

BURCHILL WIND PROJECT UPDATE



MAY, 2021

Natural Forces, developer of the Burchill Wind Project, is pleased to provide you with an update on the project. In this update, Natural Forces will provide information on the Environmental Assessment, a detailed map, and an update from our partner in this project, Saint John Energy.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed Burchill Wind Project is located on Crown land approximately 15 km southwest of the City of Saint John, near Lorneville. This project will consist of 10 wind turbines with a total installed capacity of approximately 43 MW and will connect to the Saint John Energy electrical grid.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Prior to proceeding with construction, the Burchill Wind Project was required to complete a provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) through the New Brunswick's Department of Environment and Local Government.

The purpose of the EIA is to address any potential adverse impacts to the local community, rightsholders and the environment, and outline the mitigation strategies necessary to reduce these risks. While preparing this report, Natural Forces hired scientific experts to perform field studies and surveys that were reviewed by committee of regulators within the Government of New Brunswick.

Among other topics, the EIA looks at impacts to wildlife and wetlands, shadow flicker, noise, and land use.

On May 4 2021, the Minister of Environment and Local Government issued a Certificate of Determination, which allows the project to proceed! This determination came with additional comments and conditions, which Natural Forces will adhere to.

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*Layout will be finalized once design work is complete - stay tuned!

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Constructing a wind turbine project is a multi-month project that entails different phases of work. Below is a chart that outlines the current estimated timeline for construction.

Activity	Timeline
Tree clearing	September 2021
Road Construction Preparations	September, 2021
Crane pad install	October 2021
Electrical Works	April, 2022
Turbine Delivery	May, 2022
Installation	May - September, 2022
Commissioning	September - October, 2022

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Progress and positive outcomes, including passing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), continue on the Burchill Wind Project, as we work closely with Natural Forces.

In a few weeks, we will start construction at the Saint John Energy (SJE) substation site in the Burchill area (in Spruce Lake Industrial Park), so you may see an increase in trucks and traffic, please exercise extra caution when passing this area and watch out for our workers.

Work to build the power distribution lines to connect the Burchill Wind Project to SJE substations will begin this summer. Stay tuned for more information.

Environmental awareness and sustainability are engrained in all that we do. As part of the pre-construction work for the new substation in Lorneville, we are completing safety, environmental and archeological studies to ensure that our activities follow the best practices available for our community and environment.

We are excited to begin working with all our partners on building the SJE substation that will allow us to distribute the energy to our communities in Saint John. We recognize that construction activity can cause disruption and inconvenience, so thank you for your patience.