

# Hardwood Lands Community Wind Proposal

*Open House - March 2, 2015*



## Scotian Wind invites you to an Open House at the Nine Mile River Community Centre

*Drop in between 6:30pm and 8:00pm on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 for:*

- Information regarding a proposed wind energy project near Hardwood Lands
- General information regarding wind energy and the Community Feed-In-Tariff program
- Information on the Community Dividend benefits from the project
- Conversations with the staff of Scotian Wind to learn more and ask direct questions

### About the Project

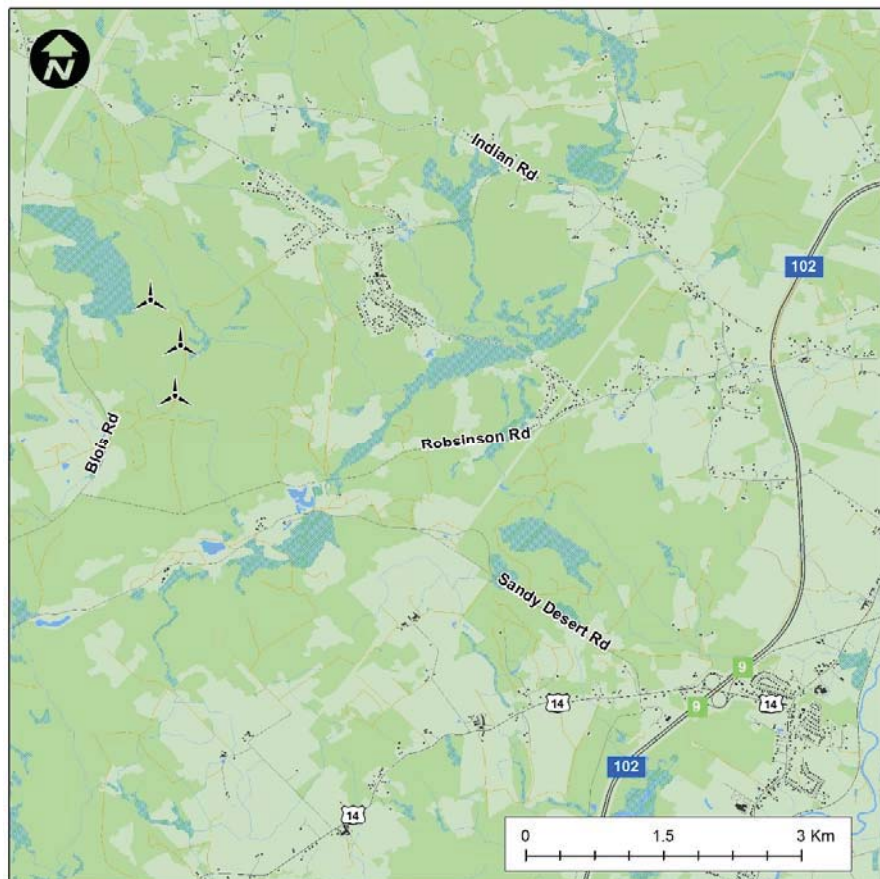
Scotian Wind has proposed to install a wind energy project consisting of three wind turbine generators near Hardwood Lands. The capacity of the project will be 6 MW, representing enough energy to power approximately 1,700 Nova Scotia homes. The tower for this turbine is projected to be approximately 95 meters high. Each rotor blade measures about 50 meters in length, placing the total height of the each turbine at 145m.

The project has been awarded conditional approval from the Department of Energy as a Community Feed-In-Tariff project. Scotian Wind Inc. is in the process of studying the wind energy potential and conducting environmental studies. This research will be conducted over the next year with a targeted plan begin construction in order to facilitate installation of the project in mid-2016

### About the Community Feed-In-Tariff Program

The Community Feed-In-Tariff or ComFIT is a program of the Government of Nova Scotia that is designed to encourage the wide distribution of renewable energy projects throughout the province and promote the technical know-how to help communities get those projects off the ground. ComFIT projects are small in scale because they are limited to the local distribution grid and they are restricted to "community-based participants" in order that the benefits of investment remain in the community.

The government intends that the ComFIT will increase geographical distribution of renewable electricity sources thereby contributing to our energy diversity and security. For more information on the ComFIT program see: [www.nsrenewables.ca](http://www.nsrenewables.ca).



## Giving Back to Our Neighbours – The Scotian Wind Community Dividend

One of the most popular topics raised at our public consultations throughout the province is our community dividend. The community dividend is a commitment on the part of Scotian Wind Inc. to make an annual contribution to the communities surrounding our wind turbine installations. The amount of the donation is 1% of gross revenue. That means 1% of revenue from the power sold goes directly back into the community, no waiting to make a profit, no other calculations. 1% of the revenue pure and simple.

We developed this innovative program to fill several needs:

- to give payback to the community for their involvement in supporting wind energy
- to be a good neighbour by sharing the benefits that come from producing wind energy
- to live up to our philosophy of community sharing and community economic development



*Scotian Wind Turbine at Parker Mountain  
Annapolis County*

The administration of these funds will be handled locally by local community groups and residents. The community will decide how to distribute the funds through a committee drawn from local stakeholders and organizations. The kinds of projects that could receive funds include:

- community centres
- rec centres and sports fields
- school programs and sports teams
- volunteer organizations
- hiking trails
- museums and interpretive centres

We are proud of the concept of giving back to the communities that support us by hosting our wind turbines. Since launching our program more than 2 years ago, we've seen other wind developers from across the globe instituting the same type of program. From Australia, to Scotland, to Ontario, it's an idea that works for communities and brings wind developers and communities together to share the economic benefits of wind and make a difference in the community. The fact that we are seeing this idea grow means it is an idea whose time has come. We are happy to be part of the trend and the innovation that makes a difference. We encourage people to contact us to get involved.

We will be starting up local committees near all of our wind installations. These committees will oversee the distribution of funds in their area. Get in touch with us at the coordinates below if you would like to get involved in this exciting new program.

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