

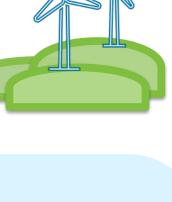
# VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

## November 23, 2021 7:30PM – 8:30PM





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## **TEAM INTRODUCTION**





Potentia Renewables Inc. (PRI) is a Canadian developer, owner, and operator of renewable energy assets with over 1,100 MW across ~800 solar and wind projects that are in operation, under construction or under contract.

PRI is owned by Power Energy Corp., a whollyowned subsidiary of Power Corporation Canada, a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

PRI's team has developed and constructed, and/or owns and operates one-third of the rooftop solar installations and 10% of built wind capacity in Canada. The Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) is comprised of three municipalities in Nova Scotia: Mahone Bay, Antigonish, and Berwick.

Collectively the municipalities own AREA, and AREA owns and operates the 23.5 MW Ellershouse I & II wind farms.

In 2020, AREA conducted an RFP to select a development partner and chose PRI to develop and submit the Ellershouse III and Panuke Lake wind projects for the upcoming Nova Scotia procurements.





#### **RATE BASE PROCUREMENT**

In July 2021, the Nova Scotia government announced that it will add 350 MW of renewable, low impact electricity to the provincial electricity grid through a Rate Base Procurement (RBP).

The province will issue a request for proposal (RFP) to independent power producers like PRI to develop renewable energy projects and sell electricity to Nova Scotia Power Inc. under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

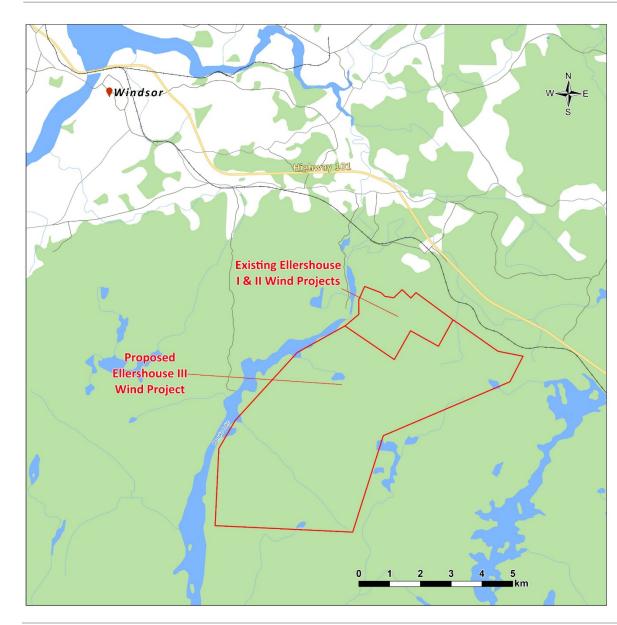
#### **RFP TIMELINE**

Province of Nova Scotia

Early March	Early June	Mid August	Early October
2022	2022	2022	2022
RFP will be released	Power producers submit proposals	Successful bidder of the RFP will be announced	Execution of PPA for the selected proposals



## **ELLERSHOUSE III WIND FARM: OVERVIEW**



Location: immediately south of the existing Ellershouse I & II Wind Farms

**Size:** Planned to be up to 12 wind turbines with a capacity of 66 MW producing 200,000+ MWh annually

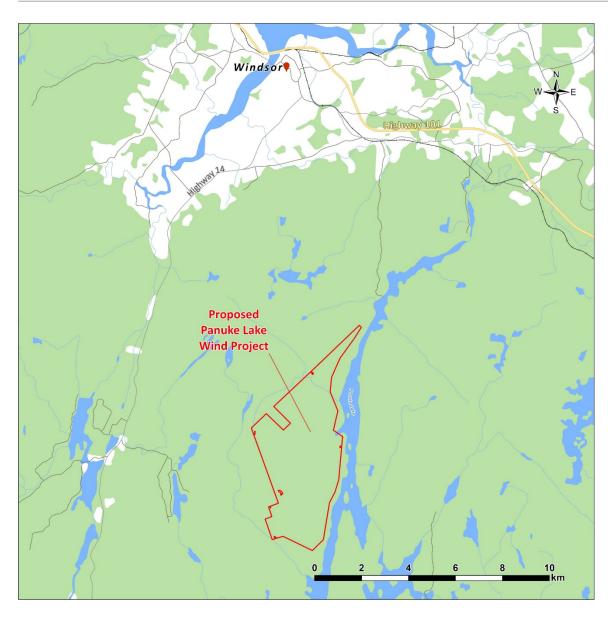
**Point of Interconnection:** connect to the grid near the St. Croix substation

#### **Development Timeline:**

construction would start in late 2023 or early 2024 and electricity could begin flowing to the grid in late 2024



## PANUKE LAKE WIND FARM: OVERVIEW



**Location:** west of Panuke Lake, approximately 8.5 km to the northeast of Vaughan, Nova Scotia

**Size:** Planned to be up to 14 wind turbines with a capacity of 77 MW producing 235,000+ MWh annually

Point of Interconnection: connect to the grid through the existing Nova Scotia Power Inc. transmission line that transects the proposed project area

#### **Development Timeline:**

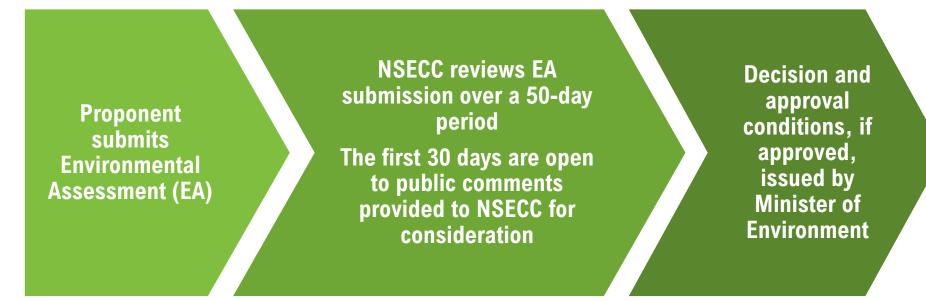
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### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)**

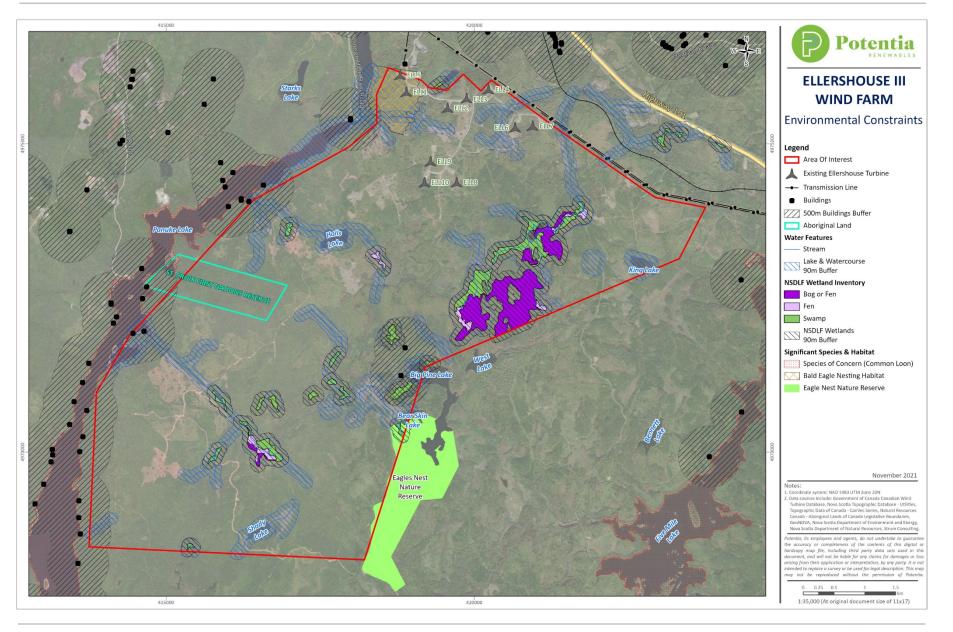


An EA is required by Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) for wind energy projects 2 MW or larger to assess any potential effects of a project on the natural environment, community stakeholders and the public



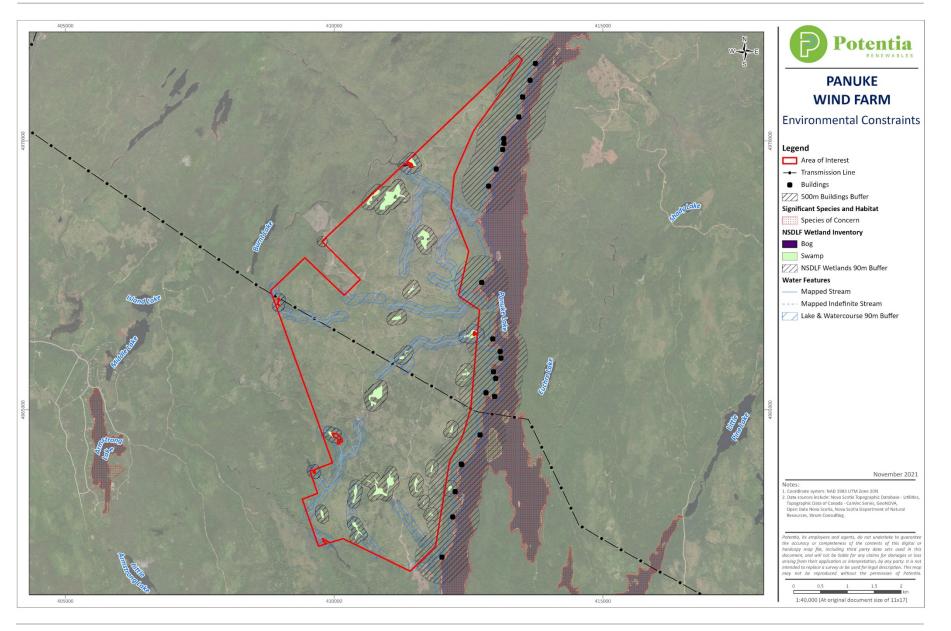


### **ELLERSHOUSE III WIND FARM: ENVIRONMENT CONSTRAINTS**





### **PANUKE LAKE WIND FARM: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS**



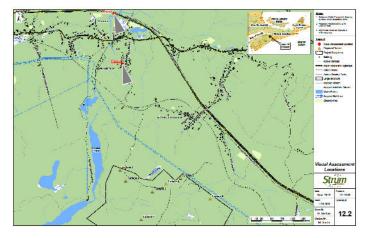


## **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES TO BE COMPLETED**

Studies	Description	
Wildlife	<ul> <li>Migratory birds and bat wildlife are studied for a minimum of one year prior to EA submission</li> <li>Bats are studied during the spring, summer, and fall seasons when they are active within the same year</li> </ul>	
Plants	Wildlife habit and rare plant species studies	
Wetland and Watercourses	<ul> <li>Delineation of wetlands in the field to validate desktop studies and confirm infrastructure setbacks</li> <li>Evaluation of watercourses and waterbodies to identify presence of fish and fish habitat</li> </ul>	
Geotechnical	• Geotechnical studies will be conducted to understand the local geology and help with the design, engineering and construction	
Sound and Shadow Flicker	<ul> <li>Modeling to understand the predicted sound levels at local receptors</li> <li>Modeling to identify shadow flicker amounts</li> </ul>	
Visual Simulation	Simulations of the project from various viewpoints	
Cultural and Heritage Resources	<ul> <li>Desktop and field studies for culturally- and historically-sensitive features</li> <li>Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge (MEK) study will be conducted to gather traditional ecological knowledge in the project area</li> </ul>	
Socio-economic Assessment	<ul> <li>Potential impacts of the project on social and economic factors (e.g. employment, transportation, recreation, etc.)</li> </ul>	



## **VISUAL ASSESSMENT AND SIMULATIONS**



Visual simulations help us, and the community, understand what the wind project will look like once it is built.

At this early stage in development, we have not finalized layouts, so we have provided an **example of a visual assessment from the existing Ellershouse Wind Farm** below.



Visual simulations will be created when we develop our layouts further and will be included in later newsletters and on our project websites.



### **DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE**

		Farly technical studies (wind measurement, engineering, and interconnection)
	2021	<ul> <li>Early technical studies (wind measurement, engineering, and interconnection), desktop environmental review</li> </ul>
		Stakeholder and Mi'kmaq consultation
NO		Open House
ILTATI		Community feedback
<b>NSU</b>	2022	Submit proposal to province
Ő		RFP winners announced
→ →		Continued technical and environmental studies
Ę		Ongoing consultation and community feedback
NMU		Project permitting starts
Ö	2023	Continued permitting
<u>с</u>		Continued consultation and community feedback
ONGOING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION		Detailed engineering
0	2024	Construction start
		Turbine delivery and installation
		Begin operation



## **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

#### How do wind energy projects support the local community? Community Fund – \$1,000 per turbine per year to a local community fund for the duration ٠ of the 25-year renewable energy contract **Economic Support** Provide additional tax revenue to the Municipality of the District of West Hants & Development Create construction jobs and increase demand for local supplies and services, such as food • and lodging **Training**, Skills Work to understand local employment and training gaps and help to fill them ٠ Create opportunities for local training with provincial institutions **Development &** ٠ Offer tours to the local community **Shared Knowledge** ٠ As projects develop further, opportunities for local employment will increase ٠ **Employment** A variety of full time and part time suppliers, contractors and local consultants will be **Opportunities** required to build, operate and maintain the project long-term To be discussed with local partners ٠ **Student Bursaries** Open to receiving suggestions from the community ٠

#### As we continue to expand our local partners, PRI is open to working with the community and participating in current programs that have already been established.



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

We are committed to listening to and engaging with the community. Community members will play leading roles with early planning activities, including:

- Providing key information about the local area, including sensitive or unique environmental, cultural or community features, and locations of potential noise receptors
- Helping develop a list of local businesses and services that could work with us
- Volunteering for the Community Liaison Committee (CLC)



If you are interested in joining the CLC or know of a good candidate, please contact us by email or by visiting the project website:

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#### The Community Liaison Committee (CLC):

- Serves as a link between the community and the development team
- Brings local ideas, concerns, and interests to the table
- Represents landowners, residents, businesspeople, and community groups and/or organizations
- Meets 3-4 times a year
- Voluntary commitment
- Does not require that you are in favour of the project



## Have a Question?

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