

www.rhodenawind.ca

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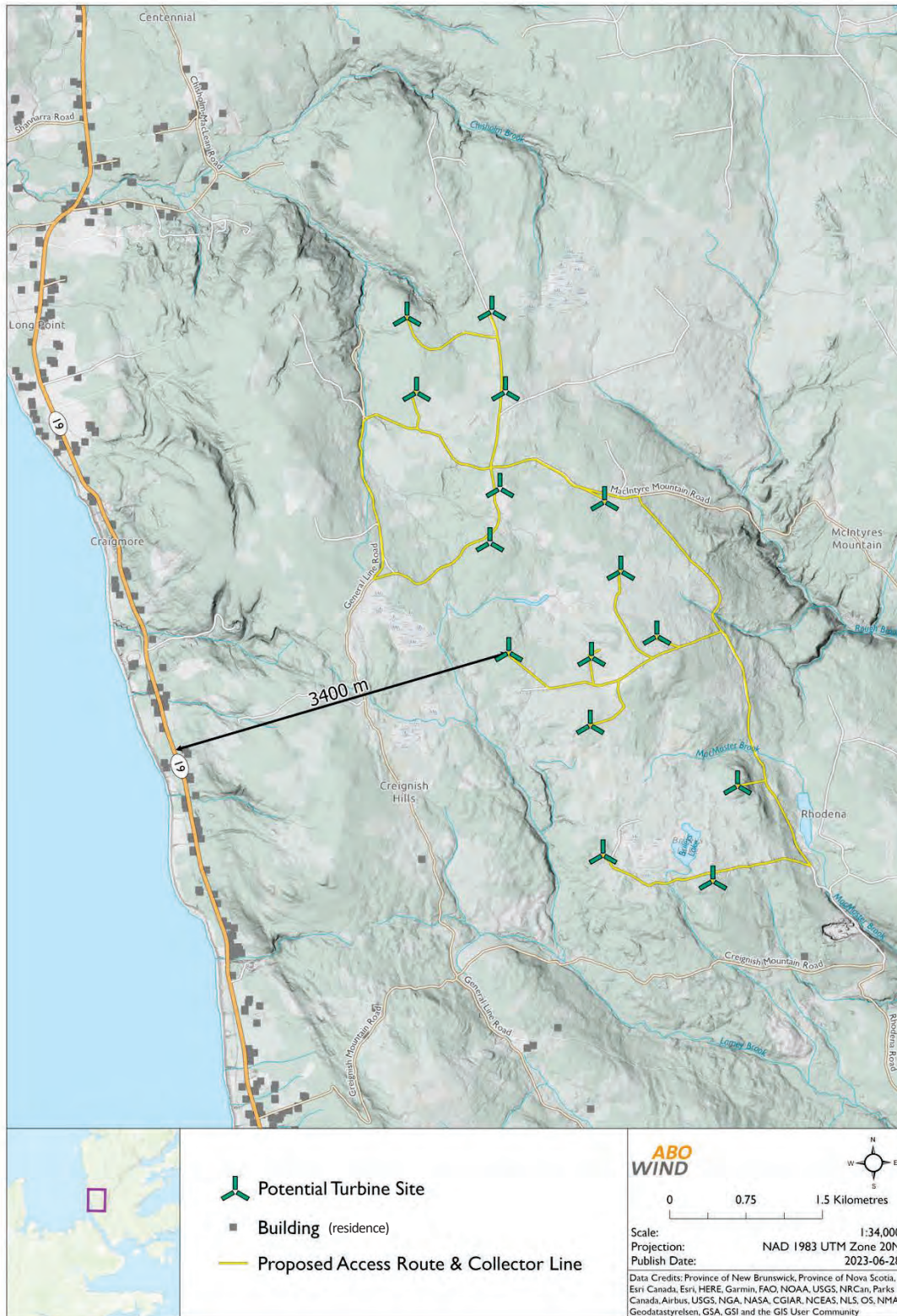
Rhodena Wind Project Community Liaison Committee

ABO Wind invites interested individuals, including property owners/residents, First Nations, local businesses, elected officials, community or environmental groups to form a Community Liaison Committee (CLC). If you are interested, please reach out to Heidi Kirby, ABO Wind (contact detail noted above).

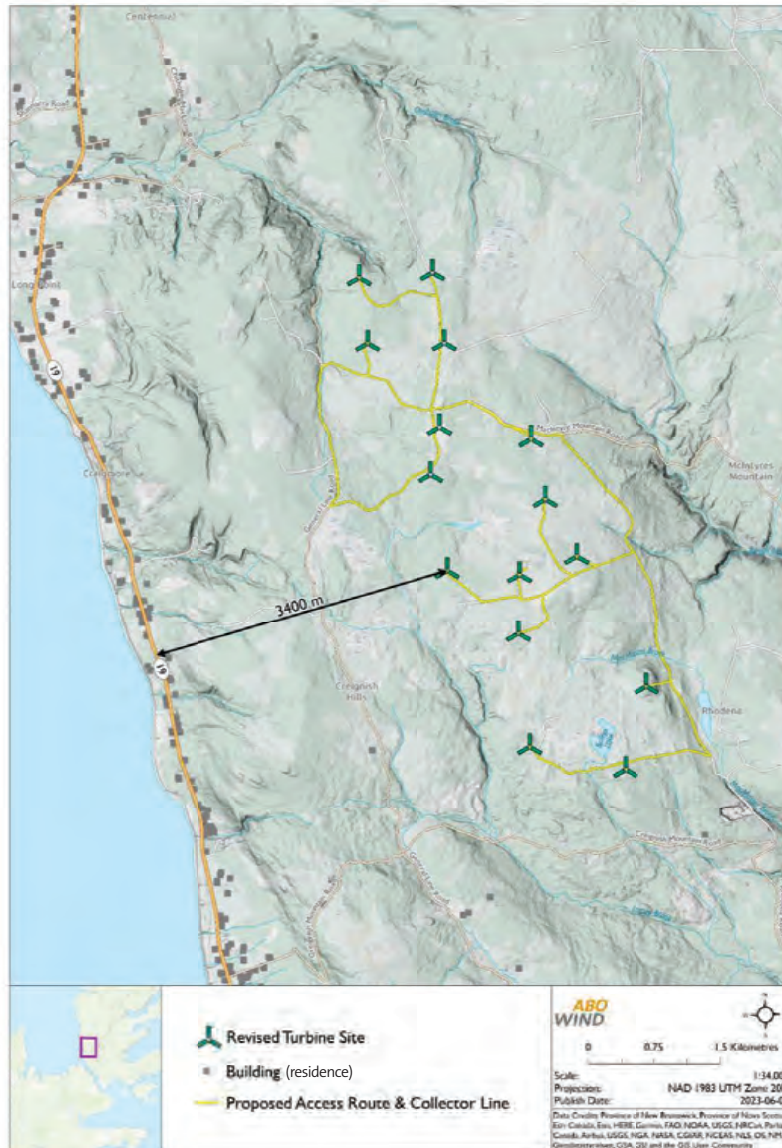
The purpose of a CLC is to act as an advisory body to a project proponent by providing input on existing or potential concerns of the community with respect to the project plan and activities; and to represent community interest by providing an avenue for the mutual exchange (Province of Nova Scotia, 2010).

Rhodena Wind Farm

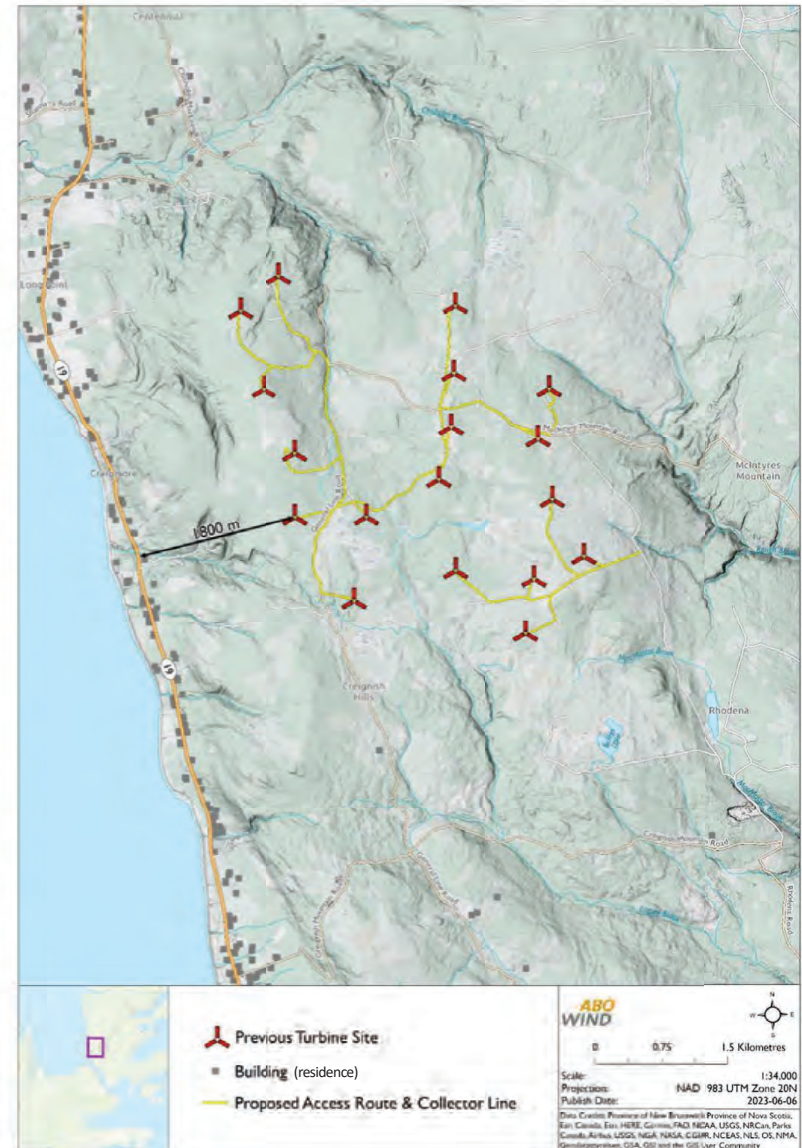
Revised Turbine Layout (May 2023)



Rhodena Wind Farm
Revised Turbine Layout (May 2023)



Rhodena Wind Farm
Previous Turbine Layout (March 2022)



Environmental Study Results

Wildlife survey results

- Bird surveys were completed across all seasons (spring migration, breeding, fall migration, and winter).
- The amount of birds is not considered high relative to other Projects that have been approved in NS.
- Two Species at Risk are known in the area – wood turtle and Canada lynx, so targeted surveys for both species were completed. Neither species was detected during surveys.
- Bat acoustic monitoring was completed and there were detections of bats.

Aquatic habitat, lichen, and botany survey results

- 86 wetlands and watercourses throughout project area, 22 (2.61 ha) will be impacted by the Project.
- Four observations of a Species at Risk lichen (blue felt lichen), were identified. None of the occurrences will be directly impacted and 100 m setbacks will be maintained.
- No Species at Risk plant species were identified.



Environmental Mitigations and Reporting

- Based on the field results ABO undertook additional infrastructure siting activities to avoid wetlands and wildlife features, where feasible. This includes avoiding Canada Lynx Range .
- Construction footprint and disturbance of regular activity reduced:
 - The majority of access roads (21 km or 86.2%) utilized by the Project are existing access roads to minimize the footprint of disturbance.
 - Only 4.78 km of new access roads are required to support the Project.
 - No gates are anticipated to be installed at the Project with the exception of fencing around the substation for safety reasons. Recreational use and hunting activities will not be disrupted, with the exception of some construction related safety measures and temporary road closures.

Next steps

- Environmental Assessment Registration (late summer/fall 2023).
- ABO Wind will develop mitigation and monitoring plans. These plans will include:
 - Wildlife Management Plan
 - Bird and Bat Mortality Monitoring Program
 - Sediment and Erosion Control Plan
 - Surface Water Management Plan
 - Contingency Plan
 - Environmental Management Plan
 - Complaint Resolution Plan



Rhodena Wind Project **Project Timeline***

Activity	Timeline
Environmental Field Studies	2022 - 2023
Project Information Mailout	June - Early July 2023
Open Houses	July 11 - 12, 2023
Community, First Nations and Government Engagement	Ongoing - Through the life of the Project
Environmental Assessment submission to the Province, with additional opportunities for Project feedback	September 2023
The Project will be submitted for the Green Choice Program	December 2023
Anticipated Green Choice RFP Award	March 2024
Construction begins with tree and road clearing	2024
Commissioning – The Project is producing clean energy	2026

*Project timeline is preliminary and subject to change.



Rhodena Wind Project Turbine Distances to Residences and Sound

Setbacks (Distance)

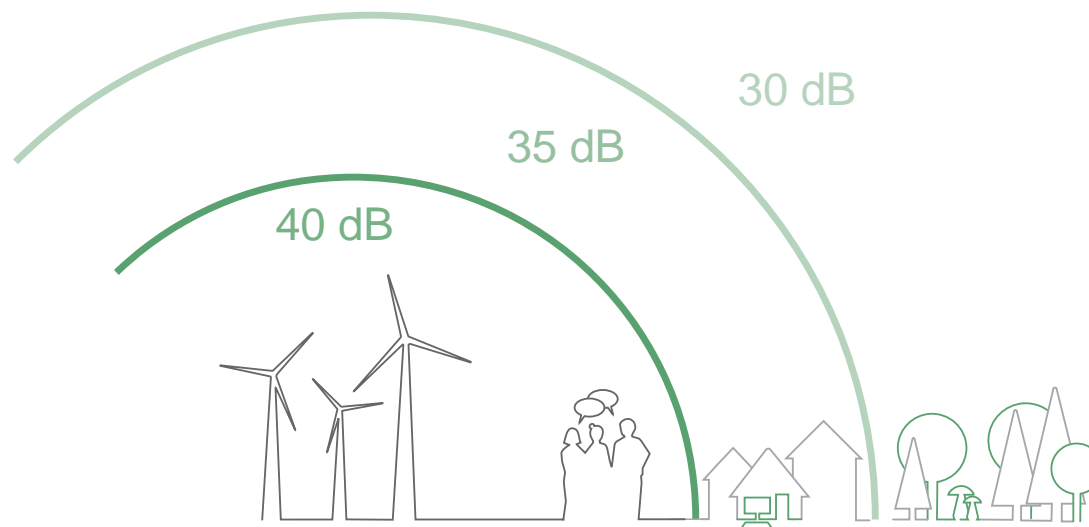
ABO Wind is aware municipal by-laws are in the process of possible amendment. ABO Wind will continue to comply with any existing by-laws, in addition to other requirements and considerations in place by the municipality and the Province.

Currently, ABO's setbacks from turbines to residences are significantly greater than the minimum current requirements of 600m distance.

Noise Levels

The Project will be designed in accordance with the Province of Nova Scotia's Environmental Assessment ("EA") requirements for Wind Power Projects. This Project not only meets, but exceeds the requirement for sound levels: "a proponent must ensure that the wind farm design and turbine siting does not cause sound levels to exceed 40 dBA (A-weighted decibels) at the exterior of receptors" (Province of Nova Scotia, 2021).

Our third-party expert's noise modelling study indicates that cumulative noise level, including turbine-generated noise, will not exceed 40 dBA at any existing receptors (residences). A 40 dBA sound level is similar to a quiet library or a suburban area at night.






Examples of common sound levels (dBA)

140	Threshold of pain
130	Jet take off
120	Rock concert
110	Jackhammer
100	Power saw
90	Street traffic
80	Doorbell
70	Office
60	Normal conversation
50	Quiet urban neighborhood, daytime
40	Library
30	Soft whisper
20	Ticking of a wrist watch
10	Rustling leaves



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40 Decibel Noise Level

-  Turbine Site
-  Building (residence)
-  40 dB Noise Contour



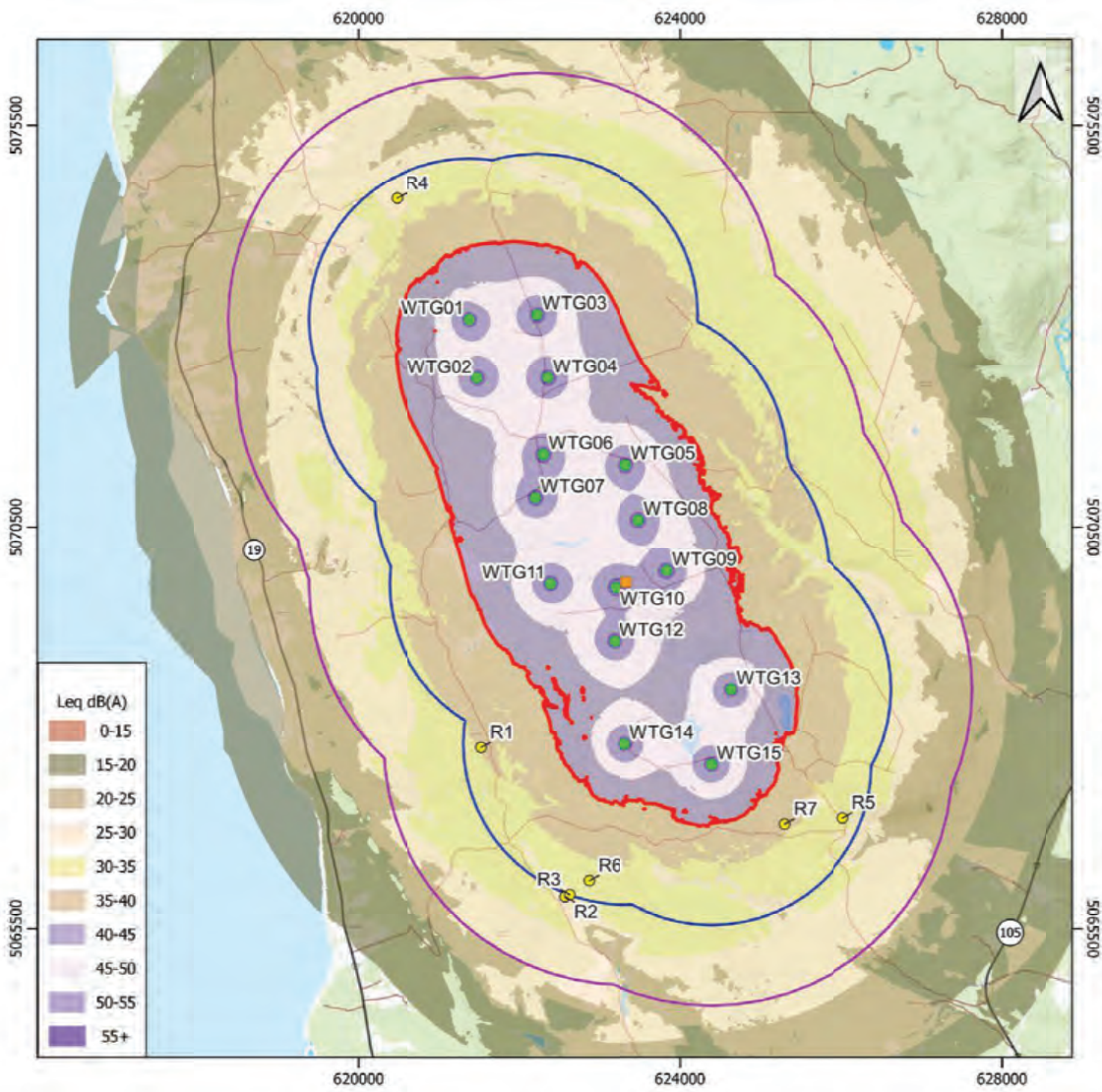
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Rhodena Wind Project Sound Contours



Project Name: Rhodena Wind Project
 Document Title: Project Noise Contours

Legend

- Noise Receptor
- Proposed Turbine (Nordex 163-7.0 MW)
- Project Substation
- 40 db(A) Noise Contour
- 2km from Proposed Turbines
- 3km from Proposed Turbines
- Highway
- Road

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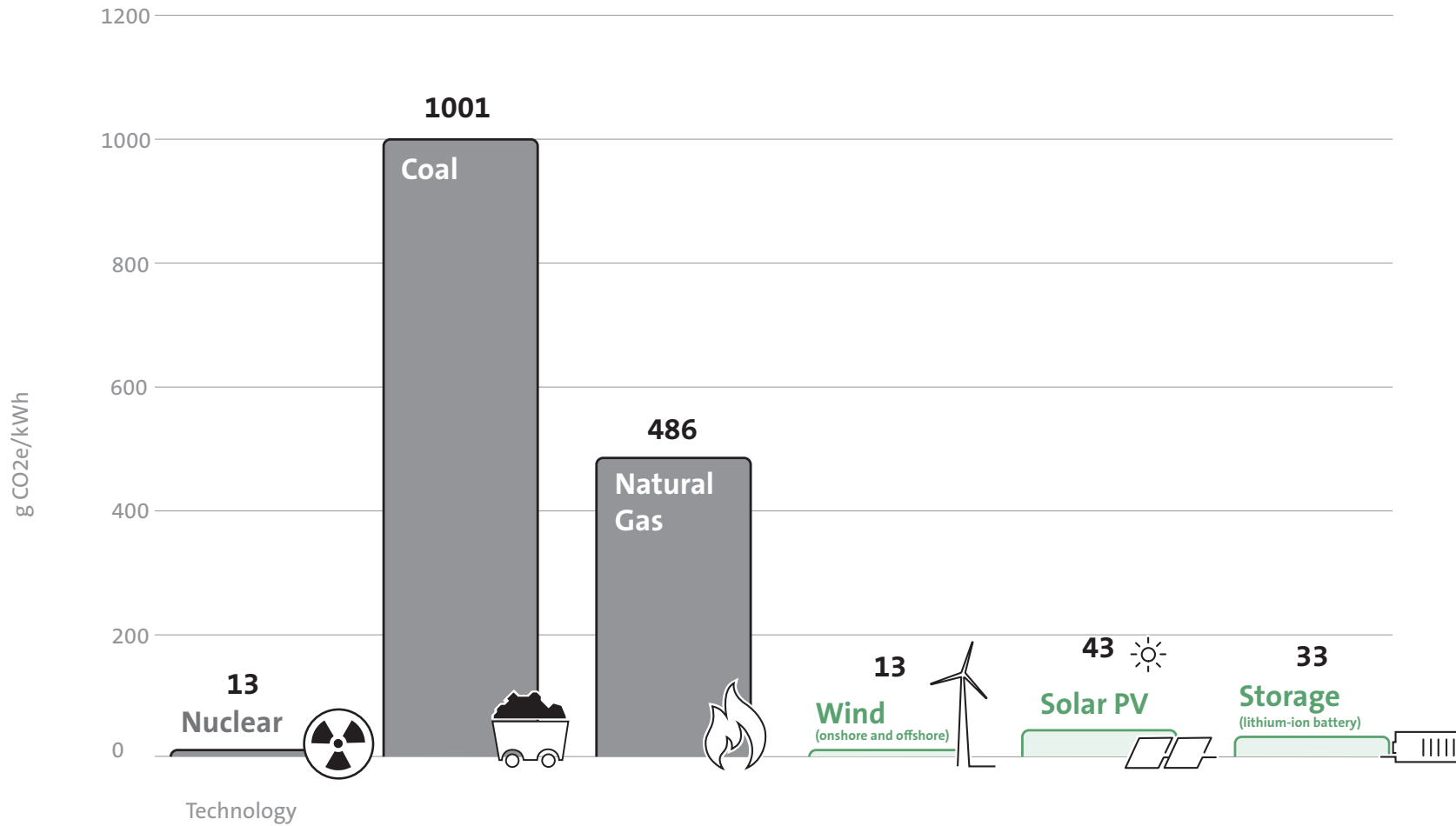
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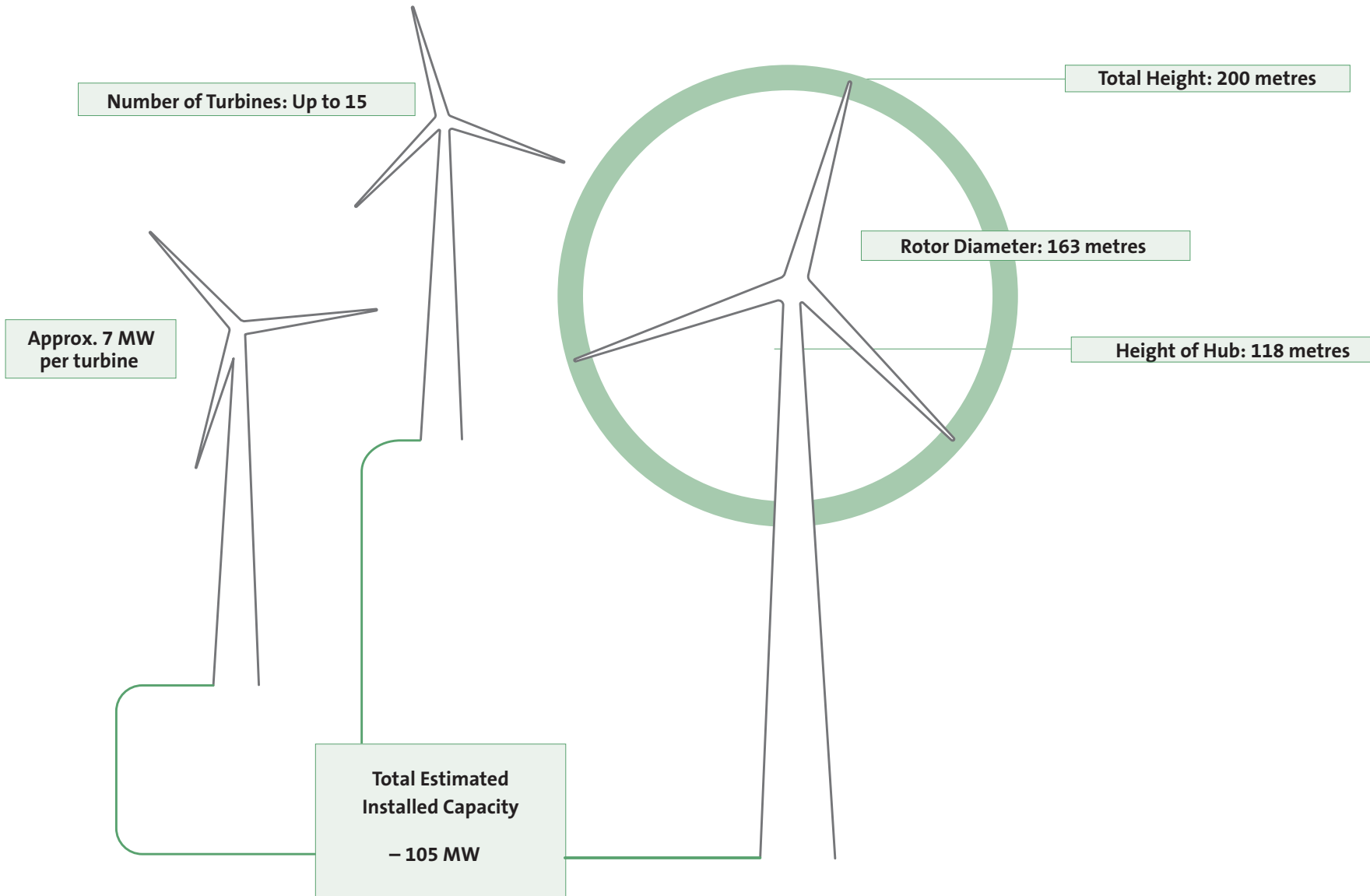
Emissions of various energy sources

The chart shows the total life cycle emissions in grams of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilowatt-hour for different electricity generation technologies.

Source: NREL's Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Electricity Generation: Update, September 2021



Project Overview



Shadow Flicker

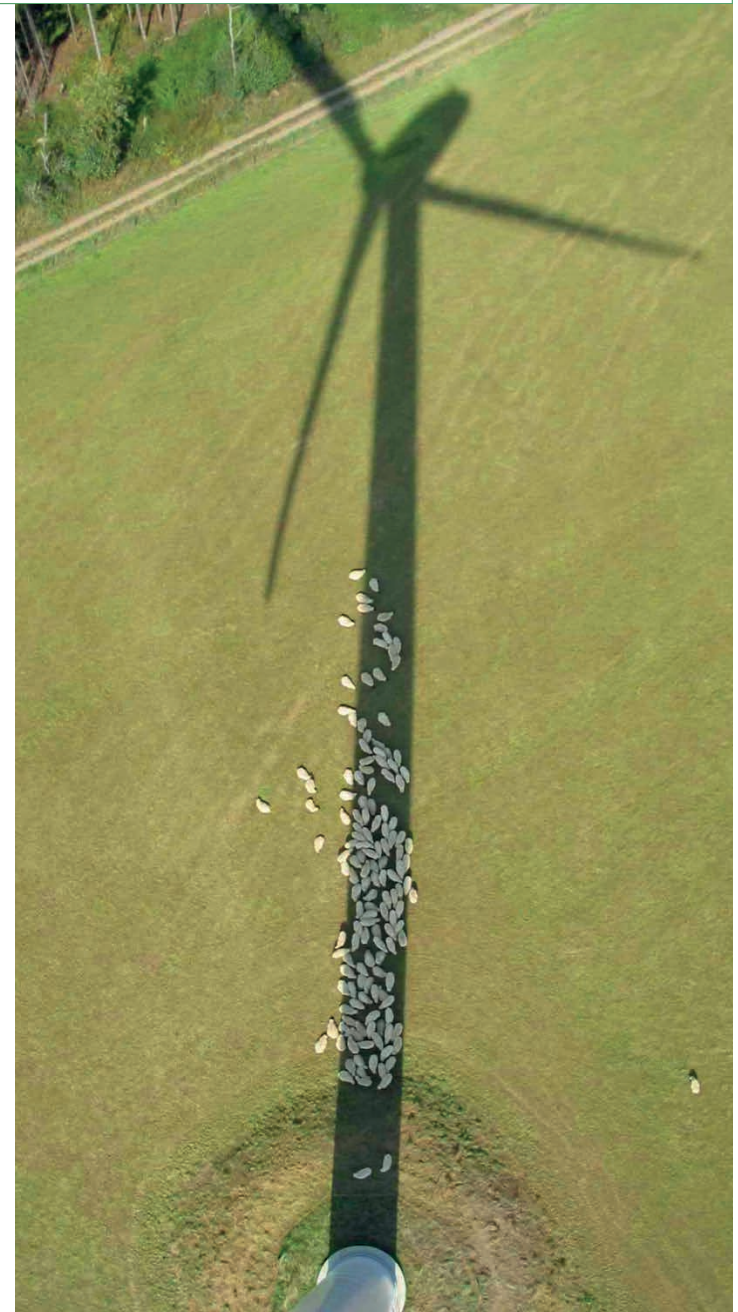
Shadow flicker occurs when the spinning rotor is located between the sun and a building, and the turbine blades alternately block and allow the sunlight to shine through. This causes a 'flicker' effect and only occurs when certain conditions are met such as the sun shining and turbine(s) operating.

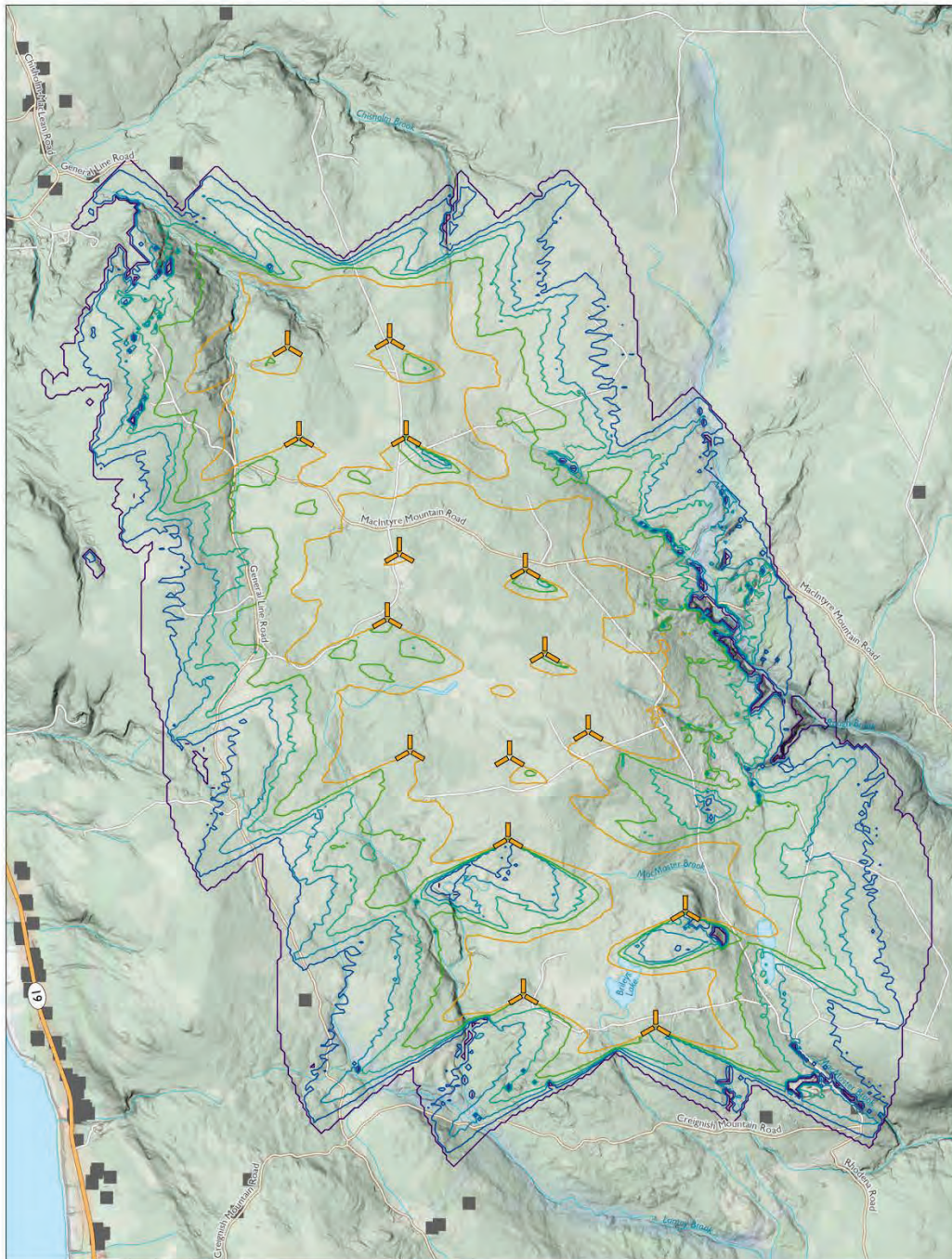
A Shadow Flicker study has been conducted to assess the potential for shadow flicker at nearby receptors (residences).

The assessment will be included in the Project Environmental Assessment that is being submitted to the Province of NS for approval.

Shadow Flicker Study Results:

- Shadow flicker modeling indicates that regulatory thresholds will be met by the Project.
- There are no predicted exceedances of 30 mins per day and/or 30 hours per year at any existing residential receptors.





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Shadow Flicker

- Turbine Site
- Building (residence)
- Highway
- Road
- Path

- Hours per year
- 100
 - 50
 - 30
 - 20
 - 10
 - 0



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How does a wind turbine work?

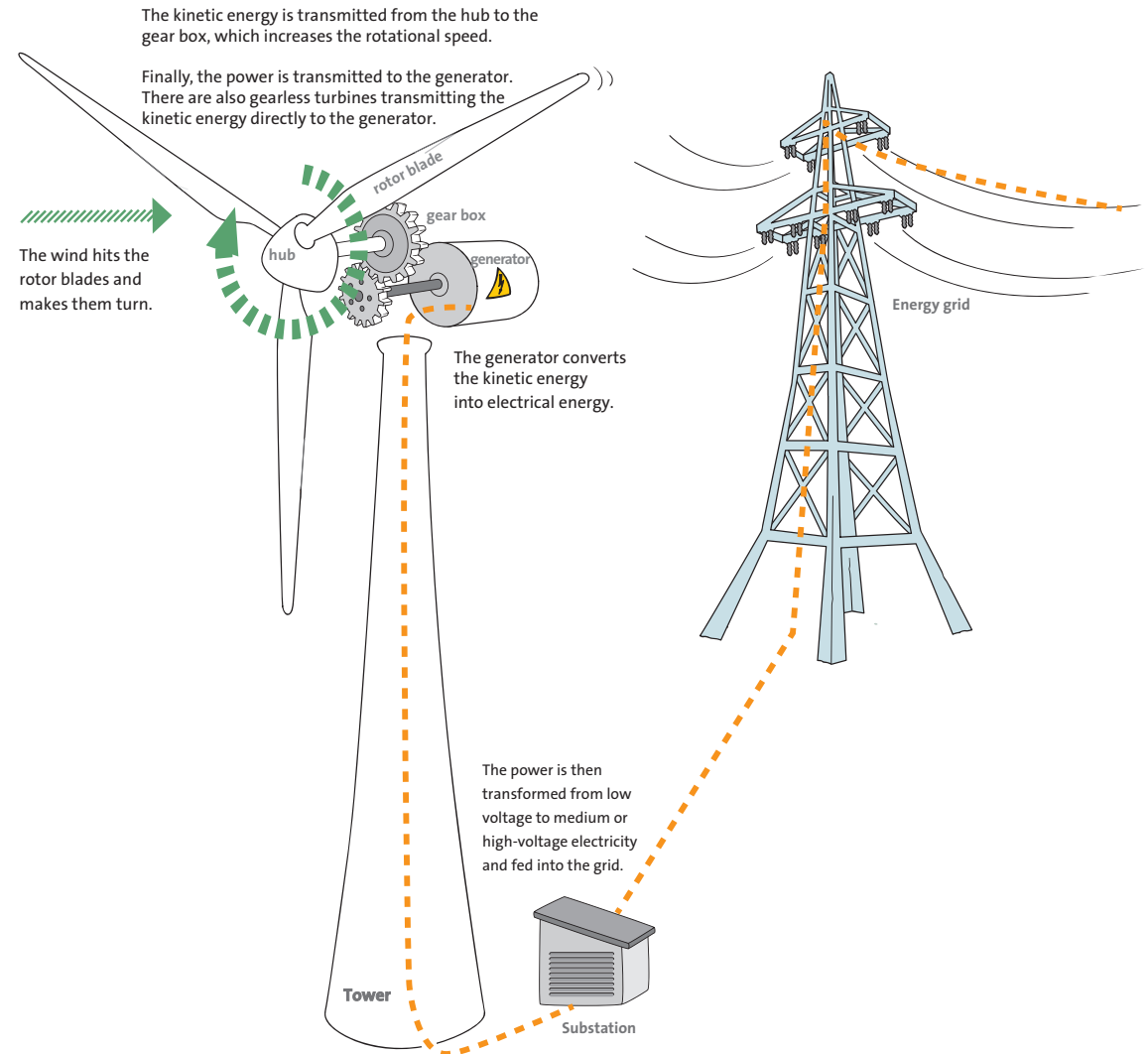
Wind Turbine Components

The main components of a wind turbine are the tower, nacelle and three blades attached to the hub. Put simply, the energy in the wind turns the blades around the hub. The hub is connected to a generator via a drive shaft, which creates electricity when the blades spin.



Total height

Hub height



Rhodena Wind Project Visualizations



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

Viewpoint Location:	E612710 N5098110	Field of View:	53.2° (pan/tilt)	Camera:	NIKON D600
Viewpoint Elevation:	916 AOD	Principal Distance:	832.3m	Lens:	35mm
View Direction:	151°	Paper size:	841 x 297mm	Camera height:	1.5 AGL
Nearest Turbine:	26.6km	Printed image size:	820 x 260mm	Date and time:	26/06/2022 07:30

Viewpoint 01: Port Hood



Photomontage

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Viewpoint Elevation:	14m AOD	Principal Distance:	832.3m	Lens:	35mm
View Direction:	171°	Paper size:	841 x 297mm	Camera height:	1.5 AGL
Nearest Turbine:	9.6km	Printed image size:	820 x 260mm	Date and time:	26/06/2022 10:20

Viewpoint 02: St. Andrews Catholic Church

Rhodena Wind Project Visualizations



Viewpoint Location: 0616270 N5079321
Viewpoint Elevation: 7m AGL
View Direction: 137°
Nearest Turbine: 8.1km

Field of View: 53.5° (vertical)
Principal Distance: 832.5mm
Paper size: 841 x 297mm
Printed image size: 820 x 260mm

Camera: NIKON D600
Lens: 25mm
Camera height: 1.3 AGL
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Viewpoint 03: Baxters Cove



Viewpoint Location: 0619320 N5075141
Viewpoint Elevation: 75m AGL
View Direction: 126°
Nearest Turbine: 2.9km

Field of View: 53.5° (vertical)
Principal Distance: 832.5mm
Paper size: 841 x 297mm
Printed image size: 820 x 260mm

Camera: NIKON D600
Lens: 25mm
Camera height: 1.3 AGL
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Viewpoint 04: MacLean Road

Rhodena Wind Project Visualizations



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

Viewpoint Location:	E614740 N52603825	Field of View:	33.2° (planar)	Camera:	NIKON D600
Viewpoint Elevation:	0m AOD	Principal Distance:	812.5mm	Lens:	35mm
View Direction:	48°	Paper size:	841 x 297mm	Camera height:	1.5 AGL
Nearest Turbine:	11.0km	Printed image size:	620 x 200mm	Date and time:	29/06/2022 10:10

Viewpoint 05: Havre Boucher Harbour



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

Viewpoint Location:	E612360 N52602034	Field of View:	33.2° (planar)	Camera:	NIKON D600
Viewpoint Elevation:	11m AOD	Principal Distance:	812.5mm	Lens:	35mm
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Nearest Turbine:	15.5km	Printed image size:	620 x 200mm	Date and time:	29/06/2022 11:30

Viewpoint 06: Shore Road

Rhodena Wind Project Visualizations



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

Viewpoint Location:	E620080 N5081212	Field of View:	53.7° (planar)	Camera:	NIKON D600
Viewpoint Elevation:	125m AOD	Principal Distance:	812.50mm	Lens:	35mm
View Direction:	171°	Paper size:	841 x 297mm	Camera height:	1.3 AGL
Nearest Turbine:	8.2km	Printed image size:	820 x 260mm	Date and time:	29/06/2022 11:57

Viewpoint 07: Austin's Lane



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

Viewpoint Location:	E622940 N5064961	Field of View:	53.7° (planar)	Camera:	NIKON D600
Viewpoint Elevation:	215m AOD	Principal Distance:	812.50mm	Lens:	35mm
View Direction:	15°	Paper size:	841 x 297mm	Camera height:	1.3 AGL
Nearest Turbine:	2.3km	Printed image size:	820 x 260mm	Date and time:	29/06/2022 14:00

Viewpoint 08: General Line Road

Rhodena Wind Project Visualizations



Photomontage

View flat at a comfortable arm's length

Viewpoint Location:	E621270 N5088887	Field of View:	53.3° (panor)	Camera:	NIKON D600
Viewpoint Elevation:	18ft AOD	Principal Distance:	812.5mm	Lens:	35mm
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Viewpoint 09: Princeville



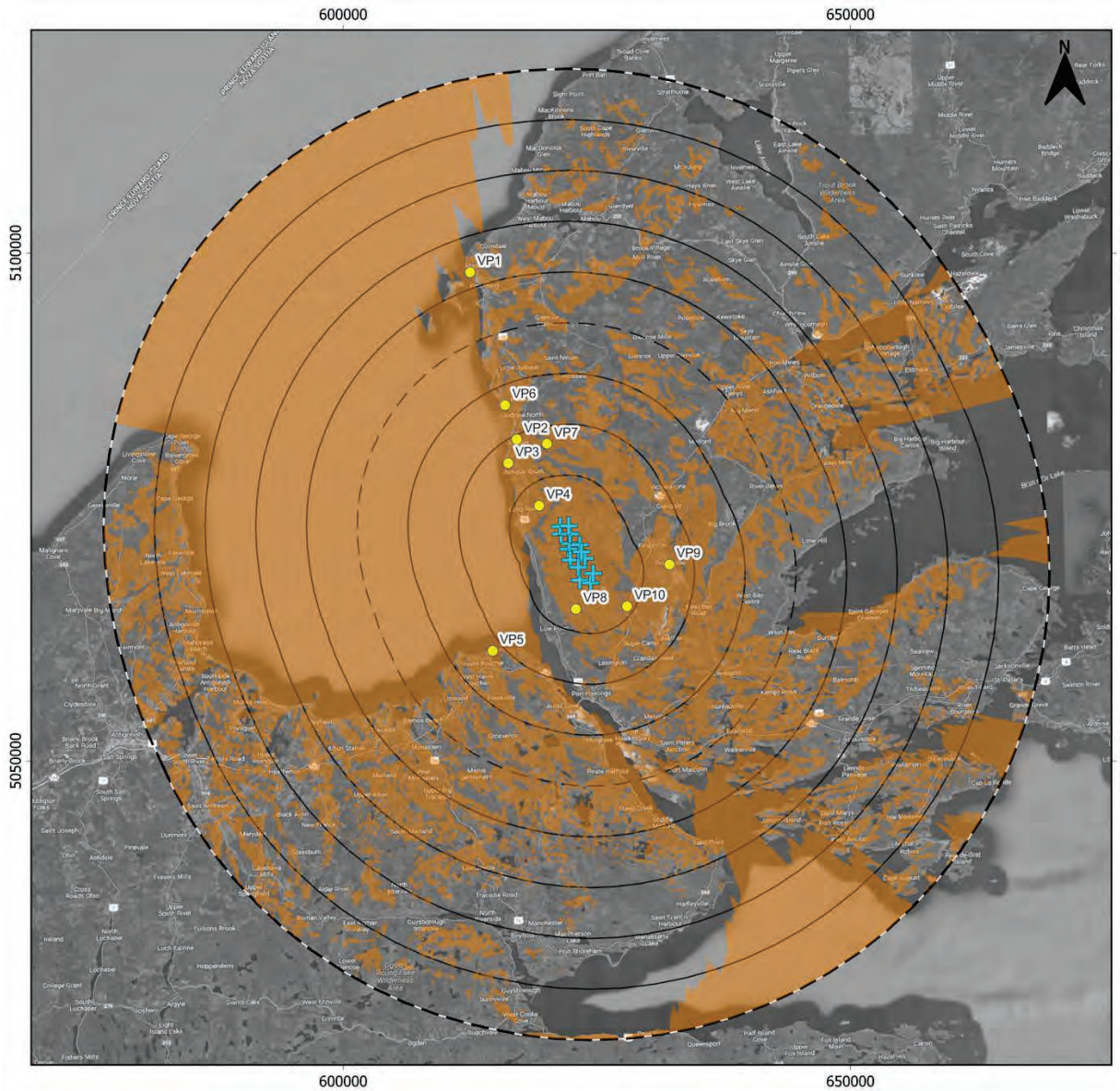
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Nearest Visible Turbine:	4.0cm				

Viewpoint 10: Highway 105

Rhodena Wind Project View Points for Visualizations



Rhodena Wind Project ZTV Map (Total Height)

Legend

- + Turbine (199.5m Total Height)
- View Point
- 45km Study Area
- 20km from Turbines
- 5km Intervals from Turbines

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) Visible Turbines

- 0
- >0

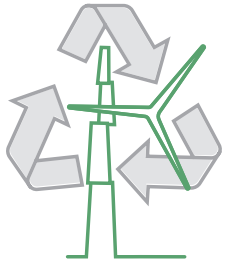
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What will be recycled and who will pay?



The main components of a wind turbine that can be recycled, repurposed, or salvaged include: Steel tower sections, steel reinforcement, electrical equipment and cables, precious metals, and concrete. Other materials or pieces of equipment that cannot be recycled, repurposed, or salvaged will be disposed of according to local/provincial regulations.

Two of the largest turbine manufacturers have created the first set of turbine blades that are fully recyclable. The use of these blades will be evaluated for this project.



Dismantling wind farm



Deconstruction of foundation

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Thank you for attending the Rhodena Wind Project Open House!

Please sign in below.

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Rhodena Wind Project Comment Form

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Name (optional): _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Comments or questions regarding the Project?

It seems a great deal of effort has been put into furthering the turbines from the Route 19 communities of Creighish, Creigmore, etc. however almost no improvement in the distance from the northernmost turbines' proximity to residences along the Chisholm-Macleam road, Judique Smith, etc. Your "viewpoint # 31 (Macleam Rd)" should be improved by setting those northernmost turbines further back to respect this significant cluster of houses.

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Comments or questions regarding the Project?

- site Appraisal Questions:
Why not put the project at Mackenzie Mountain
- Moose to the south lake
- ATV that area
- Access = good, Transmission = good

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Comments or questions regarding the Project?

- Wind tech in Mabou



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Comments or questions regarding the Project?

- recycling / waste
- visual impact
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Comments or questions regarding the Project?


Lease land included in original submission
↳ # per to protected area



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Comments or questions regarding the Project?

- Generally Supportive of wind
- Concerned for those living nearby - Noise Shadow

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RE: Infrasound and Wind Turbine Projects

ABO Wind Canada Ltd (ABO) is proposing to develop wind turbine projects across Canada. On past projects ABO has been asked about the potential for low frequency noise and infrasound to cause potential health impacts and sleep disturbance in those that would live nearby the turbines. To that end, ABO has engaged Dr. Christopher Ollson of Ollson Environmental Health Management (OEHM) to address these concerns and provide credible scientific information on the topic. Dr. Ollson is an expert in the field of wind turbines and potential health effects and has been working on proper siting of wind projects across North America for over a decade.

1 Sound 101

Sound is simply a form of energy made by vibrations by an object that causes movement in the surrounding air molecules. These air molecules collide with those next to them in a chain reaction that produces sound waves. This chain reaction continues until the molecules run out of energy. The number of vibrations per second is referred to as frequency and we measure this frequency in hertz (Hz).

Sound is the measurement of the pressure levels in decibels (dB) at individual frequencies. The louder the sound, the higher the decibel readings. Specialized sound meters have been designed to measure the sound pressure levels (SPL) across a wide range of frequencies.

Human hearing is the function of these vibrations in the air entering the outer ear, which causes our eardrums to oscillate. These oscillations are then transferred to the middle ear that contains the ossicles bones that connect the eardrum to the inner ear (cochlea). The vibration of the ossicles causes movement of fluid in the inner ear. The movement of this fluid excites the ear hair cells that send electrical signals through the auditory nerve to our brains. Our brains then interpret these electrical signals as sound.

Under typical environmental sound conditions, the slowest vibrations that can be detected by the human ear is 20 vibrations per second (20 Hz) up to the fastest of 20,000 vibrations per second (20 kHz).

Sound measurements are conducted on what is referred to unweighted decibel (dB), that is the absolute amount of pressure change exerted in the air by a sound at any given frequency. The human ear perceives the loudness across a range of sound frequencies differently, and is typically more sensitive to frequencies between 250 – 5,000 Hz (Figure 1). Sound frequencies are generally classified as infrasound (<20 Hz), Low Frequency Noise (20 to 200 Hz), medium and treble sounds (200 to 20,000 Hz) and ultrasound (>20,000 Hz) (Figure 1). Wind turbines emit sound across all of these spectrums.

Frozen Rav
- Power
Mackenzie
Mountain
15 km

Mackenzie Mountain
- nothing there
Southern Mill
Rhobina loop

Rhodena Wind Project Feedback Form

Open House: July 11th – 12th, Creignish Community Hall

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Rhodena Wind Project

Your comments are appreciated. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

Name:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]
Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Email Address:	[REDACTED]

1. How did you learn about the Open House?

- Newspaper Advertisement Letter
- Word of Mouth Project Website
- Other: _____

2. What was your main reason for attending?

To learn more about the project.

3. Did you find the Open House useful?

- Yes No

If no, please comment: _____

4. What do you believe the key issues that need to be addressed in the Public Consultation process?

The long term benefits it'll bring along with the opportunity to give people jobs at home

5. Looking ahead, what are your preferred methods of receiving information about the proposed Project?

- Open Houses Direct mail News Media
 Website Email Phone Call
 Face to face discussions

6. Do you support the proposed Project?

- Yes, supportive Undecided
 Somewhat supportive Opposed

7. Do you have any additional specific comments or questions regarding the Project?

would love to see this project take off
and bring more jobs closer to
home for people

8. Would you be interested in joining a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) for this Project? The Purpose of a CLC is to act as an advisory body to a project proponent (ABO Wind) by providing input on existing or potential concerns of the community with respect to the project plan and activities; and to represent community interest by providing an avenue for the mutual exchange of information between the proponent and the community.

- Yes
 Maybe
 No

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- Check box if you would like to be contacted directly to discuss your comments or concerns.**

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*I am a wind turbine tech from the area
looking at possible local employment*

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* Can someone please email me GPS coordinates of all turbines & Viewpoints.

2. What was your main reason for attending?

(WH) - local
- home owner
- 1.5km away from viewpoint #4

(please indicate the coordinate system in use)

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- Yes No

If no, please comment: _____

(Similar to viewpoint #4)

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Wind turbine leaders hold info sessions on revised plan

by Brad Chandler

Information sessions were held at the Creignish Recreation Centre on July 11th and July 12th to inform locals of the revised plans of a project that could see wind turbines placed along the hills of Inverness County.

The proposed plan would place 15 wind turbines on Crown and private land between Route 19 and the Trans-Canada Highway 105.

Representatives of ABO Wind Canada, the governing group in charge of the proposed Rhodena Wind Project, held the information sessions to receive feedback from locals on the recently revised plan.

"We are trying to do our best to have a platform where people can talk one on one to ABO,"

said Communications and engagement lead for Atlantic Canada Heidi Kirby in an interview with *The Oran*. "There are a lot of positive things that come with renewable energy. In the bigger picture, a lot of people understand that this will be better for the environment and the world is changing."

In July 2022, the Government of Nova Scotia announced a request for proposals to attract low-cost and innovative solutions to supply 10 per cent of the province's electricity from renewables, such as wind and solar.

Nine proposals were accepted; however, the Rhodena Wind Project failed to pass the first stage of the application process.

Initially, the project planned to have 18 turbines,

Through feedback from local communities, ABO has since decided to limit the amount to 15, seven of



On July 11th representatives of ABO Wind Canada held information sessions at the Creignish Recreation Centre to inform locals about their revised plan to bring wind turbines to Route 19.

which will be relocated on the ridge of Creignish Hills

to a minimum of three kilometers from Route 19 and the residences along Route 19. They say the topography

provides a natural barrier to reduce the potential visual,

noise, and shadow flicker impacts of the project from Route 19.

Since its inception, the project has received negative feedback from some highway 19 residents. In 2021, a Facebook group called "No turbines on Route 19" was created to combat the proposed plan.

One of the main issues residents had with the proposed idea was the proximity of the wind turbines to highway 19. In 2021, project organizers took these complaints into consideration and had their location moved to over 1800 metres away from any residence and three kilometres from Highway 19.

In its latest revision, the nearest wind turbine is now 3400 metres from Route 19.

"This is something that people definitely aren't

used to around here, so this open house was made to show people what would be involved and the amount of homes it would provide energy too," Kirby said. "We wanted to do it in a responsible way...it is different and it is new, but it doesn't have to be such a bad thing. Education is a huge part of getting used to something new, so talking with people to understand what this is, what it will look like and why it could be a good thing could really help."

The projected area of interest was selected due to "world-class wind speeds, an existing network of forestry roads, land topography, grid capacity, and the ability to adhere to and exceed company, municipal, and provincial setback guidelines," according to

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Rhodena wind turbines...

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guidelines,” according to the latest project plan.

If approved, ABO said the project could generate enough energy for 34,000 homes annually.

On July 5th, The Inverness County Planning and Advisory Committee recommended that council approve the new Wind Turbine Bylaw that would increase setback distances for utility scale wind turbines to one kilometre and add a setback table that considers the number of wind turbines in a wind turbine farm with a generating capacity of two megawatts or more and insert accompa-

nying definitions; and that council give First Reading and schedule a public hearing.

“We are keeping a close eye on that bylaw to see if it will be changed,” Kirby said. “We will adhere to any changes in bylaw that’s necessary.”

ABO said the project will be submitted to the provincial government for review and approval in September. The process will provide additional opportunities for citizens to share feedback on the project.

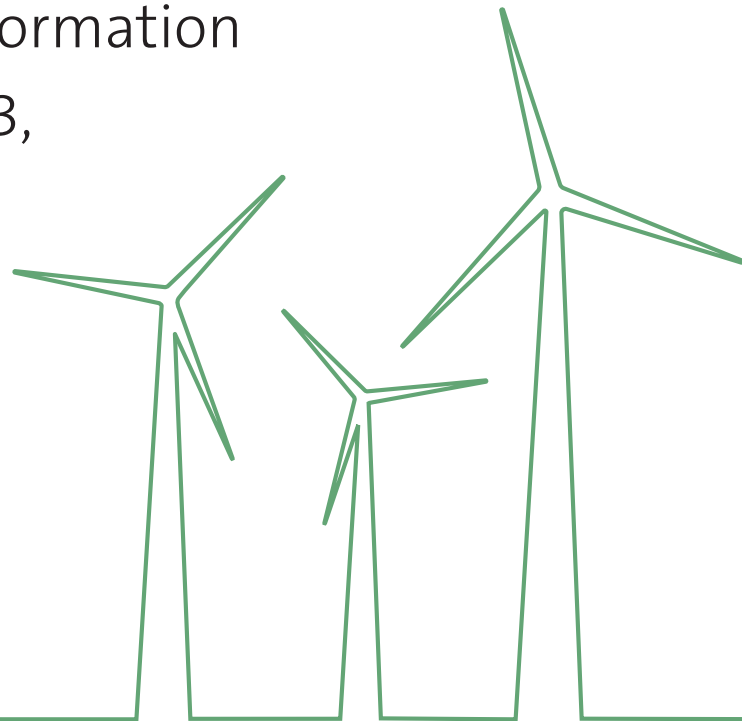
If approved, ABO plans to begin construction in 2024.



The project is now looking to place 15 wind turbines between Route 19 and the Trans-Canada Highway 105 after initially aiming for 18 turbines. The change came after hearing feedback from residents of the area who expressed concerns over the proximity of the turbines to the highway

Community Notice of Proposal

- ABO Wind Canada plans to bid the Rhodena Wind Project in response to the NS Green Choice Program RFP in April 2024. The proposed Project is located between Route 19 and TCH 105, in Inverness County, in the general vicinity of Judique, Creignish, Port Hastings, and Port Hawkesbury.
- Following mailouts and information sessions held in 2021 and 2023, ABO plans to do additional community engagement in early 2024.
- ABO Wind welcomes your feedback and questions.



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