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MoU WITH THE ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA MI'KMAW CHIEFS

Nova East Wind is excited to have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs (Assembly) that reflects a desire to build a sustained relationship throughout the life of Canada's leading offshore wind project.

The MoU was the result of extensive dialogue with the Assembly and commits the parties to work toward the development of a Mutual Benefits Agreement that will create meaningful and direct participation in the project for Mi'kmaw individuals, businesses and communities.



COMPLETION OF AERIAL SURVEY



Nova East Wind has undertaken a review of existing available data sources to gain a better understanding of its proposed project area to help ensure Nova East Wind's plans are compatible with existing features and uses of the area. The review included vessel traffic and patterns, academic species research, commercial fishing effort, and water and wind conditions.

Additionally, the project recently completed 24 consecutive months of aerial surveys over the potential project area (1,100 km2 surveyed) to document vessel traffic, buoys and surface biodiversity such as marine mammals, turtles and sea birds.

CANADA SETS RULES FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

Recently, the Government of Canada Passed Bill C-49 to Seize the Enormous Economic Opportunity Offshore Wind Presents for Atlantic Canada.

Under the new Act, a joint management regulatory framework for offshore renewable energy development will be established. It changed the name of the former Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) to the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator (CNSOER). More importantly, the Act establishes

- The framework to develop offshore renewable energy
- Improves the alignment between the Accord Acts and the Impact Assessment Act (IAA) so environmental assessment processes will be clearer, more effective and timely.
- Provides tools to support the Government of Canada's marine conservation agenda.
- Modernize the land tenure regime for offshore petroleum development.

ENERGY ACT PASSES IN NS

The Nova Scotia Legislature unanimously passed matching provincial legislation enabling the federal Act (Bill C-49) to be implemented in Nova Scotia without delay. The continued Nova Scotia Government leadership ensures Nova Scotia can become the first Canadian province with an operating offshore wind project. Call for bids for offshore wind projects are expected to happen in 2025.













PROJECT TEAM GROWING

Nova East Wind's project team continues to grow. Recently, Sarah Thomas and Mike Morris joined the team.



Sarah Thomas, Senior Development Manager

Sarah is a certified project manager with almost 20 years professional experience. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, a Master of Public Policy, and a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. After serving as an officer in the US Navy, Sarah managed key shipbuilding projects for the US and Canada. Sarah has worked in renewable energy since 2017, first in tidal before leading a number of projects for DP Energy.



Mike Morris, External Affairs Manager - Nova East Wind

Mike is a senior leader in Atlantic Canada's tech sector. A Halifax native, he has held leadership roles at companies including Nautel, Seaforth Energy, Cobham, and Bell Aliant. Mike holds a degree in Electrical Engineering, and an MBA from Dalhousie University. In the community, he is a member of the Board of Directors at IWK Health, Atlantic Canada's leading hospital for women and children.

WONDERING ABOUT OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY?

Join us on Friday, November 22 for events hosted by Nova East Wind, Canada's Leading Offshore Wind Project.

Get updated and meet the team!

Goldboro Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Goldboro Interpretive Center

See our progress, ask questions, and enjoy lunch & refreshments.

New Harbour Town Hall and Open House 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Harbourview Community Center

Presentation on Offshore Wind and open house to learn about the Nova East Wind project. Refreshments and supper provided.

We look forward to connecting with you!

MRC NEWS

Marine Renewables Canada is holding its Annual Conference at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel.

marinerenewablesconference.ca



Nova East Wind Key Points



Up to 400MW floating offshore wind project that will contribute to Nova Scotia's climate action targets.



Nova East Wind will generate clean renewable energy for Nova Scotians, delivering electricity to Green the Nova Scotia grid.



Nova East Wind is a steppingstone project that will kickstart an exciting new ocean industry offshore Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada.



Safely harnessing Nova Scotia's offshore wind potential utilizing the better wind speeds available offshore.



Project partners DP Energy and SBM Offshore have direct and successful experience creating renewable energy projects and in offshore construction and operations using sustainable and environmentally responsible methods.



Initial environmental surveys have been completed within the project area and surrounding buffer zone identifying and recording species in detail.



Stakeholder and community engagement will continue throughout the duration of the project.













