

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
November 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Shaun Hatfield - Warden - Chair
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Amy MacKinnon
- Cynthia Bazinet
- George El-Jakl – arrived at 7:04

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held September 17, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM SOLARBANK CORP

Representatives from SolarBank Corp in attendance, Tracy Zheng and Nikita Markovic as well as Joel MacNeil, P.Eng. Mechanical Engineer from TriMac Engineering. Tracy outlined three solar projects that are in the planning stages for the Municipality of Barrington. The presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

As part of their application to the Province, SolarBank requires municipal support for the project in the form of a written letter or municipal support resolution. This matter will be referred to November 19, 2024, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting for consideration.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MUNICIPALITIES

The Province of Nova Scotia requires that all municipalities adopt the new Code of Conduct for Municipal elected officials.

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Resolution COW241101

Being duly moved and seconded it is recommended to Council to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Nova Scotia has made the Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials regulations, N.S. Reg. 220/2024 (“the Regulations”); and,

Whereas municipalities are required to adopt the model code of conduct prescribed by the Regulations on or before December 19, 2024, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Regulations and section 23A of the Municipal Government Act;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington hereby adopt the model code of conduct as set forth in Schedule “A” to the Regulations, which shall be titled the “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Municipality of the District of Barrington”.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Resolution COW241102

Being duly moved and seconded it is recommended to Council to approve the appointment of Councillors to various committees of the Municipality as well as other outside committees that require municipal representation. The list is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY NO. 16 – GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING AND AWARDING A BURSARY

The CAO presented the requested change to Policy No. 16 – Guidelines for Funding and Awarding a Bursary. The change would advance the deadline date from June 1st to May 1st as well as increase the amount from \$1000 to \$2000. After further discussion, it was decided to make further amendments to the policy before proceeding. This matter will be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: MGA SECTION 22(2)(a) ACQUISITION OF LAND

At 8:40 p.m. an In-Camera session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act to deal with acquisition of land.

The meeting returned to Open session at 8:50 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

Direction was given to the CAO to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of land.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

The future is bright

Nova Scotia Community Solar Program
Barrington Solar Project

November 2024

 SOLARBANK

 AI Renewable



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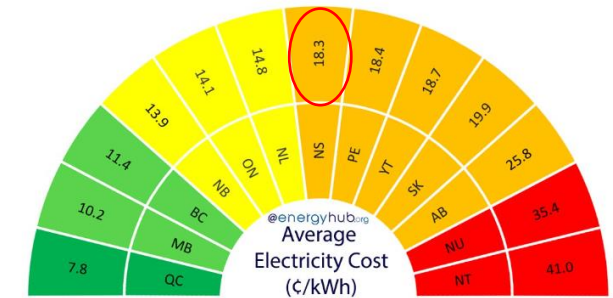
Community Solar Program
Company Information
The Sites
Community Engagement, Municipal Support
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Nova Scotia Needs Renewable Energy

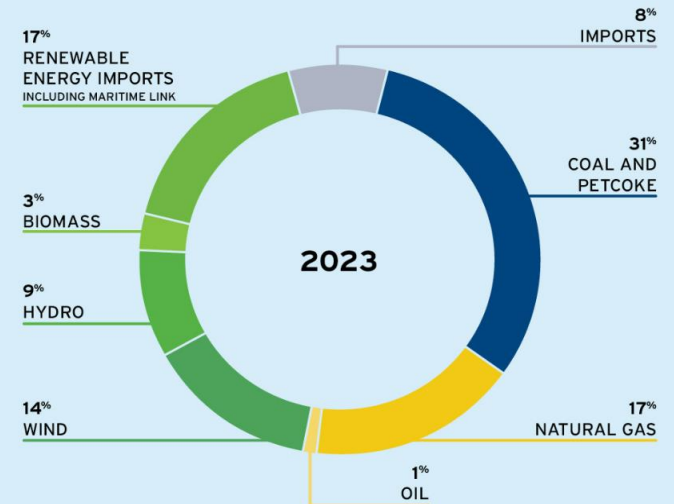
- NS has the following challenges:
 - High electricity price: Average \$0.183/kWh
 - High emission on electricity generation
 - Fossil fuel production: **31% of electricity from Coal; 17% from Natural Gas**
- NS has the most ambitious goals in Canada for cutting GHG emissions:
 - 53% below 2005 levels by 2030, net-zero, by 2035
- NS will get **80% of its electricity from renewable resources by 2030** by:
 - Rate-Based Procurement: 306 MW of contracts issued in August 2022,
 - Green Choice Program: Procurement of up to 350 MW issued December 2023,
 - **Community Solar Programs: 100 MW (2024)**
- AI Renewable Flow-through LP will participate in the current and future solar programs in Nova Scotia and will consider further Atlantic Canada expansion opportunities.

Electricity Prices in Canada 2023

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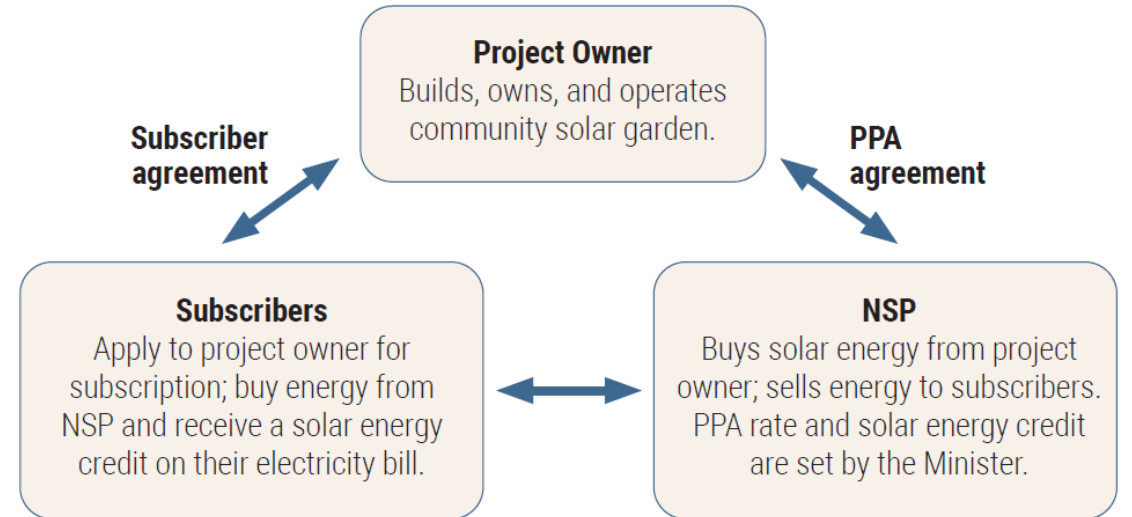


WHERE YOUR ENERGY COMES FROM NOW

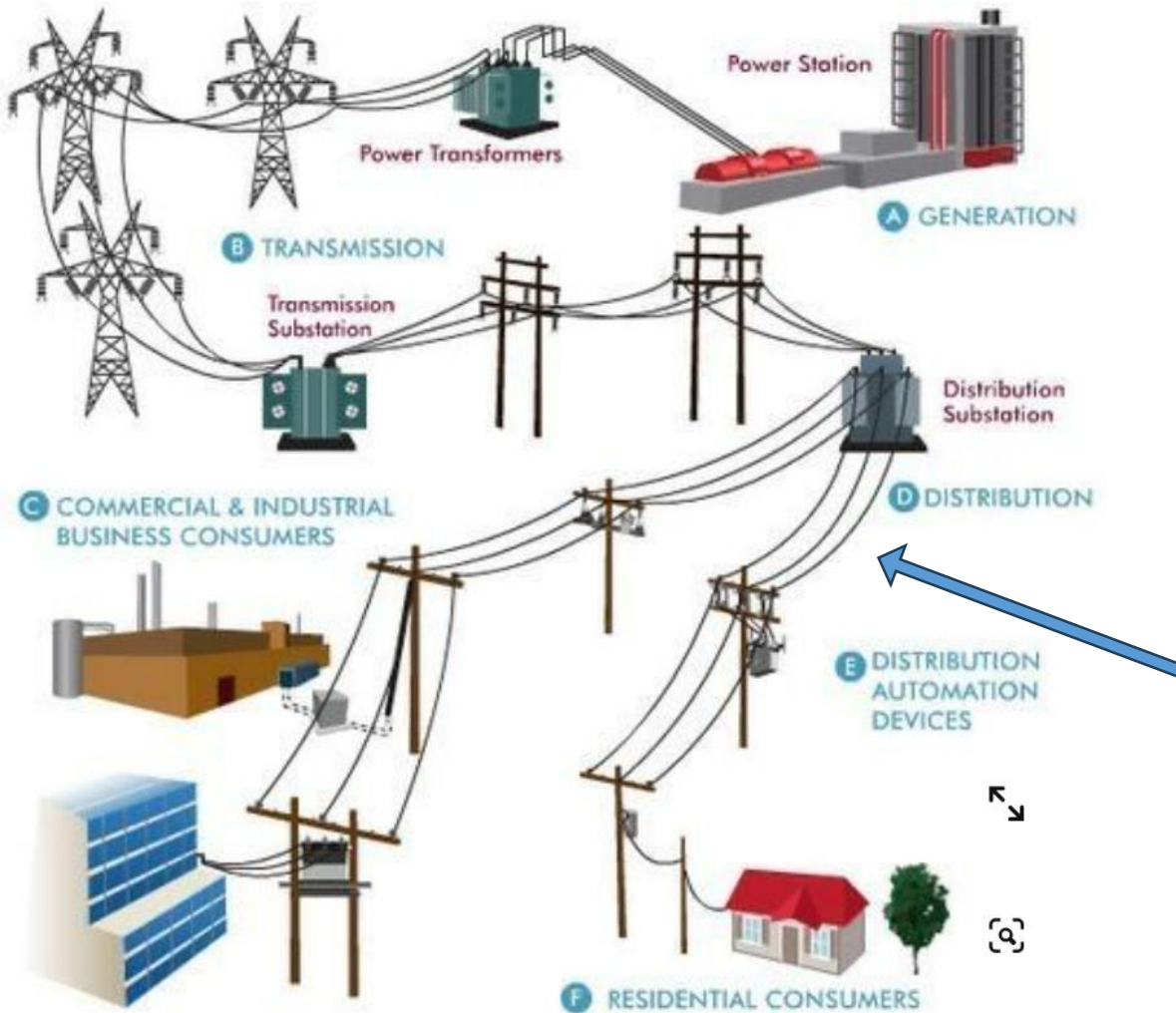


Nova Scotia's Community Solar Program

- ✓ The NS Community Solar Program seeks to expand solar energy to those residences or businesses who are interested in using green energy but unable to install solar PV panel
 - ✓ to build a community solar garden between 500 kW to 10 MW AC
 - ✓ Total Capacity for 2024 procurement: 100 MW AC
- ✓ How it works:
 - ✓ Project owners construct, generate and operate the community solar garden
 - ✓ Generated solar energy is connected to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NSPI)
 - ✓ Residences or businesses (Subscribers) enter a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Project Owner
 - ✓ NSPI administers the solar energy to subscribers, such as billing, payments
 - ✓ Project owners continue to engage subscribers and manage subscription
- ✓ Program was Launched on March 1, 2024.
Review at first come first serve basis.
- ✓ Contract Term: 25 Years



Community Solar Project – Distribution Connected



- The Community Solar Project would be connected to the local distribution grid and will service the local community.
- It will help increase grid stability and resilience.



Community Solar Project

Community Benefits

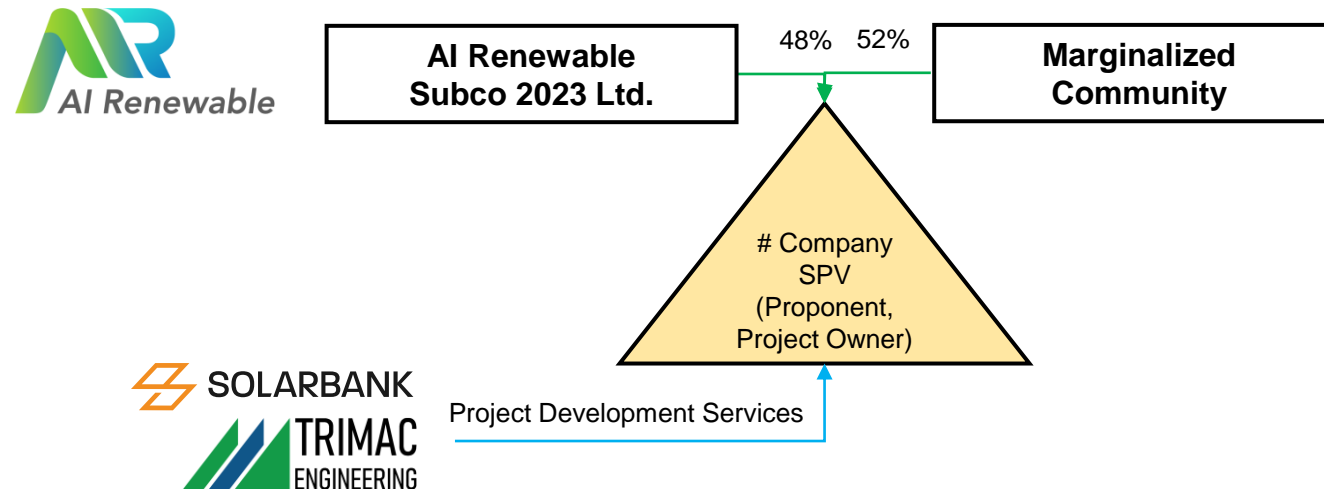
A community solar project in Barrington has many community benefits, and can play a significant role in strengthening future renewable energy initiatives in the community in several ways:

- Energy Cost Savings: Subscriber will receive \$0.02/kWh credit on their bills for the solar electricity subscribed
 - approx. 10-15% off your NSP bill.
 - No commitment & no fees.
 - Priority Subscription offered to local community and other marginalized communities.
- Local job creation and economic growth
- Local green energy generation to increase grid resilience
- Reduce emissions (GHG)

The Proponent

Proponents

Proponent means a Person registered under the Community Solar Program for the purpose of applying for the process, who is responsible to develop, finance, own and operate the Project. For greater certainty, the Proponent must have a Controlling interest in the Project at the time of Proposal submission and at the time that the Agreement is executed.





AI Renewable 2023 Limited Partnership

The AI Renewable 2023 LP, Is A **Flow-through** Limited Partnership, To invest on **Clean Infrastructure** and/or **Renewable** Energy Projects That Help To Reduce Energy Costs and GHG Emissions In Canada While Producing **Tax Benefits** And **Long-term Steady Cash Flows** For Investors.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To Be Part Of The Solution To Climate Change Through Tax-effective Sustainable Investments In Clean Infrastructure & Renewable Energy Technologies.



SolarBank Highlights

\$200M+
Project
Financing Managed

70 MWp+
Projects
Built

\$7.3M
Cash/
Investment

10,000+
Homes
Powered

1GWp+
Development
Pipeline

24/7/365
Control
Center

100+
Solar Plants Under
Management

EXPERIENCED DEVELOPER



10+ years experience in the Ontario, New York, and Maryland renewable energy markets

Experts in Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC)

100+ solar projects permitted, constructed and operating to date

EXCELLENT MANAGEMENT



An executive management team with 100+ years of combined experience in solar, clean and renewable technology, and finance

In-depth knowledge of energy markets and off-take contracts

ATTRACTIVE OPPORTUNITY



Project pipeline with long-term site control and limited permitting and operating risk

100% customer retention since inception with 90% government contracts and 10% C&I and municipal customers

LEADING RE+ MARKETS



Comprehensive understanding of regulatory climate, incentive programs and surging customer demand for Net-Zero

Access to low-cost development capital through U.S. and Canadian tax-advantage investment funds
























Full Vertical Integration

- While most of our competitors focus on single areas of the renewable energy value chain, **our expertise at every stage makes us highly competitive on cost and volume.**
- We create value by designing, constructing and operating projects to **maximize long-term performance and returns.**
- Our in-house development, engineering and construction expertise means that **we can finish turnkey solar projects in an efficient and timely manner.**

ORIGINATION:

- Policy analysis
- Financial analysis
- Site control

DEVELOPMENT:

- Grid Interconnection
- Regulatory Permitting
- Environmental Approvals
- Incentives & Tax Agmt.
- Power Purchase Agmt.

FINANCING:

- Equity
- Investment Tax Credit (ITC)
- Long-term Debt
- Construction financing

DELIVERY:

- Engineering
- Procurement
- Construction
- Commercial Operation

On-going Operation:

- Operation & Maintenance
- Subscriber Management
- Asset Management

Trimac Engineering

TriMac Engineering is a locally owned engineering firm with offices located in Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We are Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Consultants. Incorporated in 2015 with roots dating back to 1991, we offer our clients a wide range of Engineering Consulting and Project Management services in the industrial, institutional and commercial sectors.

The firm has particular expertise in the design and implementation of piping, mechanical, electrical and control systems with extensive experience in the power generation, mining, pulp & paper and construction industries.

Our Engineering process is guided by a value-added and client-focused philosophy. No matter the project complexity, the goal is simple – optimize project outcome, minimize project lifetime cost (www.trimaceng.ca).



**Andrew MacNeil,
P.Eng.Senior
Mechanical
Engineer,
Principal**

Andrew has over 16 years of mechanical engineering experience including HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, process equipment and piping, metals fabrication, commissioning and project management. He has overseen, managed and executed all aspects of projects from scoping/concept, through detailed design, construction, to final commissioning and completion. Andrew has worked in the engineering consulting, power generation and manufacturing industries.



**Blair MacNeil,
P.Eng.Senior
E&I Engineer,
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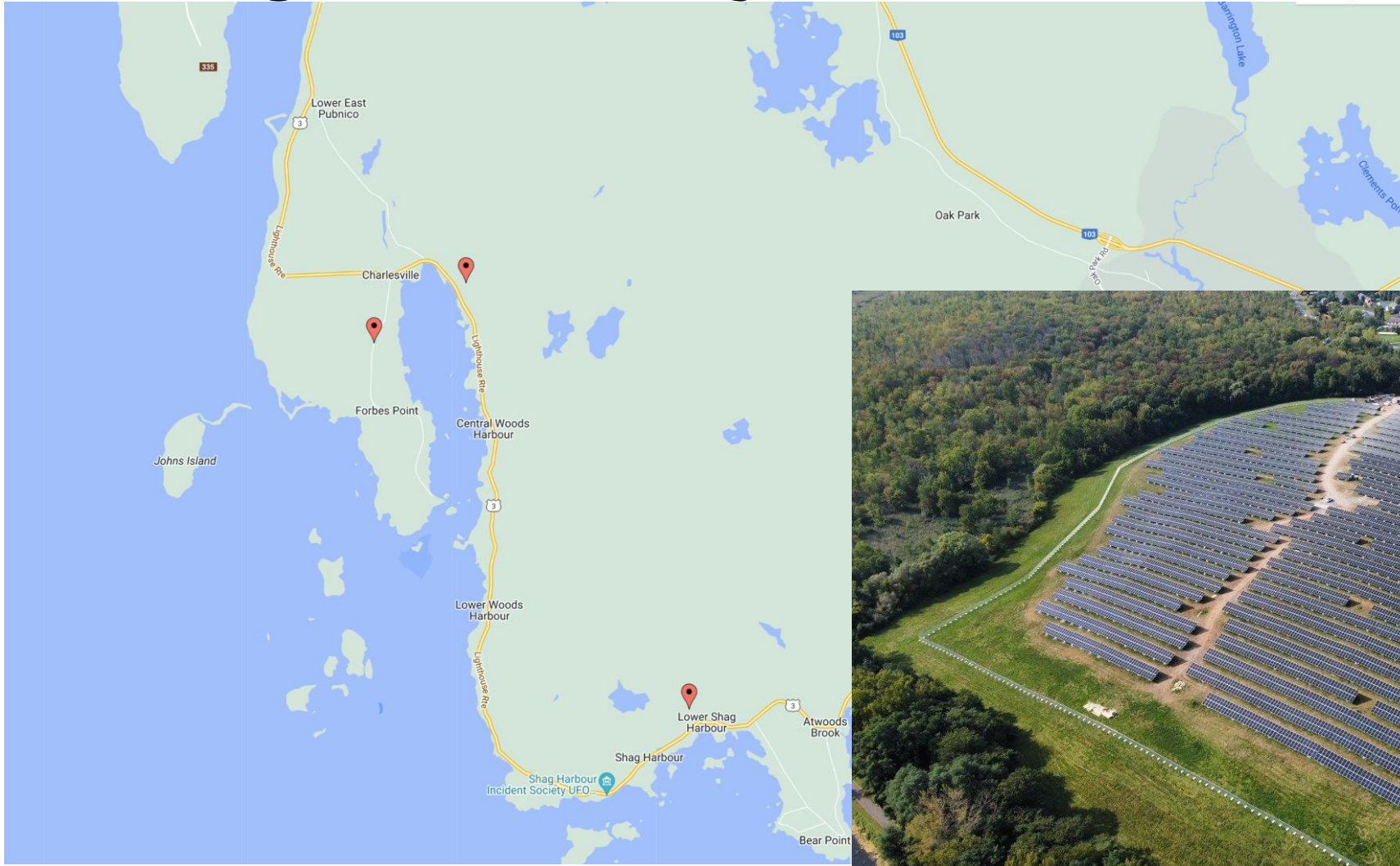
Blair has over 40 years of E&I engineering experience with designing, programming & commissioning PLC/DCS based industrial control systems, industrial measurements & final control elements. He also has experience in electrical distribution & motor control systems up to 4kv, and building electrical services such as lighting, fire detection and communications. Blair has worked in a wide range of industries including mining, pulp & paper, power generation & construction.



**Joel MacNeil,
P.Eng.
Mechanical
Engineer,
Principal**

Joel has over 10 years of mechanical engineering experience, the majority of which has focused on Renewable Energy. Joel's experience includes pumping systems, oil/water separation, process piping and equipment, instrumentation & controls (PLC), metals fabrication, machining, machine safety, and more. As a design engineer, project manager, and commissioning engineer, Joel uses his diverse knowledge base and skills portfolio to quickly find solutions to any challenge.

Barrington Solar Projects - Site Locations

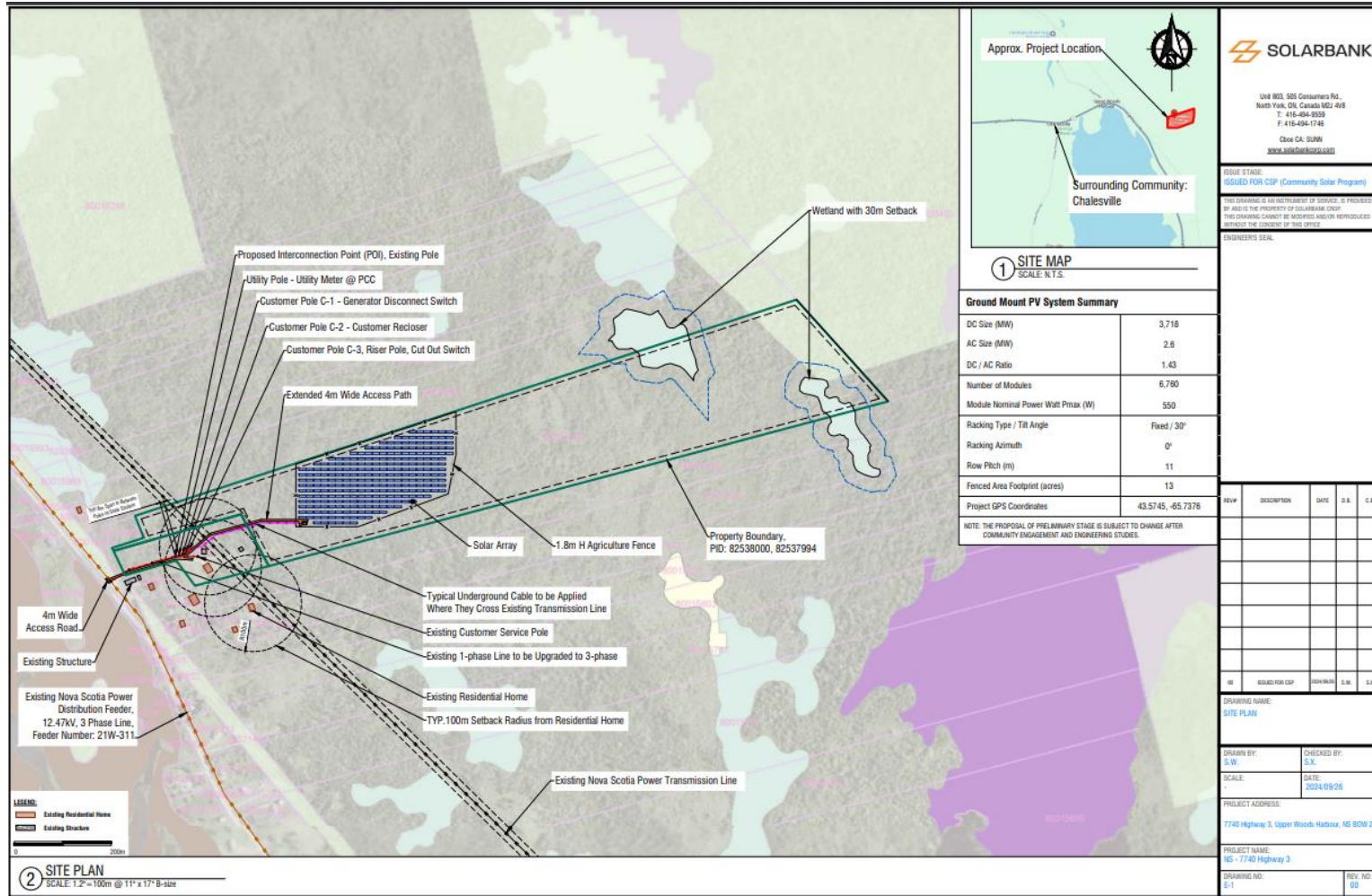


Red dots are the Locations of the Solar Projects.

Private lands with long-term Lease Agreements executed with the Landlords.



NS-7740 Highway 3 Solar Project – Site Location



Address: 7740 Highway 3,
Upper Woods Harbour,
Barrington

GPS: 43.5745, -65.7376

PID: 82538000, 82537994

Zoning: Rural Development – RD

Soil: Class 7

AC Size: 2.6 MW AC

Municipal Support Letter or Resolution

- The program first launched on March 1, 2024 and operates on a first-come, first-serve basis until the full 100MW is allocated. We are currently in the phase of preparing a proposal to submit to the Nova Scotia Community Solar Program for review.



- We have completed the site assessment, preliminary design and submitted Preliminary Interconnection Assessment
- We are currently working on fulfilling the program engagement requirements, which include **Community Engagement and Municipal Support**, other preliminary feasibility studies, and checking with Planner for solar permitting requirements
- Once we have completed all application requirements, we will submit a proposal submission to the province
- If selected for a contract, detailed engineering work will commence after the contract is granted; and all protocols including, but not limited to site plan review, geotechnical study, applicable visual screening, and other requirements, will be followed.

Progress Update

Community solar projects require activities/plans in the program application process. Examples include but are not limited to:

- **Community Engagement**
- **Municipal Support**
- First Nations Engagement
- Permitting
- Geotechnical preliminary assessment
- Preliminary engineering and design
- Plans to subscribe to the community solar project
- Financing Plan
- Construction Plan
- The long-term economic viability of your project and risk assessment
- How the Project will benefit your community
- Interconnection Preliminary Assessment

Community Engagement Plan

- For Public:
 - Public Meetings: on-line and in-person
 - Project Website Notification: <https://www.airenewable.ca/community-solar/barrington-solar-project/>
 - Emailed or sent letter correspondence, notifying of project outline and public meeting to:
 - Residents and property owners near the site (around 300 letters)
 - The municipal staff and council
 - Local ward Councillor
- First Nations Engagement
- Marginalized Community Engagement
- Provided contact info for on-going inquiries and questions

Progress & Subscription Plan

Below is a summary of the engagement meetings completed/scheduled for Barrington Solar Projects:

- Public Meeting #1: Thursday, November 7th, 2024 at 7 pm
- Public Meeting #2 (online): Monday, November 11th, 2024 and Tuesday, November 12th at 6 pm
- Introduction Meeting with Municipality: Friday, October 18th, 2024 at 11 am
- Committee of the Whole Presentation: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024
- Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 26th, 2024

Priority Subscription Plan

We are offering priority subscriptions to communities interested in green energy & energy savings

- Firstly, to project's surrounding communities and marginalized communities, such as Barrington local residences, low income or senior housing, First Nation community
- Second, to other communities in project adjacent areas and other marginalized communities
- Finally, to the general public and businesses for the excessive capacity

Next Step: Municipal Support Resolution or Letter

Thank You

Q&A

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OLIST OF COMMITTEES 2024/2025

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS	MEMBERSHIP
Committees of Council			
Committee of the Whole Council	Warden		ALL
Planning Advisory Committee (3)	1.-----	Jessica Swaine Trudy Peterson Bobbi Maxwell (Expires Mar. 31/24)	1.Cynthia Bazinet 2.Amy MacKinnon 3.Shaun Hatfield
Audit Committee (3) (2) minimum citizen appointments		Donna LeBlanc-Messenger Bradley Goreham (2 years - expires Mar. 31/25)	1.Eddie Nickerson 2.George El-Jakl 3.Shaun Hatfield
Joint EMO Executive Committee (2)		Town of Clark's Harbour Reps	1.Shaun Hatfield 2.George El-Jakl
Joint Police Advisory Board (2)		Penny Duggan Mun Cindy Nickerson Mun Russell Atkinson & Trudy Quinlan Town Council Public appointments for Town: Clay Kenney and 1 is vacant 1 – Provincial Rep Donna Messenger applied	1.Shaun Hatfield 2.Amy MacKinnon
Accessibility Advisory Committee (3)	Chair ----- Mickayla - Vice	Loretta Nickerson – SASI Mickayla Peters Denise Nickerson – Southwest Employment Services Student position - vacant <i>Term expires 2 years March 31/25</i>	1.Eddie Nickerson 2.Shaun Hatfield 3.Cynthia Bazinet
Outside Committees to which Council appoints a Councillor			
Region 6 Waste (1)			1.Cynthia Bazinet Alternate 2 Amy MacKinnon
Western REN Liaison and Oversight Committee			1.Shaun Hatfield Alternate 2.Amy MacKinnon
Western Counties Reg. Library (1)			1.Amy MacKinnon
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)			1.Shaun Hatfield
Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)			1.Cynthia Bazinet
Yarmouth Region Medical Professional Recruitment			1.Cynthia Bazinet
Outside Committees to which Council Appoints Citizen Representation			
Bay Side Home Board of Directors	Town of Clark's Hbr Rep Brenda Maxwell Renata Monteiro Jamie Symonds	Tyson Ross Andrea Mood-Nickerson Trudy Peterson Lynn Ensor	
Shelburne County Hosing Coalition			1.-----