

Proposed East Gore Community Solar Project

SWEB Development



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SWEB Development

Renewable Energy for Nova Scotia



Renewable Energy Developer & Operator

- We plan, we build, we operate. A reliable partner over the lifetime of the project
- Selling projects is not part of our regular business model



Experienced in Community Partnerships

- Existing
 Community
 Partnerships in
 - -Nova Scotia
 - -New Brunswick
 - -Maine



North American Headquarters in Halifax

- Halifax staff manages projects in Atlantic Canada & US
- Fvery successful project sustains and creates jobs in Nova Scotia



Strong Financial Backing

- SWEB's Parent company, W.E.B, is Austria's biggest community-owned renewable energy company
- No majority shareholder

W.E.B Group at a glance



613_{MW} installed capacity

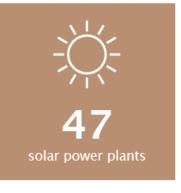
8 countries

Sustainable investment

8,300 investors

of which 6,600 are shareholders





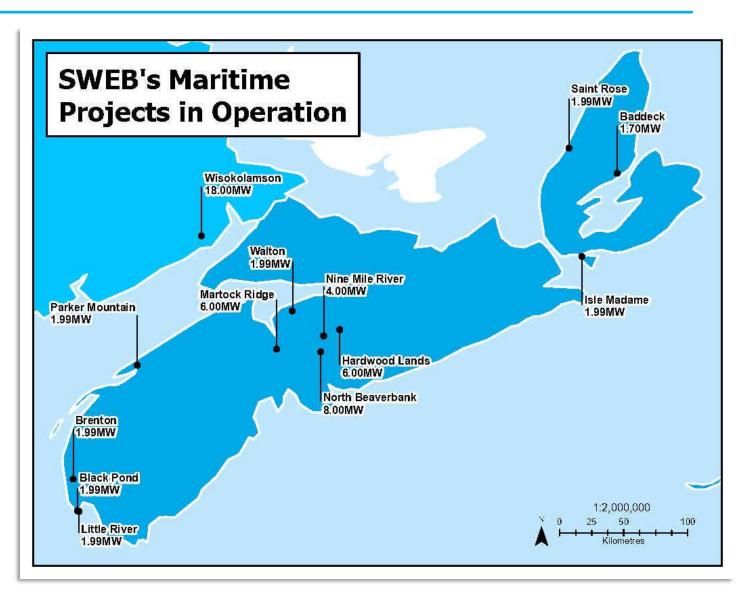






Operational Projects in the Maritimes

- Participated in COMFIT program with the largest proportion of COMFIT wind projects in the province
- Participated in NB Power's LORESS program with projects throughout New Brunswick and three different community partners
- Continued development of wind and solar energy projects throughout the region
- Partnership with Woodstock First Nation on Wisokolamson Project that includes bursary program and solar PV project install within community
- COMFIT projects include partnerships with local partners (i.e. Scotian Wind Inc. and Scotian Windfields Inc.), with Scotian Wind Inc. representing local community investment







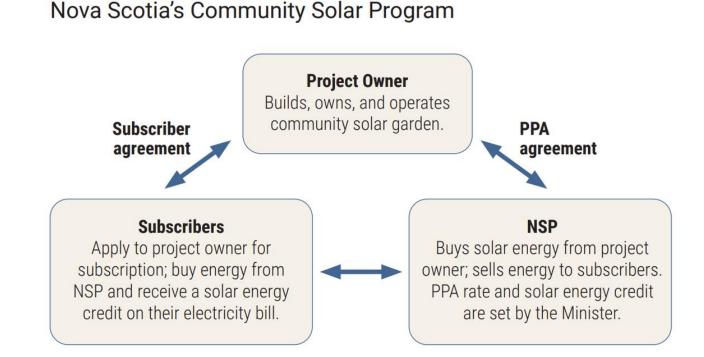
Brookfield & Brimfield Solar Energy Projects

- Two projects totaling 7.5 MW DC located in Brimfield and Brookfield, MA
- Private land leased from local individuals
- Projects awarded through the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target program
- Projects are part of the Community Shared Solar program allowing subscribers to the project to receive a small discount on their electricity bills
- Grazing sheep are used for landscape maintenance to provide positive, natural, shared land use of the project sites
- Native plants and flowers planted at Brimfield to help with pollinators



Community Solar Program

- The Community Solar Program is an initiative of the Province to increase the development of solar project across Nova Scotia
- The Community Solar Program helps organizations set up solar gardens and sell subscriptions for the electricity they produce from the solar gardens
- The Community Solar Program is a way of sharing the benefits of solar energy among multiple participants while supporting local economies and helping the province reach out renewable energy goals



For more information on the Community Solar Program, please visit the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables website:

https://energy.novascotia.ca/renewables/community-solar-program.



Proposed East Gore Community Solar Project

- Located off of Highway 202, Northwest of Cheese Factor Corner, East Hants
- Total project capacity of up to 3.2 MW AC, comprised of fix-tilt ground mounted panels (Approx. 15 acres)
- Located on Private land
- Wetland and watercourse delineation completed
- Flora & fauna review completed
- Site selection based on several factors such as:
 - Proximity to distribution lines with capacity
 - Solar resource
 - Distance from receptors in the area
 - Existing infrastructure (such as access roads)
 - Previously disturbed/cleared land





Project Tasks & Timeline

Municipal Construction Application Permitting Submission Q2 2025 -Q2 2026 -PPA Award Q4 2024 Q1 2025 01 2026 Q4 2026 Commercial **Application** Detailed Equipment Review **Engineering &** Procurement Operation Q4 2024 -Q3 2025 -Q4 2026 Design Q1 2025 Q1 - Q4 2025 Q1 2026

Stakeholder Engagement



Proposed Project Partnership and Benefits

- SWEB is currently working with First Nation communities to establish partnerships and a partnership structure for its Community Solar Program project portfolio which will be majority-owned by one or more First Nation communities
- Funds will be allocated to a modest host community benefits program
- Positive impact on local businesses and will result in employment opportunities in addition to tax revenue for municipal, and provincial governments
- Significant offset of carbon dioxide emissions from Nova Scotia's current electricity production
- Individuals and local businesses can subscribe to the Community Solar Program, and to this project to receive a \$0.02 per kilowatt hour solar energy credit on their power bills. SWEB plans to promote project subscriptions in the African Nova Scotian, off-reserve First Nation, and local communities
- Upon operation, SWEB intends to explore the possibility of partnering with Green Schools Nova Scotia or NSCC to host field trips that align with educational curriculum objectives





Community and Municipal Support

- The community solar program requires that the applicants provide some form of community and Municipal support for the projects they submit
- SWEB held an in-person public engagement session on July 30th from 5:00 - 7:30pm
 - ✓ The event was well attended with ~20 attendees
 - Feedback from the local community has been positive overall, community members are interested in becoming subscribers of the project
- SWEB has received letters of support for our other renewable energy projects in the past and believes this is the best way to show proof of Municipal support



Continuing Discussions

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