

50 Turbines Proposed



A large crowd in attendance at the Windy Ridge Wind Power Project Presentation and Q&A session on Feb. 12th at the Legion in Debert. (Harrington Photo)



Mark Stewart, Engagement Manager for Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Canada Inc., in the audience getting the mic to people and answering questions, including information concerning the proximity payments, community vibrancy fund and scholarships. (Harrington Photo)



A panel was in attendance to answer any questions from the audience. Left to right-Moderator- Dr. Chris Ollson, Andrea Crossman- RES Project Manager, Nicole McDonald- CBCL, Rebecca Crump -RES Senior Development Manager, Brendon Chard-Windy Ridge VP Power, Rose Paul- Bayside Development Corp., Adam Langer- EverWind Director of Public Relations. (Harrington Photo)

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Leslie, a member of "Protect Wentworth Valley" spoke about the concern for the biodiversity of this area and protecting what is below the spinning turbines. Nancy Frame, also a resident of Wentworth Valley had concerns about the increased truck traffic during construction, referencing this area was once known as "death valley" until traffic was rerouted through the Cobequid Pass.

Debbie Atkinson felt, "the community benefits being offered by EverWind were insufficient for those that have to live here." The proposed community benefits agreement with Colchester County includes: \$300,000 per year in proximity payments to neighbouring homeowners, \$100,000 per year toward a community vibrancy fund to

support community initiatives, \$50,000 in replenishing bursaries, \$3.6 million in municipal taxes (annually compounding) totaling over \$150 million throughout the life of the project. The proximity payments are meant to compensate the 278 residences within 3km from a turbine over the 35-year lifespan of the project.

District 10 Councillor Victoria Lomond addressed the approximate \$100,000 vandalism that has occurred recently on proposed sites, "I am very ashamed of our communities and the individuals who are taking part in such heinous activity. It is not fair to anyone, and it only hurts everyone, community and the project as well." She asked if vandalism continued what this would mean for those who wish to continue to use the lands for recreational purposes, but the

company is still working through their operational plans at this time.

There was concern about what will happen to the turbines and infrastructure at their end of life (in potentially 35 years). EverWind will establish a Decommission Fund with the County to cover such costs in the future.

The community had a second opportunity to address their concerns with EverWind at an Open House on February 13th.

The next phase in the project will be the submission of an Environmental Assessment to the Province in March. The public will be able to submit their comments regarding this document.

The target date for construction is Spring 2025, with a target date for commercial operation of Fall 2026.



Dr. Chris Ollson, moderator for the event, keeping the question and answer format flowing smoothly for the two hour session. (Harrington Photo)



Carol Ferguson, from Sustainable Northern Nova Scotia (SUNNS) brought up concerns of the economic impact for businesses in Tatamagouche and Wentworth who currently make their living off the unique natural surroundings of the area. (Harrington Photo)

Colchester & Cumberland Bridge Closures

The following is a list of bridge closures as supplied by Department of Public Works:

Donaldson Bridge, French River; Donaldson Bridge on Lake Road, about three kilometres west of Tatamagouche, is closed until further notice. The detours are on Trout Brook Road and Cooper Road.

Old Truro Road, Tatamagouche: Old Truro Road, from the Kennedy Hill intersection to Cross Road in North River, is closed until further notice because of a large culvert failure. A detour is in place.

Slade Road, Tatamagouche: Slade Road is closed between Lake Road and West Tatamagouche Road until further notice because of a bridge closure.

In Cumberland Country: Fountain Road, South Middleboro: Fountain Road, between Hunter Road and Simmonds Road, is closed until Sunday, March 31, for removal and replacement of the Howard Bridge. Traffic

will be detoured from Fountain Road via Simmonds Road and Keers Mill Road. Vehicles more than four metres wide need an alternate route because of the width of structures on the detour route.

Pancake Supper in Wentworth
Take-Out or Eat-In

Saturday, March 9, 2024
3:00 to 6:00 pm
Wentworth Recreation Centre
13752 Highway 4, Wentworth NS

3 Pancakes with Maple Syrup
3 Sausages
Homemade Baked Beans
Cake
\$12 per person.

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10x14	\$5100	\$5700
10x16	\$5500	\$6100
10x18	\$5900	\$6500
10x20	\$6300	\$7000
12x12	\$5000	\$5600
12x14	\$5500	\$6100
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