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West Bay Wind Project SOLD

ABO Energy recently completed a sale of the Project to Northland Power Inc., a Canadian-owned power producer with nearly 40 years of experience financing, constructing, owning, and operating renewable and conventional energy infrastructure projects worldwide. While ownership of the project is changing, commitments to ensuring a successful project and a smooth transition remains the same.

Northland Power met with community members and shared more about the project at a five hour open house on October 21 at the Parrsboro Lions Club, 210 King Street, Parrsboro

ABO Energy will continue to support Northland Power in this transition over the coming months. Project Updates: The proposed West Bay Wind Project will be submitted to Nova Scotia's Green Choice Program Procurement in January 2027. Successful projects are expected to be announced in May 2027. Learn more at **www.nova-scotia-gcp.com**. If selected and approved, the project would be built in Cumberland County near West Bay and Kirkhill, outside Parrsboro.

Following an Environmental Assessment and other regulatory approvals, and ongoing Indigenous and community engagement, the project could begin construction in 2028 and be in-service by late 2030. The project is expected to generate up to 150 megawatts of clean, renewable electricity using up to 26 wind turbines, helping power homes and businesses across Nova Scotia.

Why Is ABO Energy Transitioning the Project to Northland Power?

- ABO Energy specializes in identifying and advancing renewable energy projects through the early development stages.
- As projects mature, it is common practice to partner with, or transition them to, experienced long-term owners and operators who can provide the financing, construction expertise, and operational resources needed to bring them to completion.
- Northland Power is well positioned to take on the next phases of development, construction and long-term operation.

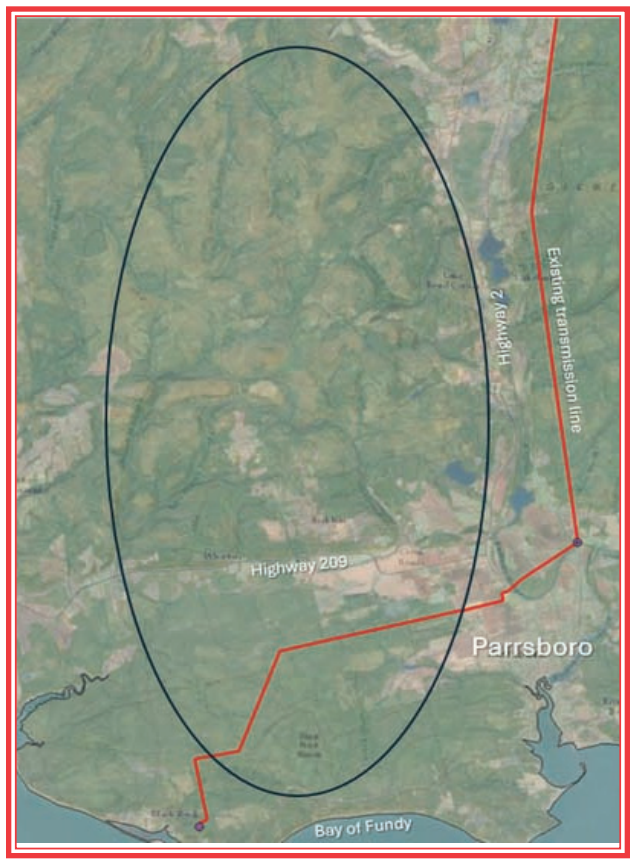
Who is Northland Power?

- Northland Power is a Canadian energy company headquartered in Toronto. They were founded in 1987 as one of Canada's first independent power producers and have grown into a global energy provider with a strong track record of developing, owning and operating high quality renewable and conventional energy assets.
- Northland Power has over 1,000 employees globally, 3.6 GW of projects in operation and another 2.4 GW in construction.
- Northland Power is publicly listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and has an investment grade BBB credit rating.

What Happens Next?

- The project remains well positioned to move for-

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Grassroots Grants Program Returns for Second Year

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Following a successful first year, Nova Scotia Power is bringing back the Grassroots Grants Program in 2026, with $200,000 in funding available to help local organizations turn community-building ideas into action.

The program reflects Nova Scotia Power's commitment to supporting the communities where employees live and work. Community organizations across the province are creating opportunities for connection, supporting local needs and strengthening communities.

"The response to our first year of Grassroots Grants demonstrated the incredible work that non-profit organizations, charities and community groups are doing across Nova Scotia," says Jennifer Parker, Vice-President of Communications and External Engagement. "We're proud to build on that momentum by expanding the program and helping bring more local ideas to life. These organizations are making a real difference in their communities, and we're excited to help support projects that matter to Nova Scotians."

Through the inaugural year of Grassroots Grants, 18 organizations across the province received funding for projects that improved community well-being, enhanced local services and helped address unique local needs.

The North Sydney Food Bank was one of last year's Grassroots Grants recipients.

"Because of the funding from Nova Scotia Power's Grassroots Grants program, we were able to buy a beautiful fridge and freezer combo. That really was a game changer for us," says Stacy Ellis, General Manager of the North Sydney Food Bank. "Without partners, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. They allow us to keep growing and introducing new programs."

Funding is available for initiatives focused on health and wellness, education, community development, food security, safety and resilience, youth and inclusion. Successful applicants may receive grants of up to $20,000.

Registered non-profits and charities based in Nova Scotia are eligible to apply. Online applications are open October 1, 2026 to November 13, 2026. Successful applicants will be notified early in the new year.

For more information on Grassroots Grants, to learn more about the 2025 recipients and the impact on their local initiatives, or to apply: Grassroots Grants Program | Nova Scotia Power

Have questions about the program? Email: **grassroots-grants@nspower.ca**

Nova Scotia's Forest Harvest Declines

By Ron Furlong

Cumberland County Holds Its Ground as Nova Scotia's Forest Harvest Declines. Nova Scotia's latest Registry of Buyers report shows a forest industry that continued to contract in 2025, but Cumberland County did not follow the provincial trend.

The 2026 Registry of Buyers report, which covers the 2025 calendar year, records a total provincial harvest of 2.223 million cubic metres of solid wood. That was down from 2.322 million cubic metres in 2024, a decline of just over 4%. Softwood accounted for most of the decrease, falling from 2.021 million cubic metres in 2024 to 1.911 million cubic metres in 2025. Hardwood moved in the opposite direction, increasing from about 302,000 to 312,000 cubic metres.

Against that provincial decline, Cumberland County's total harvest remained essentially stable. The county produced approximately 315,000 cubic metres in 2024 and about 318,000 cubic metres in 2025. Its share of the provincial harvest increased from 13% to 14%. In 2025, only Pictou County reported a larger share, at 15%.

That makes Cumberland one of the most significant wood-producing areas in Nova Scotia and gives local operators a somewhat different picture than the provincial totals alone might suggest. While overall harvesting in Nova Scotia declined, Cumberland's volume held up.

The source of that wood also changed.

In 2024, Cumberland accounted for about 6% of Nova Scotia's Crown-tenure harvest. In 2025, its share rose to 16%. At the same time, industrial-tenure harvesting in Cumberland declined in volume, although the county still accounted for 30% of all industrial-tenure harvest reported in the province.

The Registry provides the numbers but does not explain why that shift occurred, so it would be premature to attribute it to any one policy, landowner decision or market change. What the figures do establish is that Cumberland's harvest was supported by a noticeably different mix of land tenure in 2025 than it was a year earlier.

There was also a significant change in how Nova Scotia's harvested wood was used.

Studwood and sawlogs remained the dominant category, accounting for approximately two-thirds of the provincial harvest in both years. The larger movements were in lower-grade fibre. Pulpwood declined from about 499,000 cubic metres in 2024 to 400,000 cubic metres in 2025, a drop of roughly 20%. Energy wood also de-

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Valley Schoolhouse to feature Community Café

The Wentworth Development Community Council have decided to start a Community Cafe and a sub-committee met yesterday and agreed the following, new community cafe opening Sunday October 18th, 11-2pm in the Valley Schoolhouse, Barclay Rd, Wentworth. Baked goods, Beverages, by Donation. Music, Board Games. A warm welcome to all. The second café event will be held Saturday November 7th 11-2pm"

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