ROMNEY wind energy centre

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This newsletter is designed to provide you with the latest information about the Romney Wind Energy Centre. This bulletin will help you learn about; the project, its timelines and environmental studies, as well as anticipated benefits.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Selected by the IESO in the Large Renewable Procurement I Request for Proposal ("LRP I RFP"), Romney Wind Energy Centre represents a partnership between EDF EN Canada and the Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

The project will be situated on more than 10 000 acres of privately-owned land in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and interconnected to an existing transmission line in the Town of Lakeshore. Comprised of up to 20 wind turbines, the project will have a capacity of 60MW and will generate enough power to meet the demand of about 25 600 homes.

Construction is planned for 2019, following the receipt of required provincial and municipal approvals and permits. Commercial operation is expected by the end of 2019.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the Town of Lakeshore, as well as local residents will realize many benefits, including:

- **\$8.5 million** paid directly to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and Town of Lakeshore over the life of the project, through Community Benefit Agreements.
- Additional property tax revenues generated by the project that will help to supplement revenues for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the Town of Lakeshore, county and local school boards.
- Around two hundred (200) construction jobs at the peak of construction, providing opportunities for local employment and the hospitality sector.
- Important opportunities for the local and surrounding economy during construction through: the procurement of local services, contractors and materials for project construction (i.e.agreagates, construction services, etc.).

PROJECT TIMELINE

*MOECC

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change * REA Renewable Energy Approvals

Note: Public consultation continues throughout each phase of the project



PROJECT LAUNCH AND BEGINNING OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

SUMMER 2016

PREPARE AND MAKE PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPORT (PDR) AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC AND BEGIN DETAILED CONSULTATION

FALL 2016

CONDUCT FIRST REA* OPEN HOUSE AND INITIATE STAGE II ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

SUMMER 2018

PROJECT RECEIVES APPROVALS TO PROCEED TO CONSTRUCTION PHASE

SUMMER 2017

SHARE DRAFT PROJECT REPORTS WITH PUBLIC FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS

CONDUCT SECOND REA* OPEN HOUSE SUBMIT PROJECT STUDIES / REPORTS TO MOECC* FOR APPROVAL

SPRING / SUMMER 2017

SHARE DRAFT PROJECT REPORTS WITH MUNICIPALITY FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS 2019 - 2039 +

2019

CONSTRUCTION

SITE OPERATION

2039 +

SITE DECOMMISSIONING

PROJECT STUDIES



A number of studies are necessary as part of the approvals and permitting process. The following studies are either completed or underway :

- A natural heritage site investigation to identify if sensitive natural features such as wetlands or significant forests exist on or within 50 m of the project site.
- An aquatic site investigation to identify if water features such as water streams exist within 120 m of the project site.
- An archaeology assessment to identify if artifacts exist within the project site.

These studies identify sensitive features and result in project decisions to take appropriate setbacks and/or identify mitigation measures to protect these features.

The sound assessment is an important study to be conducted later this year to confirm sound propagating from the turbines during operation is less than 40 dB (equivalent to a quiet room) at the exterior of neighboring homes.

More details will be shared with the public and municipal and provincial agencies in the coming months as we complete our studies and associated reports.





STAY TUNED!

We encourage you to call or email us to be added to our mailing list, to share your thoughts about the project, or if you have any questions. The project newsletter and the information presented during the open house will also be on our website:

http://www.edf-en.ca/projects/project_display/romney-wind-energy-centre

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