

## Green Nova Scotia First Presentation to County Council



Green NS First presenter, Margaretta Sander did such an excellent job using Power Point in her presentation to Colchester Council, on August 6th, we decided to extract the PP presentation in point form. Here goes:

### Who We Are:

Represent residents from 7 counties:

Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland, Antigonish, Guysborough, Inverness and Hants.

Threatened by an Industrial Wind Turbine invasion of the hydrogen-ammonia-export industry.

We have the support of: Environmental Defense Canada; Ecology Action Centre; Nature Nova Scotia; Mar-

garee Environmental Association; Centre for Local Prosperity; What we are For - Decarbonize Nova Scotia Grid.

### What We are Also For:

Small scale, community wind and solar energy by the community for the community.

Cheaper electricity for all. Location planning for renewable energy.

### Why Are We Here Today

We know you want to do the best for all residents is Why We are Here Today.

We believe you made a mistake one year ago in declining the moratorium on wind energy development

until the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw were completed.

We want to work with you to correct this.

### So What's The Problem

No wind projects should be permitted if they are for hydrogen-ammonia export, as long as the Nova Scotia grid is fuelled by coal and other fossil fuels.

So why are we obsessing with hydrogen?

Watch This...

We don't have time to really present to you (like ever-wind did) so watch this ASAP:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0Q9cuF8zKg>

### Why you should not be subsidising hydrogen

As long as the Nova Scotia grid is fuelled by coal and other fossil fuels, no wind projects should be permitted for hydrogen-ammonia export.

Atlantic Canada cannot compete with over 1,400 other cheaper, strategically located hydrogen producers.

Ammonia only makes things worse.

Hydrogen is a highly unstable gas not a fuel, difficult to store; Not a 'silver bullet' to lessen climate catastrophe & is 33 times more powerful than CO2 when leaked into atmosphere.

Ammonia is a highly toxic, lethal poison; Extremely flammable, explosive, corrosive and it is illegal to sell pure ammonia in Canada. In agriculture it contributes to decline in soil health, loses 80% of original energy in shipping.

### The Impact on Colchester County:

- 57 giant turbines in or on the boundary of the county
- For hydrogen-ammonia use 70% of everything generated is lost
- If used for our grid we could have 17 turbines vs 57
- That's better for the environment and for our electricity needs **What GNSF asks Council**
- Be responsible to the citizens of Colchester County first
- Realise money is **not** the only benefit
- **Reconsider** Wind Turbine ByLaw changes
- Complete land use management plan & update regulations **now** to include:
- hydrogen proponents must have signed off-take agreements
- Must provide decommissioning bonds, insurance, and guarantees up front
- Approval to be by Council/Public Input not staff
- Prioritize Colchester County climate strategy to get us off fossil fuel **now**
- Don't buy into corporate/government **greenwashing**

## \$973,000 for Sewage System Improvements

Pumping stations will be replaced in Lower Truro and Hilden, and 275 metres of sewer pipe will be replaced in Brookfield and Great Village following an announcement by Tom Taggart, MLA on July 24th. The Province will invest \$973,000 in the project. An additional \$973,000 will come from the Municipality of Colchester and other sources.

"Colchester is a vibrant, proud community with a very bright future ahead - both for the people living and working here and for those looking for a new place to call home," said Tom Taggart, MLA for Colchester North, on behalf of John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "It's crucial that this area has the infrastructure in place to continue

to thrive and grow, and this investment will help set the course for that bright future."

Christine Blair, Mayor, Municipality of Colchester said, "The Municipality of Colchester welcomes the investments by our provincial government partners in strengthening our infrastructure to support new homes and businesses in our county. We are growing. New funding not only stretches our tax dollars to achieve more infrastructure goals, but it assists in our planning for the future."

## \$276,406 in Grants Announced

\$276,406 in grants has been announced for over 60 Fire Brigades / Departments, Ground Search & Rescue across the province. Receiving grants in Cumberland and Colchester areas include: Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services Water Supply/Suppression Equipment, \$20,000; Enfield Volunteer Fire Department PPE, \$20,000; Joggins Volunteer Fire Department SCBA, \$11,451; Midville and District Volunteer Fire Department Misc Fire & Rescue Equipment & Water Supply, \$20,000; Milford and District Volunteer Fire Brigade Society PPE & Misc Rescue Equipment \$19,832; Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search & Rescue Rescue Equipment, \$20,000; North Shore Volunteer Fire Department PPE, \$20,000; Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue Unit Emergency Power for Building, \$15,094; Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department PPE \$20,000; River Hebert Fire Department PPE & Misc Equipment, \$14,884; Stewiacke and District Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Equipment, \$20,000; Summerville and District Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Equipment, \$19,747; Tatamagouche Volunteer Fire Department PPE, \$20,000; Town of Truro Fire Service PPE, \$15,440; Upper Stewiacke Volunteer Fire Department PPE, \$20,000 and Wal-

lace Volunteer Fire Department PPE, \$20,000.

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### Request for Proposals for Tourism Marketing Services

The Province is looking for professional tourism marketing services to support activities promoting Nova Scotia as a vacation destination. A request for proposals for a tourism marketing agency of record was issued on August 1. The successful agency will work closely with Tourism Nova Scotia to provide highly specialized services in tourism marketing campaign creation, media buying and planning, website development, research and marketing strategy.

The new contract will have an initial five-year term with the option for two one-year extensions.

The request for proposals is open until September 25 and is available at: <https://procurement-portal.novascotia.ca/tenders/Doc2103557238>

The current tourism marketing agency of record contract is held by m5 Marketing Communications and expires March 31, 2025

### Provincewide Tree Planting Started

Some neighbourhoods in Upper Tantallon/Hammonds Plains are getting new trees planted to replace many that were burned in the May 2023 wildfire. "We've committed to planting 21 million trees in Nova Scotia as part of a national effort to support biodiversity, carbon capture and quality of life in our communities. This work also supports ecological forestry and green jobs to boost our rural economy," said Kent Smith, acting Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables. "Along with our federal partners, we're funding tree-planting projects across the province. I'm very happy that some of the first are helping restore neighbourhoods that were devastated by last year's wildfire."

Residents in the Westwood Hills, Highland Park and Perry Pond neighbourhoods formed groups to apply to Thriving Forests - the program co-ordinating tree planting in Nova Scotia. About 118,000 trees will be planted this fall on residential properties and in municipal parks in these neighbourhoods.

These projects are among 23 around the province that have been approved to date. In total, more than 570,000 trees will be planted this fall with about \$974,000 in funding. The trees are a mix of red and white spruce, white pine, tamarack, hemlock, red and sugar maple, yellow birch and red oak.

Planting 21 million trees is a commitment in Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth. The plan aims to create a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable future for all Nova Scotians. It includes initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, switch to clean energy and transportation, create a clean economy, make homes and buildings energy efficient and able to stand up to the impacts of climate change, and help Nova Scotians adapt to the changing climate.

The first 23 Thriving Forests projects included two from Colchester included: private landowner, Debert and Shannex - projects in Dartmouth, Sydney and Truro.

The Clean Foundation is running the Thriving Forests program on behalf of the Province. It is open to governments, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, and Indigenous organizations and communities. Private landowners with about two hectares of land are also eligible. Application information is available at: <https://cleanfoundation.ca/thriving-forests/>

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*Christine Blair's commitment and tireless work for the communities she serves is admirable. I believe her continued leadership, dedication, and vision will be a benefit to us all over the next several years.*

- Laurie Jennings, Owner of Masstown Market

*I have worked with her on two distinct portfolios: Canadian Veterans in direct reference to funding and participation in events honouring Veterans at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River and more recently an attempt to secure Grief and Trauma support... Mayor Blair made herself available for meetings and discussions, asking astute and appropriate questions, gaining the insight required to move the issues forward to the appropriate people or agencies, in different levels of government.*

... 'showing up', is a true sign of leadership with and among the people she represents. Experience and integrity of purpose are assets for this community going forward. They are found in this candidate.

- Karen Ewing MD CCFP-FCFP