Community Benefits

- Power generated by Melvin Lake Wind would feed into local power lines, providing **clean renewable energy**.

- The project would pay a substantial amount of money in property **taxes** each year to the Municipality.

- Local people would benefit from **jobs** in site clearing, road building and concrete work.

- There would be **permanent jobs** for operation and maintenance.

- The project will need the help of **local businesses** for clearing land, supplying gravel, for improving existing roads and building new ones. There will be a need for local goods and services during the life cycle of the wind farm.

- There will be **ongoing contracts** for snow clearing, road maintenance and land reclamation.

- In addition, ABO Wind and Community Wind are looking at ways to partner with post-secondary schools to offer **education and training opportunities** in the field of renewable energy.

Let Us Know

We would also like to hear your suggestions on the best way to use a **community benefit fund**. Please come to the meeting with your ideas or send us an email.

Please join us at the Open House

- Learn more about the proposed Melvin Lake Wind project

- Meet the partners – Nova Scotia company Community Wind and international renewable energy experts ABO Wind Canada

- Learn more about the construction schedule and process, how the turbines will look and sound, and about environmental studies underway

- Hear about opportunities

- Provide your input on how to use a community benefit fund from the project

We look forward to meeting you.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us anytime through the website:

**www.melvinlakewind.ca**

Melvin Lake Wind
Open House

Wednesday
September 15
7 pm to 9 pm

Upper Hammonds Plains
Community Centre
711 Pockwock Rd.
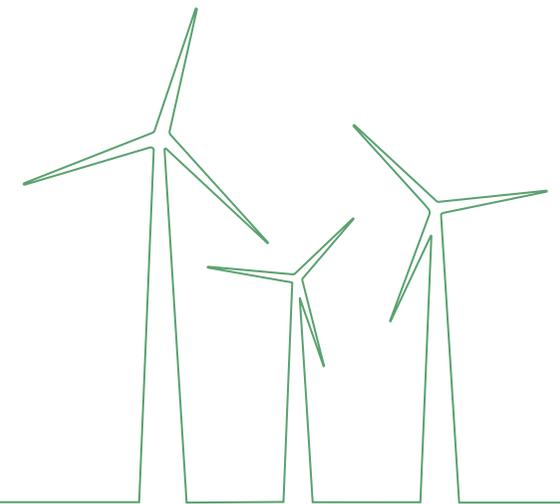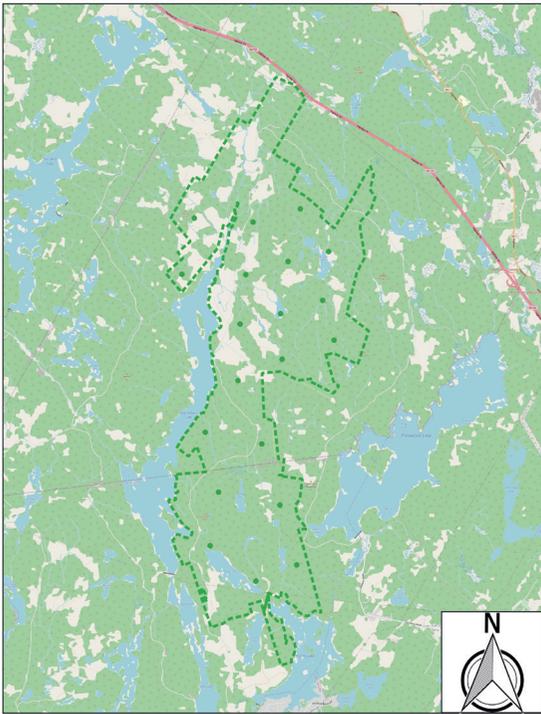
At Melvin Lake Wind farm, up to 16 turbines will provide carbon-free power for more than 23,000 homes in Nova Scotia, and municipal tax revenue, local jobs and contracts for local businesses.

About the Project

This wind farm will generate approximately 80 megawatts of clean green renewable energy. Power from the site will help meet the Nova Scotia goal to close all coal-fired power plants by 2030.

Community Wind is working with ABO Wind to develop and manage the project. Much of the construction will be done by local businesses.

Location

Wind turbines will be on Crown Land and private land, just south of Highway 101 and west of Pockwock Lake. The map shows preliminary placement of turbines.

At What Stage is the Project?

So far, the project team has conducted desktop studies and a preliminary environmental review and they have measured the wind strength.

They have been visiting landowners and talking to individuals and groups that may be involved in the project, or be in the area.

Tentative Schedule

- ABO Wind and Community Wind are planning to submit a proposal to the Province of Nova Scotia later this fall.

- If the project gets selected, the next steps will be to get environmental approval. We would carry out field studies of birds and other wildlife, consult the Mi'kmaq and local communities, and hold ongoing public information sessions and conversations.

- Construction will begin likely in Spring 2023, with clearing and road building. We expect the wind farm to be operational by late 2024.

What Will the Turbines Look Like?

We will have large poster boards at the meeting showing how the wind turbines will likely look from different locations. We will post these visualizations to the website at www.melvinlakewind.ca

What Will We Hear?

The closest residential properties are more than a kilometre from the wind turbines. It is unlikely there will be any noise from the site.
We are careful to respect setbacks to homes and businesses.

Studies show average noise levels from wind turbines at 1,000 metres are around 35 average decibels – a bit louder than a whisper. Most first-time visitors are surprised by how quiet wind farms are. You can have a conversation below a turbine without raising your voice.