Burchill Wind Energy Project
Open House #3 Material
The Burchill Wind Project is a 10 wind turbine project being developed by Natural Forces to help Saint John Energy diversify their electricity mix by providing more local, renewable energy to their customers. The Project will generate approximately 42 megawatts of power to be distributed through the Saint John Energy electrical grid. The turbines will have an individual capacity of 4.2 MW, an approximate tower height of 135 meters, and a blade length of 70 meters. The Project will be located on Crown land approximately 15 kilometers southwest from the City of Saint John, between the community of Lorneville, the Spruce Lake Industrial Park, and the Coleson Cove Generating Station. This location has been chosen due to its elevation, optimal windspeeds, and the industrial nature of the surrounding area. The Project will make use of existing roads, including Burchill Road, where possible to minimize disturbance.
Benefits to the Community

- Production of emission-free energy, which will displace energy produced from fossil fuels in New Brunswick and decrease the provincial contributions to anthropogenic-induced climate change
- Contribution to the growing renewable energy sector in Saint John and the stabilization of the price of electricity
- Reduced the dependence of Saint John Energy and New Brunswick on imported energy sources, which will increase the province’s energy security
- Increased revenue for the local area through the payment of annual property taxes to both the City of Saint John and the Province, the total of which is estimated to be approximately $9 million over the project lifetime
- Increased revenue for local businesses due to activities associated with the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the Project. For example, construction spending is estimated to be approximately $60 million
- Creation of additional employment, estimated at 100 jobs, in the region during construction.
- Investment opportunity for New Brunswick residents through the provincial Community Economic Development Corporation program, including tax credits
### Project Timeline

**COMPLETED WORK**

- **2020**
  - Submission of Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Interconnection studies

**ONGOING WORK**

- **2020**
  - Finalizing field studies
  - Continue stakeholder consultation
  - Continue consultation with local and First Nation community members

**FUTURE WORK**

- **2020**
  - Turbine procurement
  - Start of pre-construction activities
  - Approval of Environmental Impact Assessment

- **2021-2022**
  - Civil works
  - Electrical works and interconnection
  - Turbine erection
  - Project commissioning
  - Opening party

- **2023+**
  - Operation of turbines
  - Monitoring and site management
  - Decommissioning and site reclamation
Investing in New Brunswick - Community Economic Development Corporations:

A CEDC is an opportunity for New Brunswickers to channel their investment dollars into their local economy. CEDC stands for “Community Economic Development Corporations”. A CEDC is a pool of money raised by selling shares to individuals in a defined community.

- Minimum individual investment: $1,000
- Maximum individual investment: $250,000
- Hold period: 4 years

Benefits to Investing in a CEDC:

- CEDC investors may receive returns in the form of dividends
- Investing in a CEDC may also carry tax benefits. The CEDC program is linked to the New Brunswick Small Business Investor Tax Credit (SBITC) program which offers a 50% personal income tax credit to investors on eligible investments made in CEDCs.
- Your investment may also be eligible to be held in a self-directed RRSP.

Wind4All in New Brunswick

The Wind4All CEDC in New Brunswick:

- Wind4All NB Inc. has been incorporated in New Brunswick in a way that it can qualify to become a Community Economic Development Corporation.
- In the future, it is the hope that New Brunswickers will be able to invest in the Burchill Wind Project, using Wind4All NB Inc. as the investment vehicle.

Interested in investing: Please complete the Expression of Interest Form.

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W4A details: http://wind4all.ca/
CEDC details: http://fcnb.ca/cedc.html

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Natural Forces has completed numerous desktop and field studies to satisfy the Provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) requirements. These studies are helping Natural Forces to develop the project responsibly through minimizing the social and environmental impacts. Members of the local community have had the opportunity to review and comment on the EIA document throughout the process, and we continue to welcome comments and questions.

**Studies Completed**

- Wetland and Watercourse
- Breeding Birds
- Migratory Birds
- Common Nighthawk / Raptor
- Bat Detection
- Vegetation
- Species of Interest / Species at Risk
- Wind Resource
- Noise
- Shadow Flicker and Visual Aesthetics
Burchill Wind Project - Site Constraint Map

Proposed Project Layout
- Proposed Turbine Locations
- Alternate Turbine Locations
- Substation
- Roads to Upgrade
- New roads
- Collector Circuit
- Site Lands

Site Constraints
- Residences
- Industrial Buildings
- Telecommunication Towers
- Coleson Cove Generating Station
- Water Main
- Pipeline
- Spruce Lake Industrial Park
- Existing Transmission Lines
- Pits and Quarries
- Capped Landfills
- Protected Natural Area
- Delineated Watercourses (2019-2020)
- Regulated Watercourses
- Delineated Wetlands (2019-2020)
- Regulated Wetlands
- Residential Buffer (1 km)
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Legend
- Proposed Turbine Sites
- Residences
- Colson Cove Generating Station

Conservative Shadow Flicker Annual Hours Estimate
- 0 h/year
- 10 h/year
- 20 h/year
- 30 h/year

NOTES:

Shadow Flicker is caused by the sun's light rays on moving turbine blades which then casts an intermittent shadow on a receptor.

New Brunswick's guidelines allow a maximum of 30 hours per year and/or 30 minutes per day of shadow flicker at a receptor from the wind turbine project.

This conservative model of assessing shadow flicker hours per year makes the following assumptions:
- - It is assumed that turbines are operational approximately 8,337 hours/year.
- - The "receptors" (buildings) are treated as though they are greenhouses with 3.0m high and 3.0m wide windows for 360 degrees of the building. It is assumed there is no shield from Flicker (e.g., trees, other buildings, awnings, etc.).
- - The calculations use the average daylight sunshine hours from Saint John based on local weather station data.

This model is conservative as it does not take into account site-specific wind direction and treats receptors as greenhouses.

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Results of Shadow Flicker Assessment

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NOTES:

New Brunswick's guidelines allow the following sound levels for wind turbine projects at residential dwellings.

Wind Speed (m/s): 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Noise Level (dB(A)): 40 45 50 51 52 53

More information can be found in the following document:


This conservative model for assessing noise levels makes the following assumptions:
- - Sound is travelling outwards in all directions of the wind turbine at once.
- - Model assesses how changes in ground elevation will affect noise travelling from turbine hub to receptors.

**Construction**

**Pre-Construction**
April 2019 — March 2021
- Design
- Tender Process

**Balance of Plant Construction**
March 2021 — July 2022
- Tree Clearing
- Road Works & Crane Pads
- Foundations
- Collection System

**Turbines Installed**
January 2022 — August 2022
- Turbine Delivery
- Turbine Assembly
- WEC Install & Electrical Works

**Commissioning**
April 2022 — September 2022
- Collection System Testing
- WEC Commissioning
Other key Features of the turbines selected

- Gearless turbines
- Rotor blade heating technology
- Cold climate design
- Energy payback of 8 months

Annual Maintenance Schedule

- Grease Maintenance
- Main Maintenance
- Wind Maintenance

Turbine specifications

- Diameter Sweep = 140m
- Length of 1 blade = 70m
- Total Height of Hub = 135m
- Total Height to Tip of Blade = 205m