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Hello Mayor Zebian,

As you may know the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) has announced significant investments in two wind projects in Nova Scotia, creating new local jobs and supporting a more resilient energy supply for these communities and businesses. The CIB is lending \$224.2M to the [Goose Harbour Lake Wind Project](#) in Guysborough County and \$45.8M to the [Benjamins Mill Wind Project](#) in Hants County.

Goose Harbour Lake Wind

Once complete, the Goose Harbour Lake Wind Project will be one of the largest wind farms in Nova Scotia. CIB's financing, in partnership with Wskijinu'k Mtmo'taqnuow Agency Ltd (WMA) which represents all 13 Mi'kmaw First Nations in the province and Port Hawkesbury Paper Wind Ltd, will increase the amount of available power to the provincial grid. This will ensure the Port Hawkesbury Paper mill, a major employer in the region, and largest consumer of electricity in the province, has sufficient power to maintain productive operations. The new wind project is expected to

generate 60% of the mill's average annual power requirements.

Through the CIB's Indigenous Equity Initiative, the CIB is lending towards enabling WMA's 10 per cent ownership stake in the project, ensuring Indigenous economic participation.

Port Hawkesbury Paper directly employs approximately 325 individuals and indirectly supports an additional 900 contract jobs. An integral part of the local community and its economy, the paper mill brings in \$52M annually in tax revenues from both direct and spinoff activities and impacts every part of the province with a supply chain that includes over 500 Nova Scotia companies. The construction phase of the CIB-financed project will create 150 local jobs, with additional full-time positions during operations.

Benjamins Mill Wind

The Benjamins Mill Wind Project, in partnership with WMA and the independent power producer Natural Forces, will deliver a 34-megawatt wind farm using eight wind turbines and associated electricity infrastructure. The project will create approximately 128 local jobs during construction and provide full-time employment once operational.

Each of these projects is part of CIB's commitment to address energy affordability of the much-needed investments in electricity infrastructure and to reduce the financial impact on Nova Scotia ratepayers, supporting a more resilient electrical grid and accelerating the province's energy transition.

As of Q2, the CIB has committed \$13B in repayable loans to 75 projects across the country, with 55 of these projects currently under construction. These projects are unlocking social and economic benefits for communities and businesses. Our project pipeline is healthy and we expect to invest another \$3B+ this fiscal year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information on these projects.

Thank you,

Sana



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