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EverwindFuels Proceeds with Engineering and Assessment

By **Maurice Rees**

Colchester council held two meetings on November 16th. The first was a special council meeting at 6:00 pm, to be immediately followed by council's regularly scheduled council committee meeting. The only item on the agenda for 6:00 pm meeting was to give second reading to the Wind Turbine By-law amendments which needed to be passed or defeated in November.

To summarize, a motion to include EveryWindFuels in the list of firms whose work would be paused was defeated by a vote of 7-4. (Exact details are included in Councillor Victoria Lomond's column found on Page 5). This means EverWindFuels can continue with detailed engineering and work on its Environment Assessment in 2024.

The by-law later passed 2nd reading and will become effective, once the regulatory re-

quirements are met, after Council's monthly meeting on November 30th.

Main part of the amendments to be put a pause on accepting any new applications for wind development until the county wide planning exercise was completed and the Land Use By Laws were put in place.

In a way, the entire background scene become complicated, but let me explain. Prior to the Province tasking all mu-

nicipalities to develop County Wide Planning and the implementation of Land Use By-Law and before possible amendments to the by-law were discussed by council, EverWindFuels proponents had been talking to or already applied to council. In essence, they were grandfathered or exempted from future amendments.

After being tasked by the province, Colchester then developed an RFP hiring a consultant to go through the process of developing a county-wide Land Use By-law (LUB), for which public meetings have been ongoing. Colchester's LUB is anticipated to be completed and approved by the end of 2024.

Simultaneously, work on drafting the amendments to the wind turbine by-law continued, which among increased set-backs from residential properties would also put a pause on accepting any new applications for wind development until the county wide planning exercise was completed and the Land Use By Laws were put in place.

However, what most people did not realise or think about was that EveryWindFuels would be exempt from any "pausing" stipulations, because it had already been at the table and would be "grandfathered". Knowing some factions wanted EveryWindFuels included in the pausing as part of the second reading, council called EveryWindFuels to appear before council in another presentation meeting on November 14th.

Everwind Fuels Presenters included: Trent Vichie, EverWind CEO; Brendan Chard, EverWind VP Power;

Rebecca Crump, RES VP and Amanda Coldham, CBCL Project Manager. Included in their collateral was a 17-page overhead presentation.

Electricity generated from proposed wind turbines in Colchester will be sent to the hydrogen production facility at Point Tupper. One of the first overheads included: \$180-Million invested to date; Deepest ice-free port on the East Coast; Brownfield site - \$700mm existing infrastructure; 3,000+ acres of industrially zoned land; Freshwater on site; Existing pipeline, road, and rail access; Hazardous material experience and 18 years no lost time injury.

Wind farms in Colchester are: Windy Ridge and Kmtnuk. Kmtnuk is described as:

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS December 2023

Protect Wentworth Valley Society is announcing an evening with Signal Hill at the Wentworth Rec Centre in support of "Protect Wentworth Valley" on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Admission is \$45 per person and can be purchased via E-transfer to: info@protectwentworthvalley.com. Doors open at 7:30 pm, Signal Hill will be on stage 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm. This is a 19+ event at Wentworth Recreation Centre.

Annual Christmas Craft Sale at the Economy Recreation Center, 3315 Highway 2, Economy, Sunday, December 3rd 9am-2pm. Over 40 tables of local, talented crafters, bakers, entrepreneurs and small business owners in one place! Free Admission / Canteen

The Mira and Parkland Estates will construct new facilities with a combined total of 173 single rooms to replace existing facilities. Construction will be completed in 2031 and 2032.

The long awaited Willow Street roundabout at the intersection of McClure Mills Road and Willow Street will be completed by late 2024. A former Tim Horton's was closed earlier this year. Total cost of \$2.8-Million will be shared by the federal and provincial governments with the Town of Truro.

The government announced on November 20, that 2,200 more long-term care rooms will be added or replaced by 2032. This is in addition to about 3,500 new and replacement rooms that are expected to open by 2027.

Angels Remembered Tree Lighting will be held November 30th at 6:00 pm at the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society, 89 Queen Street, Truro. Join us in our memorial garden for our fourth annual **Angels Remembered Tree Lighting**, with hot apple cider, grief resources, and gift giving ideas. You can find our other **Angels Remembered Trees** at the following locations: **Truro:** The HUB (formerly Truro Mall) and Rath Eastlink Community Centre; **Elmsdale:** Lloyd E. Matheson Building and **Tatamagouche:** Guardian - C.G. Fulton Pharmacy.



Nancy Crosby, Classic Rentals heads up the Elves for Elder program a United Way. Gifts can also be dropped off at Classic Rentals. United Way's "Elves for Elders" program — which was created by a local couple in 2014 who saw a need in the community and worked to fill it — has grown every year. See the full story on page 4. (Photo Submitted)

Blueberry Producers Faced Challenging Year

By **Linda Harrington**

The 2023 Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry Conference and Annual General Meeting took place at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro on Nov. 16th and 17th with a good attendance from producers and those with an interest in the industry.

WBPANS President David Harrison welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting 2023 has been a challenging year with extreme weather events, higher input costs, reduced yields and a lower farm gate price. "Despite the challenges and pain, we are all feeling right now, there is still some optimism to be had. We have a great product, that people want, and we have partners who see the value in our industry. We will be working hard to try and improve margins in 2024," said David as he wrapped up his president's report.

Wild blueberry producers were disappointed to only receive 35 cents/lb for their crop this

year. The price fluctuates on a commodity market and in the last twenty years farm gate price has ranged from over \$1/lb in 2006/2007 to a low of .27/lb in 2017. Rising input costs have most producers looking at significant losses on their 2023 crop, compounded by a lower-than-normal yield due to the polar vortex event and wet summer.

The polar vortex event took place in February 2023 and effected many fruit crops. Weather stations recorded temperatures below 30 degrees Celsius, with wind chills of minus forty to minus fifty. Horticulture Nova Scotia is working together with the NS Department of Agriculture in assessing and providing program support for impacted producers. The details of exactly what the program of support will be are yet to be determined. For more information or to apply, please email Patricia Bishop at patricia@horticultures.ca or text/call: 902.403.7218.

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