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LATEST NEWS

- On March 14, Chester Council approved the Development Agreement for the South Canoe Wind Farm. Council's decision has been appealed to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) and this process is currently on-going. A hearing will be held on May 30th at 10am at the New Ross Fire Hall.
- The NSUARB approved Nova Scotia Power's participation and capital portion of the South Canoe Wind Farm on April 26. The UARB hearing that took place in February was part of a detailed and transparent public review process, which determined that the project was in the best interest of Nova Scotia Power customers.
- On April 29th, 51 community members attended a project open house and spoke one-on-one with our team members about construction, jobs, CLC, and ideas on community project sponsorship. The project remains on track to meet the December 2014 operation and will start construction this fall.

- On May 6, we met with local businesses to share information on the project and learned about local services that could be offered to the project. Thank you to everyone who made it out and shared their ideas!



IN THE COMMUNITY

Over the past few months, project team members John Woods and Mary-Frances Lynch, along with artist Darlene Morrison, visited grades 5/6 students in New Ross and Chester. Students creatively made and named their very own turbine as well as learned about wind energy. Thank you to our Community Liaison Committee for spearheading this great idea!



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The CLC met in April in New Ross to discuss CLC membership, community project sponsorship, and receive project updates. The CLC is currently looking for additional members from the local area – eg. permanent resident, cottager, business person and/or community group member.



We are also looking for ideas on project sponsorship. What kinds of local initiatives should we support? Over the summer, the CLC will determine the process for selecting local project for sponsorship. Stay tuned for more updates on our website.

If you are interested in joining the CLC or have ideas, please contact Mary-Frances Lynch.



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Some great questions are being asked by the community. In an effort to respond to all questions, we will be updating our FAQs on our website. Please refer to our website for updated information.



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A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the South Canoe Wind Farm Open House on April 29th and the Local Business Meet & Greet on May 6th. We appreciated hearing your comments and ideas and look forward to more great meetings to come!

To continue our discussion with local businesses we will be holding a follow up meeting on **Tuesday June 18th from 7-9pm** at the **New Ross Fire Hall**. The goal of the meeting is to build upon our last brainstorming session and compile a detailed list of all services in the New Ross, New Russell, Leminster and Vaughan areas. We will be providing this list to the project development team and to contractors.

We want to learn more about local businesses/individuals involved in:

- ✓ Accommodations (short, medium, long term) – B&B's, cottage rental, house/apt rental
- ✓ Preparing and selling food
- ✓ Fuel sales
- ✓ Miscellaneous hardware, lumber, chain saw, forestry support services
- ✓ Mechanical, electrical, hydraulic repair
- ✓ On-site operational services – snow removal, port-o-potties, cleaning

- services, administrative services
- ✓ Entertainment and tourism services
- ✓ Individuals interested in employment
- ✓ Local equipment – porters, dozers, excavators, ATVs
- ✓ Other potential services or suppliers

All welcome. Refreshments provided.



We are especially interested in compiling a list of local accommodations to house project workers. If you have accommodations to offer the project, for example, a B&B, room, house or cottage rental, please come and brainstorm with us on June 18 on how you can turn your house into rentable accommodations OR contact us directly with details.



Council's decision approving a Development Agreement for the South Canoe Wind Farm has been appealed to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and this process is currently on-going. A hearing will begin on Thursday May 30th at 10am at the New Ross Fire Hall (May 31-June 6 reserved). All welcome.



IN THE COMMUNITY

On May 15, members of the South Canoe team attended a strategic planning session hosted by the New Ross Regional Development Society. Thank you for the invitation and for allowing us to participate in the discussion. We look forward to contributing to the long term vision of the region.



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The next Community Liaison Committee meeting will be held on Monday June 17th from 6-8pm at the New Ross Fire Hall. The CLC will be discussing local project sponsorship and project updates. Community members are welcome to attend and observe the meeting.



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We would like to offer a local resident an opportunity to receive Wind Turbine Technician training followed by full time employment as a turbine commissioner and technical advisor.

Starting in September 2013, the candidate would participate in a 10-month Wind Turbine Technician training program at Holland College in Summerside, PEI. The position is open to candidates of all ages and preference will be given to local applicants. Tuition will be fully paid by the South Canoe Wind Farm.

For full details on applying, please visit our website – see the job opportunities page.



The Utility and Review Board (UARB) held a hearing from May 30-June 5 on the Appeal of Municipality of Chester Council's approval of a Development Agreement for the wind farm. The UARB has 60 days to make its decision on the appeal.

We held our second meeting with local businesses and accommodations on June 18th in New Ross. Over 40 people attended and shared information on local services. Over the coming weeks, we will be finalizing the "South Canoe Local Business Directory" which will be presented to project contractors. If you missed the meeting and have info to share on your business or accommodations, please be in touch.

Our next meeting to finalize the directory and prepare for a meeting with contractors will be held on Monday July 29 from 7-8:30pm at the New Ross Fire Hall.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Students in New Ross and Chester participated in wind energy sessions with members of the project team and participated in a turbine-naming competition. We recently awarded the 34 winners of the turbine naming competition and once built, winning names will be printed onto the turbines themselves, names like – **Turbinator, Winds "R" Us, and Magic Spinner.**

Congrats to all!



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The CLC met on June 17 in New Ross and welcomed its newest members:

- Bob Hutt – New Ross Resident
- George Robson – Leminster Resident
- Dave Campbell – Lake Lewis Cottager
- Merlin Gates – New Ross Resident
- Debbie Reeves – New Ross Resident
- Tina Connors – Councilor

The CLC discussed South Canoe's **sponsorship of community initiatives** and a sub-committee has been formed to determine the criteria for evaluation, selection process, and specifics on application deadlines. Once more details become available, they will be posted on the South Canoe website, project newsletter and in the New Ross Flyer.

The next CLC meeting will be held on Monday August 12, from 6-8pm, location to be determined. Contact Mary-Frances Lynch for more information.



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Thank you to everyone who attended our third meeting with local businesses on July 29th in New Ross. We are finalizing the local business directory which will be submitted to project contractors. Call or email Mary-Frances with any information to be added to the directory. We heard some great questions last night and have updated the FAQs on our website. Also, stay tuned for details on follow up meetings in the coming months!

We are currently awaiting the outcome of three appeals – two before the UARB regarding Chester Municipal Council's Development Agreement approval and one in the Court of Appeals regarding Nova Scotia Power's 49% capital contribution to the project. These appeal processes could continue into early 2014. Being respectful of the UARB and legal process, we are currently revising the project schedule. In light of this, we will begin clearing and road construction following resolution of the appeals.

We remain confident and committed to building the wind farm given that we have full environmental approval,

Chester Municipal Council has voted in support of the project, and strong public support. We want to thank you for your support throughout the process and we look forward to working with you to make the project a reality.

We will be sending a local resident to participate in the Wind Turbine Technician Training at Holland College in PEI this September. We have received a lot of interest in this opportunity and will be selecting a candidate in August. Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.



We are also committed to supporting community initiatives and will continue to work with the CLC to determine the community project sponsorship selection process and plan to launch this process once all project approvals have been received.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Our project team members are looking forward to volunteering and participating in the New Ross Fair and are happy to be sponsoring the event. See you at the fairgrounds on Saturday August 17.



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Our next Community Liaison Committee meeting will be on **Monday August 12 at the Vaughan Community Centre.**

A sub-committee was formed to determine the selection process for sponsoring local projects. We will be hearing from the sub-committee at this meeting. The public are welcome to attend.



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Over the past few months, project activities have been focused on engineering design. We have been working on designing roads, collector system (electrical system that will bring power from turbine to onsite substation) and turbine foundations. We are also currently working with the System Operator to complete the Facilities Studies for South Canoe. These studies confirm the scope and pricing to tie our project into the existing electrical grid. We are also working to finalize the project's transmission line route.

As of August 21st, Chester Municipal Council was awaiting a decision from the Utility and Review Board (UARB) on the appeal of Development Agreement approval. As part of the process, the UARB visited the project area on August 13th.

We are also awaiting the outcome of an appeal regarding NSPI's 4.9% participation in the project. A hearing will be held on November 27th. This appeal process could continue into early 2014. We remain confident and committed to building the wind farm. Respectful of the process we plan to begin clearing and road construction following resolution of the appeals.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Off to Holland College for George Robson!

In June we launched a search for a local candidate to participate in the Wind Turbine Technician program at Holland College in PEI. We received a lot of interest and are pleased to announce that George Robson will start his training in September and will then return home to work at South Canoe. George has a background in mechanical design and engineering and lives in Leminster, minutes from the project site. **Congrats George!**



Our project team members had a great time volunteering at the New Ross Fair. We were impressed with the organizing committee and commitment of the community to come out and support the event. Under the guidance of coaches Mike

Keddy and Neil Broome, John Woods, Mary-Frances Lynch, Trevor Hennigar, and Stephanie Walsh enjoyed the cross cut competition, though not the most skillful competitors in the field! We look forward to next year's Fair!



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The CLC met on Monday August 13th at the Vaughan Community Hall/CAP site. They welcomed their newest member, Councillor Sharon Church-Cornelius representing Sherwood.

The CLC received a project update from Project Manager Sean Brennan and discussed project sponsorship. A sub-committee of the CLC has been formed to determine the selection process for sponsoring local projects. Members of the committee include Bob Hutt, Merlin Gates, Megan Davies, Janis Kinnie, Kerry Keddy and Debbie Reeves. The committee presented their recommendations and will continue to discuss at the next CLC meeting. The sponsorship program will be launched in 2014. Stay tuned for more information. The next CLC meeting will be on **Monday October 21, 6-8pm, at the New Ross Family Resource Centre.**



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On September 5th, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB) delivered a decision on the appeals of Chester Municipal Council's Development Agreement approval. The UARB decided to uphold Council's approval of the Development Agreement. The appeals were filed by the Friends of South Canoe Lake and by Richburg LP Management Inc. and Homburg Land Bank Corporation Limited.

We are pleased to hear of the outcome of the UARB process and appreciate the time and effort that was put into the process by all parties over the past months. The decision confirms that Council's decision carried out the intent of the Municipal Planning Strategy. You can read more on the UARB's decision on our website.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you and our Community Liaison Committee on making South Canoe a successful project.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are awaiting the outcome of an appeal regarding NSPI's 49% participation in the project. A hearing will be held on November 27th. This appeal process could continue into early 2014. We remain confident and committed to building the wind farm.



IN THE COMMUNITY

George Robson, Leminster resident, has completed his first month of Wind Turbine Technician studies at Holland College in Summerside, PEI. He is joined by a cohort of 14 students and this month is taking courses in computers, math, electrical theory, communications and work planning.



As part of the training, George and his classmates have already had the opportunity to climb up a small wind turbine tower – just to rule out any fear of heights! George seems to be enjoying the bird's eye view...



We look forward to more updates from George throughout his 10-month training. Good luck in school!



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The next Community Liaison Committee meeting will be on **Monday October 21, 6-8pm, at the New Ross Family Resource Centre.**

At the meeting, the committee will continue its discussion on community project sponsorship. All are welcome to attend.



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We are currently conducting an on-site geotechnical investigation and are completing civil, structural, and electrical design. Nova Scotia Power is finalizing the Facilities Studies which will allow South Canoe to sign the Generation Interconnection Agreements. We plan to begin land clearing through the winter and road construction in May 2014.

With regard to project approvals, we are awaiting the outcome of an appeal regarding NSPI's 49% participation in the project. A hearing will be held on November 27th. This appeal process could continue into early 2014.



IN THE COMMUNITY

George Robson continues to excel in his turbine tech training at Holland College and has been climbing turbine towers. Keep up the great work!



As the Christmas season approaches, the South Canoe team is gearing up to attend some of New Ross' key events and fundraisers for the New Ross Regional Development Society.

A Wine & Cheese Social Evening and Silent Auction will be held on Thursday November 21 from 7-10pm at the New Ross Legion and, of course the Christmas Fair the first weekend in December. We are pleased to support the events and hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Community Liaison Committee met on Monday October 21 at the New Ross Family Resource Centre.

The Committee continued to discuss criteria for the Sponsorship Fund and is working towards having the fund up and running by spring 2014. Some exciting ideas include launching a micro-loan program, scholarship, and project grants. More details on this to come in future newsletters and on our website. We look forward to launching the Fund and to supporting the community.

The committee also discussed the Complaint Resolution Plan and the advisory role that the CLC will play in hearing complaints.

If you have any questions about the CLC please contact Mary-Frances or ask CLC members. You can also view past meeting minutes at www.southcanoewind.com



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Starting in January, South Canoe will have a New Ross office at Cottage at the Cross (50 Forties Rd.) right next to the Credit Union. We plan to hold office hours at this location and will share more info in an upcoming newsletter and New Ross Flyer.



Last spring, we invited local businesses to share their information with the project team. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far. Recent grad and New Ross resident Rhea Hamlin is currently completing the directory and will be contacting those listed to ensure that all information is complete. Once finalized, the directory will be shared with major project contractors. Stay tuned for more updates on the directory.

We have finalized civil design work and will be issuing Requests for Proposals for clearing, roads and foundations work in December. We plan to begin land clearing through the winter and road construction in May 2014. Design work on the Operations and Maintenance building, substation and collection system are ongoing.

The project has finalized a transmission line route that will take power from the site and connect into the electrical grid. The line will go eastward off the site and then north to interconnect with the existing grid. Environmental studies have been conducted to ensure minimal impact and landowner agreements have been signed.

To view a copy of the transmission line map, visit www.southcanoewind.com. Please contact Mary-Frances with any questions.

With regard to project approvals, the November 27th hearing date on the appeal of Nova Scotia Power's 49% role in the project has been delayed. A new date for the Hearing has not been set by the Court of Appeals.



IN THE COMMUNITY

George Robson will be wrapping up his first term at Holland College, training to become a Wind Turbine Technician. He is one of the top students and has received A+ marks in all of his courses thus far. Congrats George!

Sean Brennan and Mary-Frances Lynch attended the silent auction fundraiser for the New Ross Regional Development Society and had a **GREAT** time. We admired the hospitality and close-knit community feel and look forward to attending the Christmas Festival.



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The next Community Liaison Committee meeting will be held in January. More information on meeting date and location will be provided in next month's newsletter.



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Our project has been committed to using as many local resources as possible and, in keeping with this, is pleased to announce that a contract has been signed between Acciona and DSTN of Trenton Nova Scotia on the manufacturing of the turbine towers.

The agreement with DSTN is another commitment toward building South Canoe. We are looking forward to beginning work on the site early in the new year.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to all involved in organizing the 20th New Ross Christmas Festival. We truly enjoyed ourselves at the Forties!



One of South Canoe's Little Helpers – Jenny Pratt, Environmental Specialist – volunteering at the Forties Community Centre Dinner.



COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The next Community Liaison Committee meeting will be held on January 20, 2014 from 6-8pm at the Vaughan United Church Hall at 1604 New Ross Rd. All are welcome.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The South Canoe Project hopes that you had a special time with those closest to you over the holiday season and that you had a chance to relax and recharge for the start of 2014.



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