



Melvin Lake Wind Project

2024 News

Thank you to all who came out to attend the July 2023 Melvin Lake Wind information session, hosted by the ABO Wind Canada team in Lewis Lake. We value your feedback and local knowledge, and remain committed to transparent, meaningful, and ongoing community and stakeholder engagement.

ABO Wind will be hosting two additional information sessions in areas on both sides of the Project location to discuss important 2024 updates for the Melvin Lake Wind Project with you:

Session 1:

Monday, April 15, 2024

6pm - 8:30pm

Safety Minded ATV Association Clubhouse

15 Station Rd, Head Of St Margarets Bay (just off Hwy #3)

Session 2:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6pm - 8:30pm

Uniacke and District Fire Hall

654 Hwy #1, Mount Uniacke, NS B0N 1Z0

We are still inviting interested individuals to join the Melvin Lake Wind Community Liaison Committee (CLC). CLC Members will meet periodically and will have a regular opportunity to share input, guidance, community views, and concerns to help inform the Project plan and related activities.

Do you have general Project questions, or interest in joining the CLC? Please reach out to us!

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Project Updates

ABO Wind Canada is developing the Melvin Lake Wind project in response to Nova Scotia's Green Choice procurement program for clean, low-cost energy to fight climate change. The Green Choice Program (www.novascotiagcp.com) was developed to allow Nova Scotia's large-scale energy customers to purchase up to 100% of their electricity use from local renewable energy sources. The Green Choice Program is administered by an independent advisor, Coho.

NEW Melvin Lake Wind Layout: 20 turbines, producing 115.5 megawatts of clean energy

Now, up to 20 wind turbines would be placed on private land, just south of Highway 101 and west of Pockwock Lake, in East Hants and Halifax Regional Municipality, where we have permission of the landowner. This renewable energy project would produce an estimated 115.5 megawatts of green power –enough to power more than 25,000 homes annually!



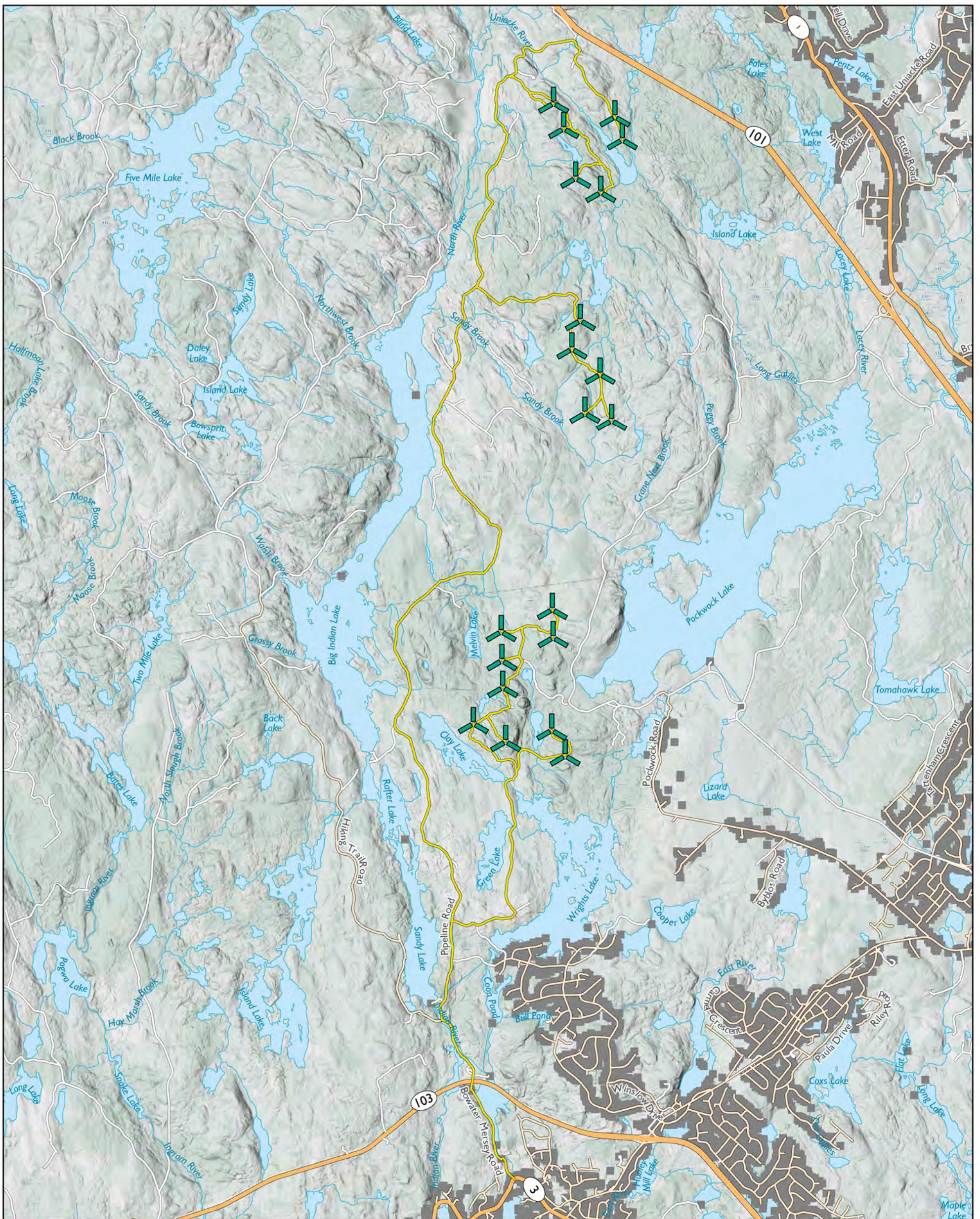
Layout Update

The Green Choice program has a new requirement to build on private land only, so we are no longer utilizing Crown lands as previously planned. With new private land leases in the area, we have been able to add several additional turbines to produce more clean, renewable energy for our province. The Melvin Lake Project previously included 15 turbines.




We are hopeful this new layout is accepted positively by the community, and we look forward to hearing your feedback as we prepare to submit our Project into this procurement round in June 2024.

Construction and environment

- The new layout is expected to use approximately 70% existing roads, with a percentage of these requiring upgrades to ensure safe access and sufficient widening for equipment association with wind turbine installation.
- Additional environmental studies are ongoing to help inform ABO Wind's Environmental Assessment Registration, a required component to proceed with Project construction.

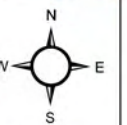


Melvin Lake Wind Farm - Revised Layout

-  Potential Turbine Site
-  Building
-  Proposed Access Route & Collector Line

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0 1.5 3 Kilometres



Scale: 1:70,000
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Current Project timeline:

Ongoing	Consultation and engagement with local community groups, businesses, First Nations, government, and other relevant organizations in the region. Consultation will continue throughout the life of the Project.
December 1, 2023	Green Choice RFP was released.
Winter/Spring 2024	Information sessions and ongoing local engagement.
June 14, 2024	The Project will be submitted for the Green Choice Program.
September 2024	Anticipated Green Choice project award.
2024-2025	Further field studies and Environmental Assessment (EA) submission.
2025-2026	Construction anticipated to begin with tree and road clearing.
2027-2028	Commissioning – The Project is producing clean energy.

Schedule is preliminary and is subject to change

Community Benefits



Health Benefits

The Project will offset emissions that would otherwise be emitted through the burning of fossil fuels. It will generate electricity without emitting greenhouse gases or air pollutants or any use of freshwater.



Municipal Tax Payments

An estimated \$20-25M from ABO Wind to the municipalities for local services and infrastructure over the lifetime of the project.



Local Contracts and Jobs, and Spinoff Revenue

During development and construction, tens of millions of dollars in materials and services, estimated 75-125 local jobs during construction. During operation, several turbine technicians and other required long-term maintenance work.



Community Benefits Fund for Local Initiatives

Funds will go to communities in the vicinity of the Project, for community-level initiatives and regional investment.

About ABO Wind Canada

ABO Wind Canada Ltd. has been a subsidiary of ABO Wind since 2017, with offices now located in Halifax, St. John's, and Calgary. Founded in 1996, ABO Wind is a Germany-based company with more than 1,200 employees in 16 countries who work with enthusiasm on the planning, financing, construction, operational management, and maintenance of plants for a sustainable energy supply.