

Nation Rise Wind Farm

## Community Engagement Plan

EDP Renewables Canada Ltd. on behalf of the Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership



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# 1 Introduction

EDP Renewables Canada Ltd. (EDPR Canada) in conjunction with the Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership plans to submit a proposal to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to design, build, and operate a Large Renewable Project for the generation of electricity under the IESO's Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The Nation Rise Wind Farm Limited Partnership is a subsidiary of EDP Renewables Canada Ltd., a qualified applicant under the IESO LRP I RFP. The Nation Rise Wind Farm (Project) is a proposed 100 MW on-shore wind project located entirely in the Township of North Stormont. EDPR Canada has been developing the Project in North Stormont since 2011.

To learn more about EDP Renewables please visit our website: [www.edpr.com](http://www.edpr.com)

This Community Engagement Plan outlines the engagement activities and methodology that will be undertaken during the development of the Nation Rise Wind Farm. Strong and adaptive community engagement is essential in the successful development of wind energy projects. Accordingly, this Community Engagement Plan will act as a base for engagement, but will allow for adaptation to adopt the most effective forms of engagement for the local community, municipality, Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders throughout the project lifetime.

## 1.1 Project Overview

The Nation Rise Wind Farm is a proposed on-shore wind energy project located entirely in the Township of North Stormont. The project site is generally located in the western portion of North Stormont bounded to the south by the border of the Township of South Stormont, to the west by the Township of North Dundas, to the north by the Townships of Russell and The Nation, to the east by the South Nation River north of Concession Road 7-8 and approximately 3 km east of Country Road 12 south of Concession Road 7-8. Please see Figure 1 for the general Project location map.

The proposed Project is seeking a total nameplate capacity of up to 100 MW in the upcoming LRP I RFP process. If successful in the LRP I RFP, the IESO has provided guidance that the Project will need to reach commercial operations within four (4) years of contract award. During this four year period, the Project would be seeking all necessary permits to deliver the project and begin construction in 2018-2019.

1.2 General Project Location Map

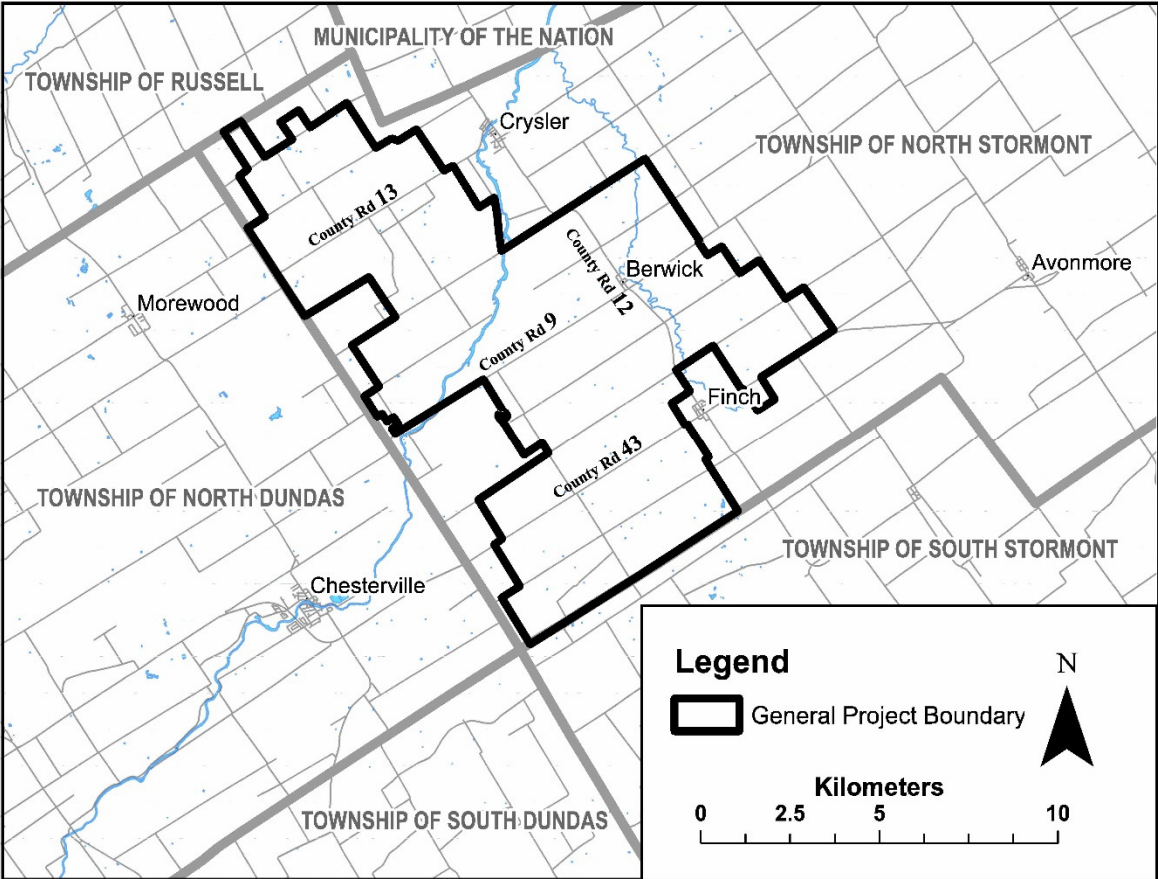


Figure 1: General Project Location Map

### 1.3 IESO Large Renewable Procurement

The LRP is a competitive process for procuring large renewable energy projects generally larger than 500 kilowatts. At the conclusion of the LRP, the IESO may award contracts for successful projects up to the specified procurement targets for each renewable fuel: 300 megawatts (MW) for wind, 140 MW for solar, 75 MW for waterpower, and 50 MW for bioenergy.

Further details regarding the LRP are available at [www.ieso.ca/lrp](http://www.ieso.ca/lrp).

### 1.4 Contact Information

For further information and updates please visit the Nation Rise Wind Farm website or contact us using any of the following methods.

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## 2 Engagement Activities

EDPR Canada places great importance on community engagement as it is an integral part of the entire lifecycle of any successful wind energy project. EDPR Canada will be following all IESO LRP I required stakeholder engagement and to continue the proactive engagement with stakeholders through additional channels.

### 2.1 Public Community Meetings – Open Houses

EDPR Canada hosted the first open house for the Nation Rise Wind Farm on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 16:00-21:00 at the Chrysler Community Center as an introduction to both EDPR Canada and the Project. The May 7<sup>th</sup> open house was well attended with an estimated 200 members of the public present.

The next open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 17:00-20:00 at the Finch Community Arena located at 4 John Street, Finch, Ontario. The notice of this meeting has been published to the Project website and has been distributed accordingly to all required individuals and organizations as per the IESO LRP I RFP. The August 6<sup>th</sup> open house will provide an opportunity for EDPR Canada to present and display several key documents and information including the Site Considerations Information, this Community Engagement Plan, and other supporting documents related to the project and wind energy. This open house will also allow for open dialogue with EDPR Canada representatives to discuss the project in greater detail and to ensure issues and concerns are heard and understood. Individual and group follow-up discussions to the open house will be available, as well as tours of the nearby South Branch Wind Farm in Brinston, Ontario owned and operated by EDPR Canada.

If successful in the LRP process EDPR Canada will continue ongoing consultation in accordance with the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Process in addition to ongoing consultation efforts to maintain effective communication with the community and other identified stakeholders. The REA process requires a minimum of two (2) public consultation sessions prior to submission of the application to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for review and approval. These sessions are intended to provide interested parties with project information and to collect feedback from the community regarding the Project.

## 2.2 Municipal Council Meetings

EDPR Canada provided the first presentation to the North Stormont Municipal Council in October of 2012. Since this time, EDPR Canada has been interacting with North Stormont staff to provide updates on the Project, procurement schedule, and to receive any planning updates in North Stormont. Fostering a working relationship with North Stormont is a key to the success of the Nation Rise Wind Farm in order to best develop the Project and to ensure the municipality and community are engaged in the development and delivery of the Project.

EDPR Canada has most recently been present at the North Stormont Council on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to provide further updates on the Nation Rise Wind Farm. We are committed to continue providing regular updates to Council and Staff throughout the life of the Project and to have open dialogue regarding the progression and development of the Project.

## 2.3 Aboriginal Communities Engagement

Engagement and consultation with interested Aboriginal communities is a priority for EDPR Canada and will continue throughout the lifetime of the Project. While an Aboriginal Consultation List is not provided to applicants during the IESO LRP I RFP, EDPR Canada has identified Aboriginal communities that may hold interest in the future development of the Nation Rise Wind Farm. The Aboriginal communities identified below will be provided a Notice of Public Meeting at least 15 days prior.

- Algonquins of Ontario
- Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
- Métis Nation of Ontario
- MNO Ottawa Region Métis Council
- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
- Tyendinaga Mohawk Council

EDPR Canada will also be offering individual meetings with each Aboriginal community to further discuss the Nation Rise Wind Farm. If any additional Aboriginal communities are later identified as having interest or request further information they will be added to the above list for notifications and meetings.

If successful in the LRP process EDPR Canada will be required to validate their list of interested Aboriginal communities through the MOECC in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). EDPR Canada will provide various forms of Project information throughout the REA process

directly to each community identified. In addition to individual communications with each of the Aboriginal Communities EDPR Canada will ensure notification of all public consultation sessions are communicated accordingly.

## 2.4 Local Events and Other Activities

EDPR Canada has regularly been active and will continue to be present in the community setting up booths and displays at public events such as the Chrysler Farm & Seed Show and the Dundas Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show. EDPR Canada has also been engaged in many local events through sponsorship opportunities including the 2015 International Plowing Match and Chrysler Community Center ice rink. EDPR Canada has also been engaged in educational tours of the South Branch Wind Farm in conjunction with the KidWind Project. Another KidWind Day is planned to be schedule for the Chrysler Summer Camp in late Summer 2015.

For more information on KidWind please visit: <http://www.kidwind.org/>

## 3 Engagement Tools

Along with public meetings and engagement, information regarding the Nation Rise Wind Farm will be distributed using the following tools.

### 3.1 Project Website

The Project Website has been established as a means to efficiently display important information regarding the Project, wind energy, and the IESO LRP process. The website contains, as available, documents and updates including:

- Public Community Meeting notifications
- Public Community Meeting summaries
- Newsletters and project updates
- Site Considerations Information
- Project Overview Maps; and
- Other reference material.

The Nation Rise Wind Farm website can be accessed at: <http://nationrisewindfarm.edpr-windfarms.com/>

### 3.2 Newsletters

Newsletters will be distributed to interested individuals via Canada Post or e-mail, as requested, providing updates on key project milestones, Project development and the LRP I RFP process. If you would like to subscribe to the Nation Rise Wind Farm newsletters please contact us via e-mail, written request, phone, or at any Public Community Meeting.