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Dear Mayor Zebian and Members of Council,

I hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of the Bear Lake Wind Project, a partnership between Membertou First Nation and EverWind, I am pleased to extend an invitation to West Hants Regional Municipality to

participate in our Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

As we move forward with the development of this renewable energy project within your municipality, we recognize the importance of maintaining open communication and meaningful engagement with the community. The CLC will provide a structured forum for dialogue between our project team and key stakeholders throughout the development process.

Attached, please find a formal invitation letter with additional details about the CLC and its purpose. We would be honored to have a municipal representative, specifically a councillor, join this committee to ensure that municipal perspectives and priorities are incorporated into our planning and CLC discussions. Additionally, an overview flyer for the Bear Lake Project with links to the website has also been attached.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 902-318-1249 or via email.

We look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

Mark Stewart

Bear Lake Wind Project On behalf of Membertou First Nation and EverWind

Attachment: Bear Lake Wind Project CLC Invitation Letter



Att: Mayor and Members of Council

West Hants Regional Municipality

76 Morison Drive Windsor, NS B0N 2T0

RE: Invitation to Participate in Community Liaison Committee for Bear Lake Wind Project

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Bear Lake Wind Project, a partnership between Membertou First Nation and EverWind Fuels, to invite West Hants Regional Municipality to participate in the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) for our proposed renewable energy development.

As you are aware, we are in the development phase of the Bear Lake Wind Project within your municipality. We are committed to ensuring this project brings meaningful benefits to local communities while minimizing impacts through thoughtful planning and design.

Community engagement is central to our approach. To this end, we are establishing a dedicated Community Liaison Committee (CLC) to facilitate ongoing, structured dialogue between our project team and community members. This committee will serve as a forum for addressing questions, sharing updates, and collaboratively solving challenges as they arise. We would value the Municipality's direct participation on this committee and specifically extend an invitation for a councillor to join the CLC for the Bear Lake Wind Project. Your involvement would strengthen the committee and help ensure municipal perspectives are integrated into our development process.

The CLC will meet quarterly throughout the development and construction phases of the project, with the first meeting planned for Wednesday 16 April 2025. Committee members will:

- Receive regular project updates
- Provide feedback on project plans and community initiatives



- Help identify and address community concerns through collaboration and a solutions-based approach
- Contribute to discussions on local benefits and opportunities, including the allocation of vibrancy funds
- Serve as information conduits between the project and the broader community

We believe that diverse representation on the CLC will lead to more robust discussions and better outcomes. In addition to municipal representation, we are inviting local First Nation representation, residents, local business owners, community organizations, and other stakeholders to participate.

If the Municipality is interested in appointing a representative to the CLC, please contact me at 902 318 1249 or mark.stewart@everwindfuels.com by Friday 28 March 2025. We would be happy to provide additional information about the committee's structure, terms of reference, or the project itself.

We look forward to the possibility of working together to ensure the Bear Lake Wind Project develops in a way that respects and benefits your community.

Sincerely,

Mark Stewart

Director of Engagement

Bear Lake Wind Project

On behalf of Membertou First Nation and EverWind



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EVERWIND
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Powering Nova Scotia and contributing to our community.

The world is going green. Technologies like green hydrogen and wind power are helping communities here at home and countries abroad get off fossil fuels. Nova Scotia is in a position to benefit, see how EverWind is helping to make that happen.

Stay updated!

Scan the codes to sign-up for the latest news on the Bear Lake project and to see details on our other Nova Scotia projects:



How are we contributing to the community in West Hants?



Scholarships
\$50,000

Applicable to education and training in the renewables industry. Program to start in 2026 prior to construction. We expect to fully replenish the fund once scholarships are issued.



Contribute
\$1,000 Per
MW, Per Year

Commitment to provide direct payments to communities totaling \$90,000 a year, or \$3.1M over the life of the project. Program to start at the end of the first year of operations, expected 2027.



Truly
Local
Benefits

Commitment to provide annual community benefits fund earmarked for individuals or community improvement initiatives, to be determined through a Committee of volunteers.

Creating good local jobs like:

WIND CONSTRUCTION POSITIONS

- > Civil installation: land clearing, forming, concrete supply, grouting
- > Electrical installation: overground installation, electrical testing, instrument installation
- > Turbine installation: crane supply, turbine offload, mechanical and electrical work

WIND OPERATION POSITIONS

- > HV Technicians / Electricians
- > Wind Technicians
- > Road Maintenance Workers
- > Vegetation Management
- > Snow & Surface Removal
- > Administrative Support
- > Inventory / Materials Management

Partnering with our indigenous communities.

We are committed to ongoing consultation and engagement with Mi'kmaq communities and organizations and we believe that their voice is pivotal to the success of our project.



Register your Company

Scan the code to register your business as a supplier for EverWind.



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:

Why are we producing green hydrogen and green ammonia in Nova Scotia?

- Countries around the world are seeking ways to reduce their carbon emissions and green hydrogen can play a key role. With so much wind, and our strategic position on the Atlantic, Nova Scotia can help fill this demand through exports.
- The expanding global market for green hydrogen means it makes sense for Nova Scotia to invest in renewable energy and the production of green hydrogen. This produces both clean energy for Nova Scotia, and economic benefits such as job creation, technology advancements, and opportunities for small businesses.

What are the benefits of producing green hydrogen and ammonia in Nova Scotia?

- EverWind is committed to maximizing the local benefit of our project. We are taking a phased approach to our development, with future phases allowing us to increase our production capacity, making more clean fuels/products available to support decarbonization efforts here in Nova Scotia.
- The provincial government has released “Nova Scotia’s 2030 Clean Power Plan” which outlines their commitment to clean power, specifically mentioning hydrogen-capable generation. Locally-produced green hydrogen will be much lower cost than imported alternatives, helping support electricity rate affordability. By fueling local generation with our green products, we will contribute to the province’s sustainable energy goals, fostering a cleaner and more environmentally friendly future for Nova Scotia.

When there is demand from NS Power you will shut your electrolyzer off. Don’t these electrolyzers need to run 24/7 to be cost-effective?

- The electrolyzers are flexible, which means they can adjust their output, moving up and down by 10% each second. They can be turned on and off, providing operational flexibility that doesn’t necessitate continuous running.

- This supports decarbonization efforts. Rather than competing for scarce resources, this approach enhances the viability of renewables, making them more versatile options. Collaborative efforts with Nova Scotia Power aim to optimize these benefits for the overall system and the customers it serves.

What is EverWind doing to minimize the environmental impact of the project?

- Layouts will be made available to the community prior to the environmental assessment submission to ensure community feedback and amendments are included.
- Much of the Project site is previously disturbed from historical and current forestry activity, recreational activities, and mineral excavation. EverWind is aiming to further minimize the environmental impact of the Project by:
 - Prioritizing existing logging roads: existing roads are being used to the extent possible
 - Maintaining large setbacks from residences and protected areas
 - Minimizing impact to Old Growth Forest
 - Minimizing impact to Wetlands and Watercourses
 - Minimizing tree clearing

Will the Bear Lake Project be going through an environmental assessment process?

- Yes, the Bear Lake Project has undergone a rigorous Environmental Assessment (EA) and received conditional approval from the province on December 13, 2023. The EA included a comprehensive analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the projects including:
 - Wetlands and Watercourses Surveys
 - Vegetation and Habitat Surveys
 - Bird and Bat Surveys
 - Moose Surveys
 - Sound and Visual Assessments
 - Electromagnetic Assessments
 - Archaeological Assessments
 - Telecommunication Assessments