

# Appendix A



# Chatham man to be sentenced for aggravated assault June 5

TREVOR TERFLOTH

A Chatham man who pleaded guilty this month to aggravated assault in a 2023 shooting downtown will be sentenced next week.

Jared John Atwell, 27, who was initially charged with attempted murder, was in court Monday for sentencing, but Justice Shannon Pollock reserved her decision until June 5.

On May 15, defence lawyer Frank Retar and assistant Crown attorney James Boonstra jointly proposed a two-year jail term, on top of one year spent in pre-sentence custody, and one year of strict bail conditions.

Following up on Pollock’s request for case law, Retar presented various examples to help determine an appropriate range for sentencing.

According to previously published reports, Kyle Wright-Morgan was shot about 1 a.m. April 30, 2023, in a clash near King and Fifth streets in downtown Chatham. No victim impact statement was filed.

At a previous appearance, Retar said there were issues with witnesses and his client’s guilty plea should be considered significant mitigation.

Had the matter proceeded to trial, it may have resulted in a withdrawn charge, or a not guilty verdict, he added..

“This is in no way a planned and premeditated incident,” Retar said. “This was a . . . reaction to a confrontation.”

Retar said his client should get credit for time served, noting it would be the “rarest of occasions” for the court to reject a joint submission.

“A great amount of thought went into resolving this matter,” he said. “I think this is a fair and just resolution.”

Boonstra agreed the guilty plea was a mitigating factor in the circumstances. He had previously told court that it would be a challenging prosecution.

“There’s a certainty of a result that comes from the joint position, from the guilty plea,” he said Monday. “Most significantly, the credit to be given to the accused.”

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# Council backs effort to recognize Mitchell’s Bay as mail place name

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Chatham-Kent councillors have thrown their support behind an effort to recognize Mitchell’s Bay as a Canada Post mailing place name.

A formal request, initiated by the Mitchell’s Bay area association, was submitted to the municipality in November with a petition containing 137 unverified signatures from property owners.

Council passed a resolution Monday endorsing the request, which will go to Canada Post.

Historically, the post office serving Mitchell’s Bay and northern Dover Township was consolidated in Dover Centre. The mailing address for Mitchell’s Bay was RR 1 Dover Centre.

Canada Post no longer uses rural routes in mailing addresses, instead relying on municipally assigned 911 or civic address numbers to identify property locations in all areas.

To conform to Canada Post guidelines, people and businesses in and around Mitchell’s Bay are required to use Dover Centre in their mailing address.

According to a staff report, this requirement often leads to confusion in the local

area since the settlements of Mitchell’s Bay and Dover Centre are kilometres apart.

Chatham-Kent defines Mitchell’s Bay as a secondary urban centre in its official plan. All other secondary urban centres have Canada Post mailing place names, including Bothwell, Thamesville, Merlin, Charing Cross and Pain Court.

Requests can be made to Canada Post to have place names recognized if they have a defined boundary, civic address numbers for all properties and buildings and names for all streets within the boundary, the report said.

When Canada Post receives a request, the regional delivery planning manager will implement the change on a priority basis.

The municipality and citizens and businesses receiving mail service will be given at least 30 days notice of the change taking effect.

“I think this has been a long time coming, by the sounds of it,” North Kent Coun. Rhonda Jubenville said, noting she’s heard the community’s concerns related to safety, delivery and navigation.

“(It’s) just being able to give the residents of Mitchell’s Bay their own identity.”

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Through their “Community Kindness” campaign, Wallaceburg District Secondary School students collected essential hygiene products to help students in need. *SUPPLIED*

# Wallaceburg students lead kindness campaign

DAILY NEWS STAFF

In the spirit of compassion, Wallaceburg District secondary school students led a recent initiative aimed at supporting their classmates.

The community kindness campaign collected essential hygiene products in recent weeks to help students in need.

“Understanding that access to basic hygiene items is critical for student well-being, confidence, and academic success, the leadership students identified a growing need within their own school community,” stated a media release from the Lambton Kent District school board.

“Many students face challenges in obtaining items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. The students decided to take action and what followed was a

shining example of community collaboration.”

From April 28 to May 16, donation boxes were placed at local businesses and organizations throughout the community, making it easy for individuals to drop off new, unopened hygiene products.

Supporters hosting the boxes included Black Goose Restaurant, New Vision Optical, Intrigue Hair Studio, Wallaceburg Library, Southside Fitness, McNaughton

Family Dental, Bethel Church, Community Living Wallaceburg, CF Industries, Shakin’ Bait Variety (Port Lambton), and Walpole Island Health Centre.

A wide range of hygiene products were collected and used to restock the student pantry in the hub at WDSS, a space where students can access needed supplies discreetly.

The campaign also was supported by community partners CF Industries and Noelle’s Gift, whose donations continue to replenish

the pantry with food and hygiene items year-round.

Under the guidance of course educator and vice-principal, Lisa Kameka, the leadership students took charge of the entire project, from identifying the need, connecting with community partners, preparing and distributing collection boxes, campaign promotion, collecting and organizing donations and restocking the shelves.

“Their commitment to service and leadership has made a meaningful and lasting impact on the school community,” the board said.

“This project exemplifies what can happen when youth are empowered to lead with empathy and when a community comes together to lift one another up.”

## NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION PROPOSED WIND FARM PROJECT IN CHATHAM-KENT

Ontario’s electricity sector is seeing growing demand and the province, through the IESO, is planning to undertake large-scale resource acquisition to ensure sufficient supply will be available into the 2030s and beyond. **Capstone Infrastructure Corporation** is pleased to invite you to a Community Information Session to learn about our company and project proposed in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in Ward 2 (South Kent) and Ward 3 (East Kent).

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Salus Mutual Insurance sponsored the inaugural tournament of the Ridgetown Lawn Bowling Clubs 125th consecutive season. A cool, windy day saw players from St. Thomas, London, St. Catharines, Dresden, Sarnia, Tilbury, Windsor and Ridgetown compete. Winners pictured are Tom Roth and Karen Wilbur 2nd, David Bell and Sandy Ronson 1st, and Amanda McKay and Louise St. Pierre 3rd.



Pictured above is Sydney Hawthorne and her piano teacher, Jim Prosser.

## Sydney Hawthorne shines at Kiwanis Music Festival winning prestigious local award

Congratulations to Sydney Hawthorne on her outstanding achievements at this year's Kiwanis Music Festival on April 3rd. Sydney earned First Place in both the Senior Piano Level 8 Baroque and Senior Piano Canadian Composer categories—an impressive accomplishment highlighting her talent and dedication.

Later in the month, on April 29th, Sydney was further recognized for her musical excellence, receiving the Chatham-Kent Charity Classic Award and the Jack and Betty Cooper Memorial Award. These awards celebrate her continued commitment to musical growth and performance.

Sydney is currently preparing for her Grade 8 Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Exam and her Grade 6 Theory Exam, a testament to her hard work and passion for music.

Wishing Sydney continued success in her musical journey and look forward to seeing what she accomplishes next!

## Ridgetown Adult Soccer League weekly scores

### Week 1 Results:

Golden Dragons (Rol-land Farms). 04 (2-0 PK)  
FC Dominators (Del Haven Orchards) 03

Muskrats (Wilco Construction) 05  
Carnage (Mad Farms) 01

### Week 1 Standings:

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FC Dominators (Del Haven Orchards) 01  
Carnage (Mad Farms) 00



## 4-H Bike Club report

Coen Timmermans - Press Reporter

On May 7, Tour de Friends met at the Highgate CASO Trail entrance. We rode for about five minutes, and someone had a flat tire. One of the leaders stayed with him, but the rest of the group kept going to the next gate. We called the other leader to see if he would continue, but sadly, they could not pump up his tire. He went back to the entrance and waited for us. We continued on to the bridge. Josh, Jackson, Nathalie and Conway went under the bridge to see the stream before heading to the next gate. And on to the end of the trail, we took a picture. Then we went back. On our way back, we met up with our other leader. My chain had come off 6 to 8 times. I learned that my chain was way too loose. After our ride, Vice President Blue closed the meeting.

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# Appendix B



May 27, 2025

Dear Resident,

**RE: Notice of Community Information Session for Proposed Wind Farm Project in Chatham-Kent**

You are receiving this letter to notify you that Capstone Infrastructure Corporation (Capstone) is proposing a wind farm project in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Capstone is a publicly traded independent power producer headquartered in Toronto, focused on providing clean, renewable energy to homes and businesses across North America. To learn more about Capstone Infrastructure and how we are generating our low-carbon future, please visit [www.capstoneinfrastructure.com](http://www.capstoneinfrastructure.com).

In the coming decades, Ontario will need significantly more clean electricity and capacity across the province's electricity system to keep up with demand. Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is predicting a supply gap beginning in the mid-2020s with total demand increasing 75 percent over the next twenty-five years. To address these needs, the IESO is now competitively securing 1,600 megawatts of capacity through the Long-Term 2 Capacity Services (Window 1) Request for Proposals for new-build electricity resources that can be operational by 2029-2030.

As part of the process, the IESO has identified the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as a priority area for new electricity capacity in the province. Capstone's proposed project has been sited to meet the needs identified by the IESO to ensure Ontario's electricity system is more reliable, while also increasing capacity to meet growing energy demands. The project is in the initial phase of development, and we are seeking to engage in meaningful, early consultation with the community in advance of securing a contract with the IESO or permit approvals to advance the project. We anticipate this to be the first of two engagement dates this summer.

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The project is proposed on private land in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in Ward 2 (South Kent) and Ward 3 (East Kent) as shown on the map on the reverse of this page.

We look forward to hosting you at our first Community Information Session. As we continue to evaluate the project, we will make additional efforts throughout the summer and fall to engage with you in the months ahead.

Should you have any questions, comments about the proposal, or other topics you would like addressed, please let the team know below:

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# Appendix C





# Crossfield Wind Farm

## Welcome to the Community Information Session for the proposed Crossfield Wind Farm

June 26, 2025: 1-4pm & 6-8pm

### *Land Acknowledgement*

*We gather today on Treaty #2 territory (the McKee Purchase Treaty of 1790), traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg Three Fires Confederacy: the Odawa, Potawatomi and Ojibwe Nations along with the Lunaapeew at Eelūnaapèewi Lahkèewiit and the unceded territory of the Bkejwanong Walpole Island First Nation.*

We believe that considerate engagement and transparent communication are essential to building trust, encouraging meaningful participation, and achieving collaborative outcomes.

We invite you to ask questions or request a follow-up meeting discuss the proposed project and we look forward to an informative and respectful conversation.

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# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

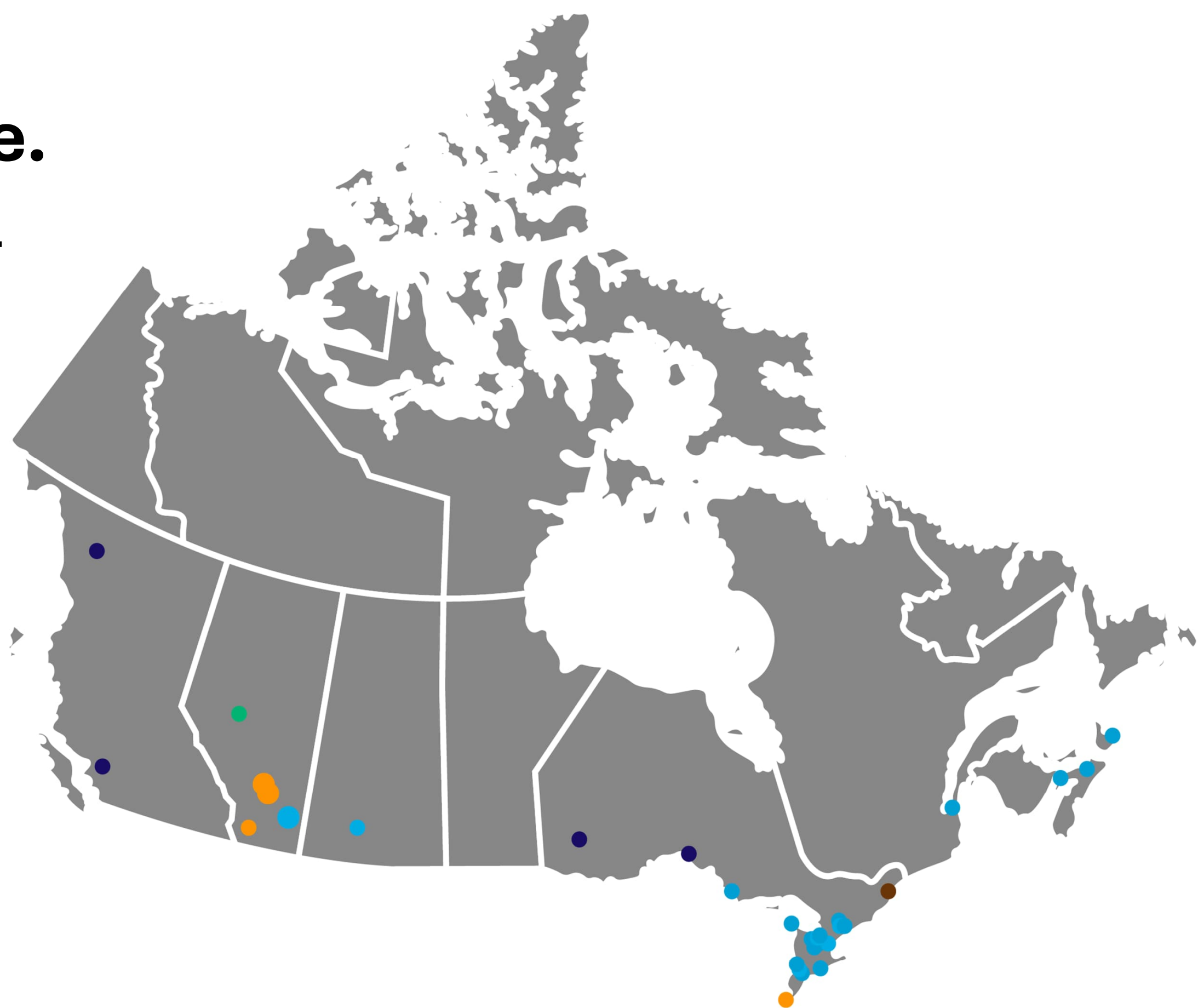
## Capstone at a Glance

North American developer and long-term owner-operator of renewable and thermal power projects, including wind, solar, run-of-river hydro, biomass, & natural gas cogeneration.

### Generating our low-carbon future.

Clean and renewable energy is our business, and our people are our greatest asset.

We're here to drive the energy transition forward through creative thinking, strong partnerships, and a commitment to quality and integrity in how we do business.



**885 MW**

Gross installed capacity  
across Canada



**> 5 GW**

Current development project  
pipeline in Canada & US



**35 facilities**

Proven track record  
of Operational and  
HSE Excellence







# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

## Our Values

At Capstone, we're committed to safety, quality, and integrity in all aspects of our business.

### Highest Standard

- Safety-First Culture
- Operational Excellence
- Long-term Owner/Operator Commitment

### Environmental Stewardship

- Innovative solutions for environmental conservation
- Continuous monitoring and adaptive management

### Integrity & Transparency

- Prioritize forging strong relationships with Indigenous communities and landowners
- Transparent, public reporting



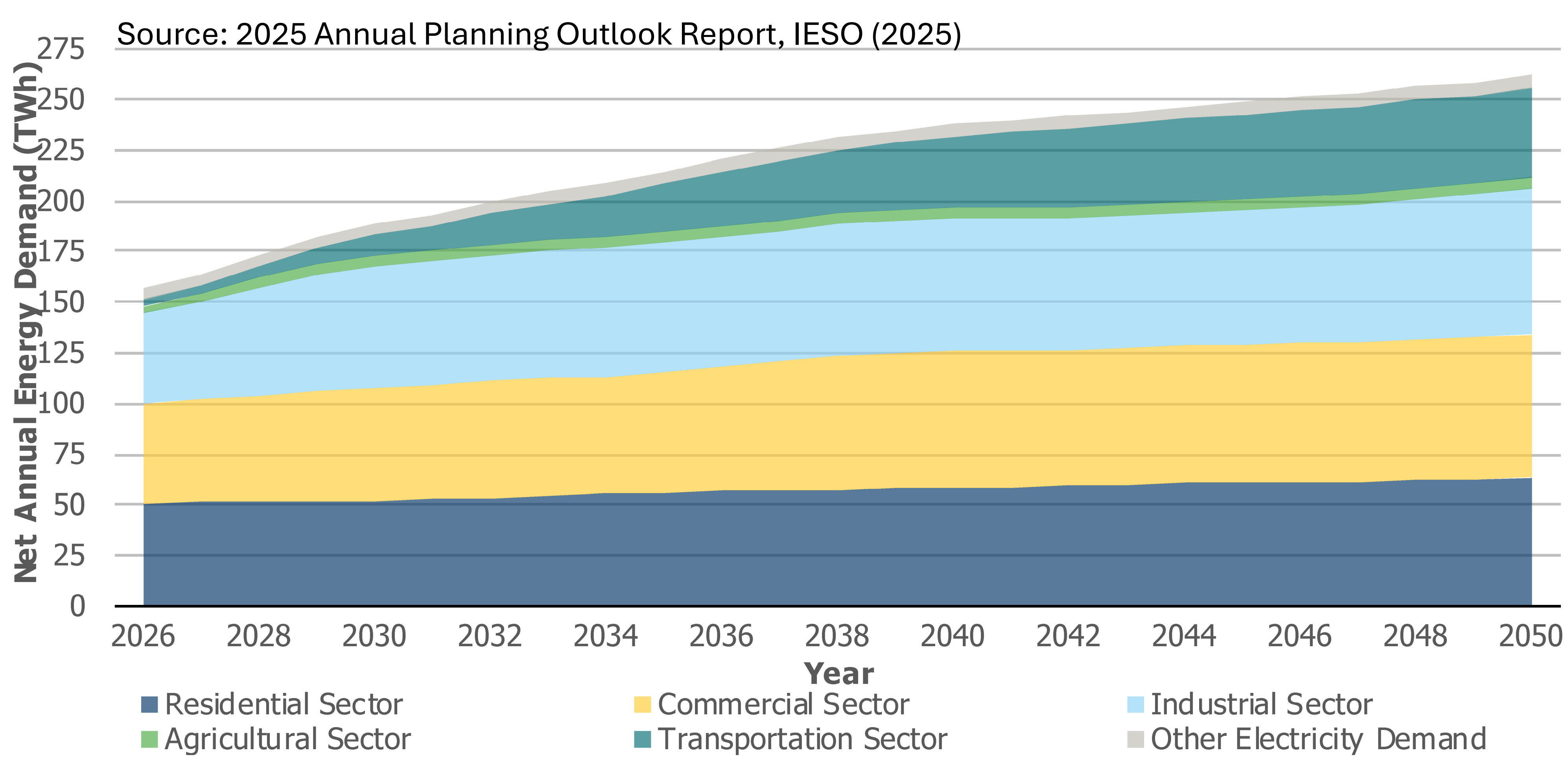




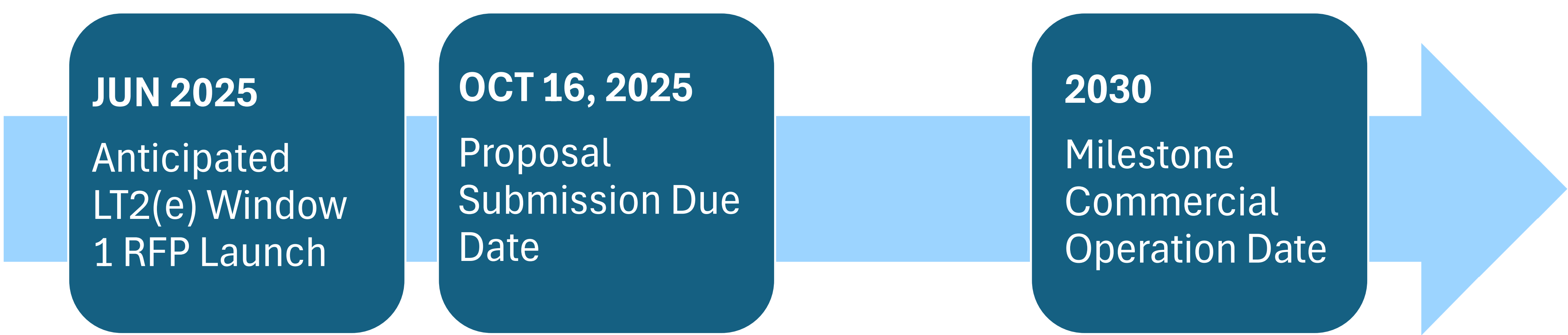
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## Ontario’s Electricity Needs is Growing

Electricity demand is expected to grow by 75% by 2050:



The IESO plans to procure 14,000 gigawatt-hours (estimated 6,000 MW) over the next 4 years through the competitive Long-term 2 Request for Proposals (LT2 RFP)







# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

## Project Benefits

	<div><div>Induced Benefits</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Broader economic activity</li><li>•Increased demand for local businesses</li></ul></div></div>
	<div><div>Indirect Benefits</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Downstream services required for project operations</li><li>•Vegetation management, snow clearing etc.</li></ul></div></div>
	<div><div>Direct Benefits</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Employment during construction and operations</li><li>•Local procurement of materials and services</li><li>•Long-term revenues for host and surrounding landowners through private lease and benefit sharing agreements</li><li>•Municipal tax revenues and enhanced community benefit funding for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent</li></ul></div></div>







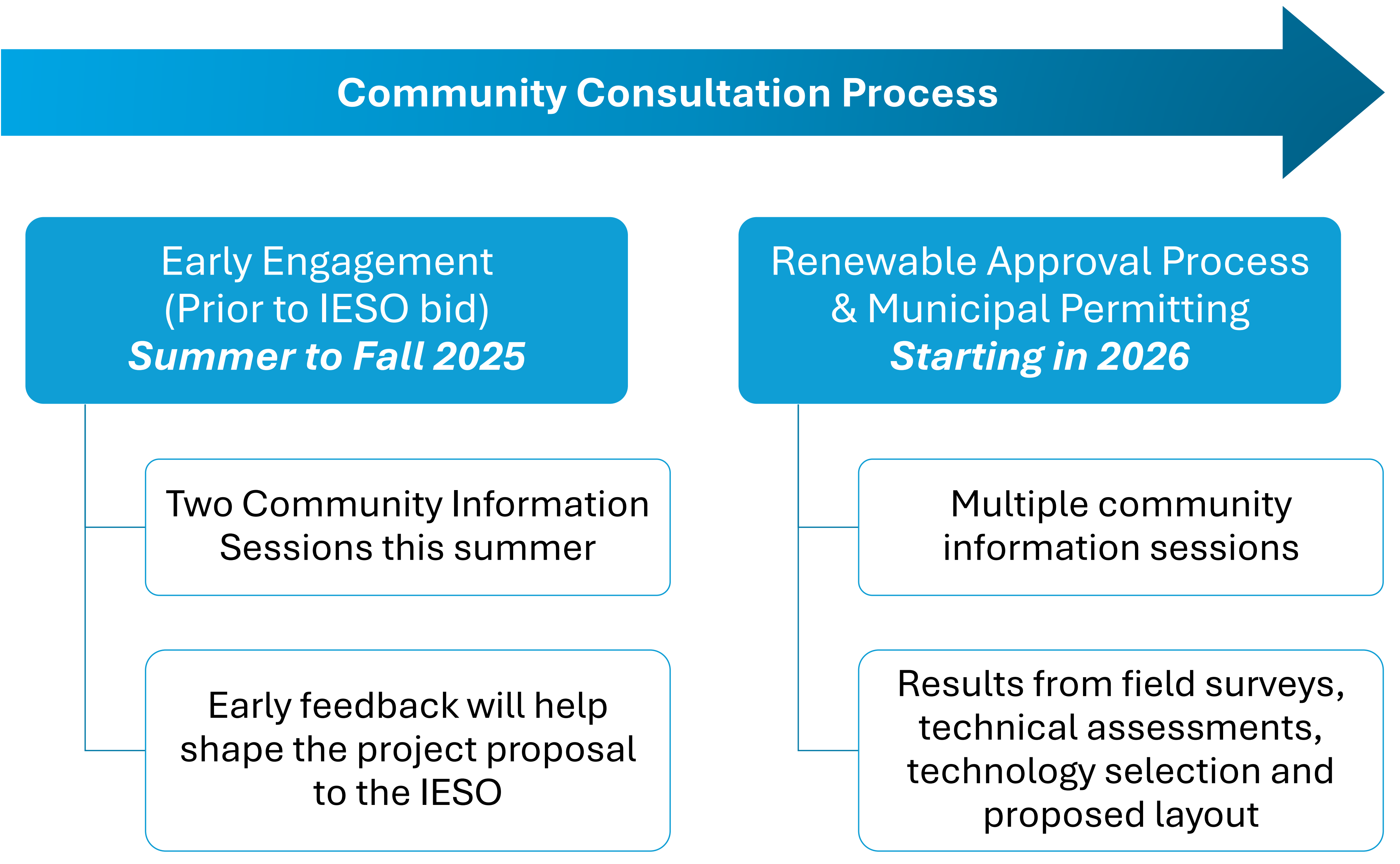
# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

## Community & Indigenous Engagement

A Community & Indigenous Engagement Plan has been developed for the Project and is available for feedback and input.

The Summer 2025 early-stage community engagement plays an important part in shaping the project siting and planning.

### Future Opportunities to Have Your Say

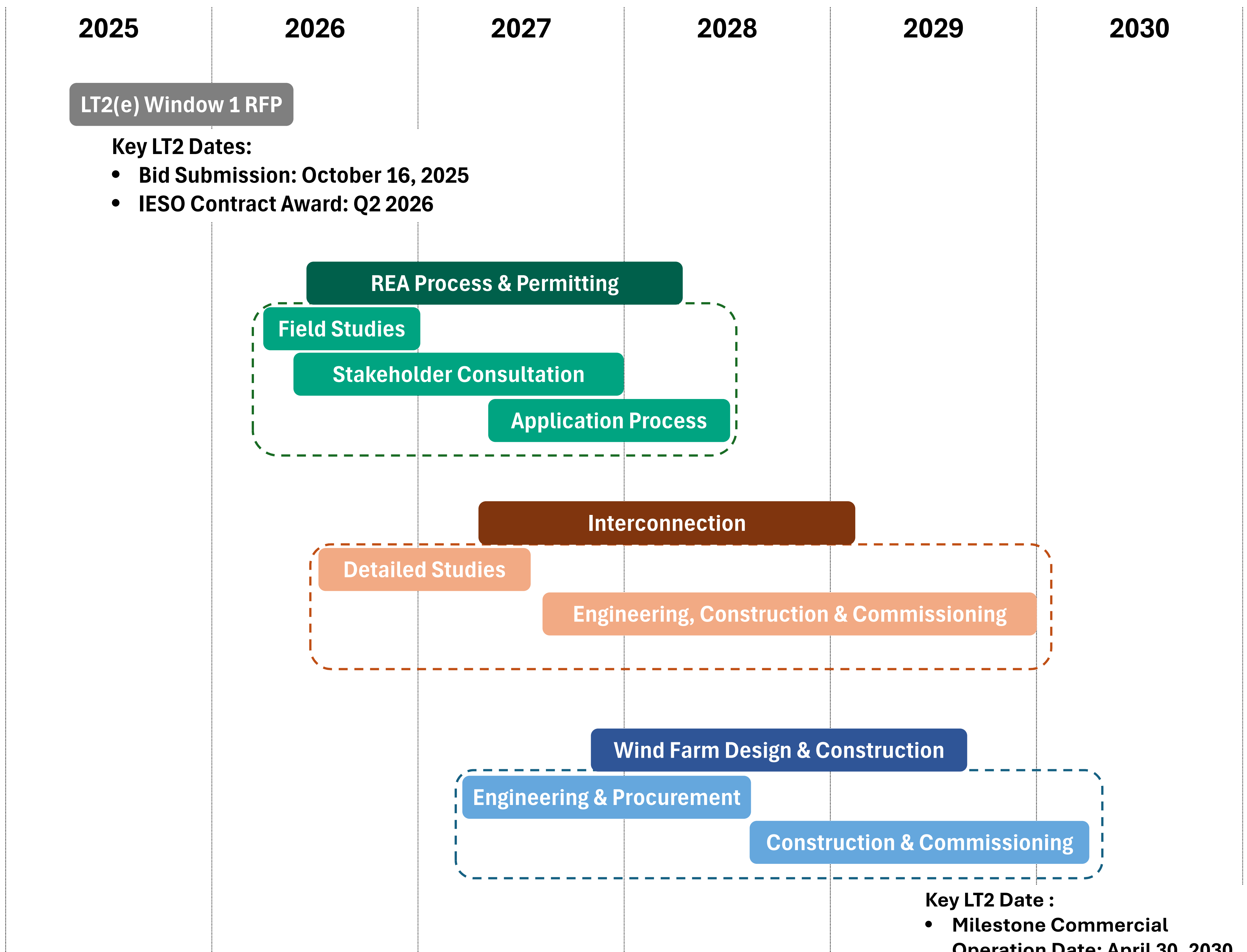




# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

## Indicative Project Timeline

If the project secures an IESO contract in the upcoming LT2 Window 1 process, the following presents a typical project schedule:





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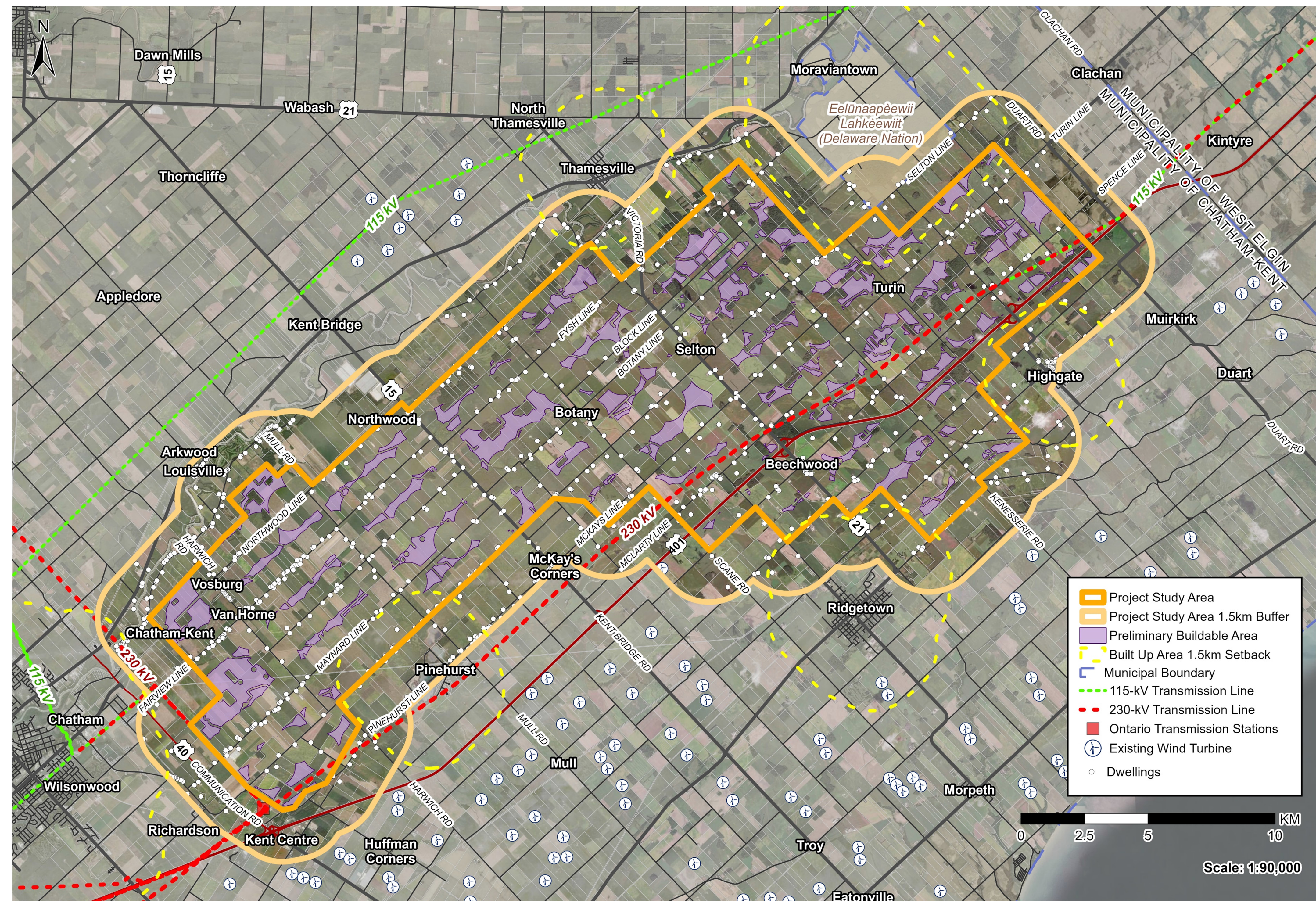


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## Preliminary Project Study Area

- **Why here?** Wind resource, transmission corridor access and low environmental sensitivity.
- **How big?** Project size will consider regulatory setbacks, findings from early stakeholder consultation and technical constraints with a goal of 100 to 200 MW.
- **Which turbine model?** Initial outreach to wind turbine manufacturers is underway. New turbine models today are around 5 to 7 MW.
- **How many?** 15 to 40 turbines. There is a big range today due to both the project and turbine size not being known at this early stage of consultation and outreach.

We will share a preliminary layout, refined project area and target nameplate at the second community information session.







# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

## Regulatory Approvals and Permits

If the project secures an IESO contract in the upcoming LT2 Window 1 process, approvals and permits will, or may be required, including:

### Provincial

- Renewable Energy Approval
- Ministry Archaeological Assessment “Acceptance”
- *Endangered Species Act* Permit or Registration
- Environmental Compliance Approval (Noise)

### Federal

- *Species at Risk Act* Permit
- *Fisheries Act* Authorization/ Letter of Advice
- *Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act* Approval
- *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* Approval

### Municipal

- Official Plan Amendment
- Zoning Bylaw Amendment
- Site Plan Approval

### Conservation Authority

- *Conservation Authorities Act* Development Permit







# Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

## Assessments and Studies

In support of a comprehensive Renewable Energy Approval (REA) application, the following will be conducted:

*Natural Heritage Assessment*  
Wetlands  
Woodlands



*Wildlife Habitat Assessment*  
Amphibians  
Reptiles  
Bats  
Breeding & Migratory Birds  
Species at Risk




*Water Assessment*  
Streams  
Wetlands  
Lakes  
Seepage Areas  
Water Wells



*Technical Studies*  
Noise Impact Assessment  
Shadow Flicker Assessment  
Telecommunications Study  
Property Line Setback  
Written Assessment

*Archaeological Assessment*  
Stage 1-2  
Indigenous community participation



*Cultural Heritage Value/Interest*  
Buildings  
Structures  
Landscapes



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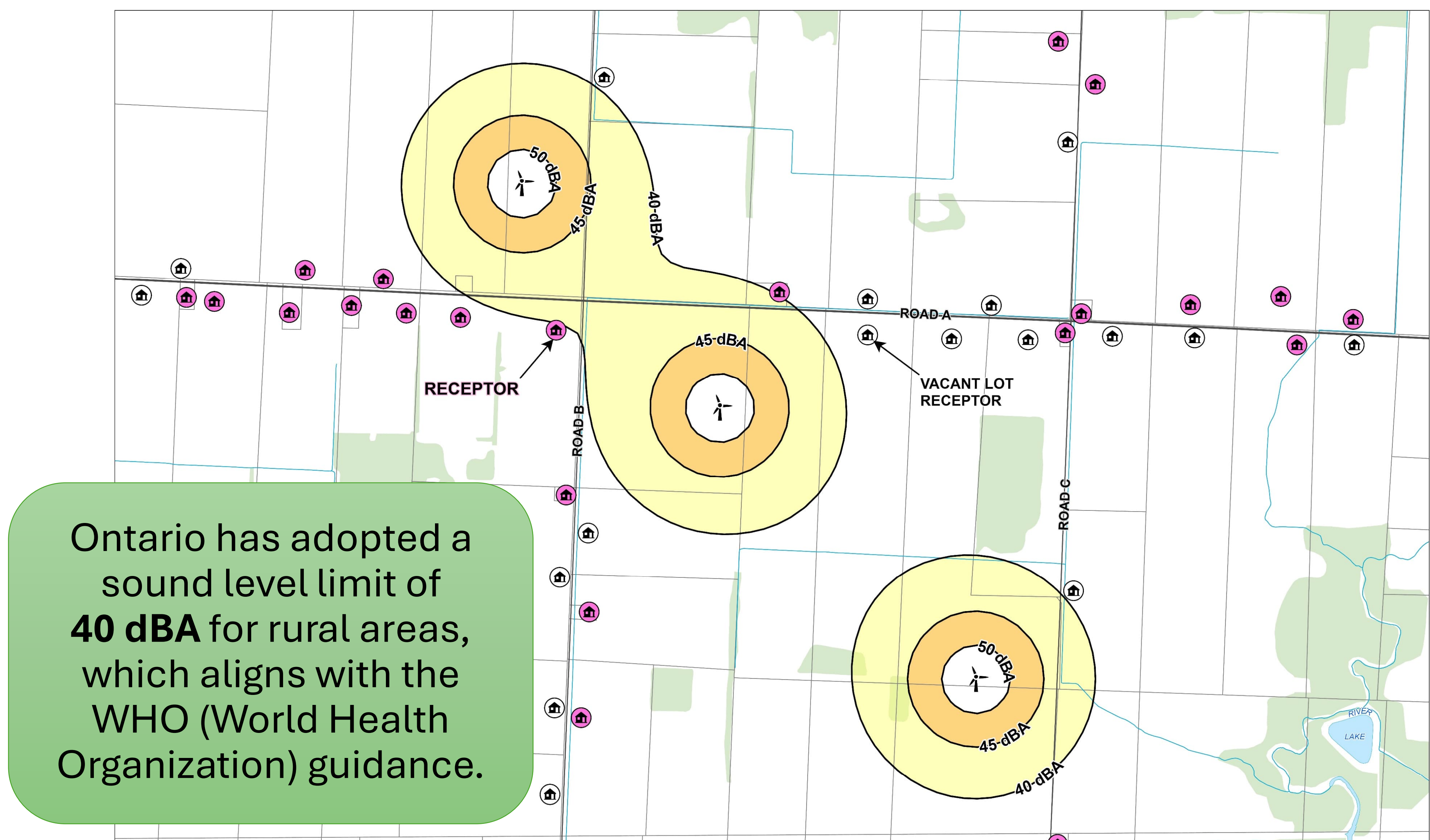
## Noise Regulations

The MECP “Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms” establishes parameters and methodology for modelling the noise from wind projects. This includes noise from adjacent approved/planned wind farms.

Renewable Energy Approvals require post-construction noise audits to ensure adherence to the 40 dBA limit.

### Examples of common sound levels (dBA)

110	Jackhammer
100	Power saw
90	Street traffic
80	Doorbell
70	Office
60	Normal Conversation
50	Quiet urban neighbourhood (daytime)
40	Quiet office
30	Soft whisper
20	Ticking of wristwatch
10	Rustling leaves



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## Crossfield Wind Farm Community Information Session

### Have your say!

At Capstone, we're committed to building long-standing relationships with our landowner partners and the communities where we operate.

Following through on this commitment with each of our projects has been integral to our success.

We look forward to working with the community to ensure the proposed Crossfield Wind Farm builds value and diversification for local residents for the life of the project.

Your feedback is important as it allows us to understand your thoughts on the Project early in the process.

Please remember to fill out a questionnaire before leaving.

You can find more information on our new project website that will be updated regularly:

**[www.crossfieldwindfarm.com](http://www.crossfieldwindfarm.com)**

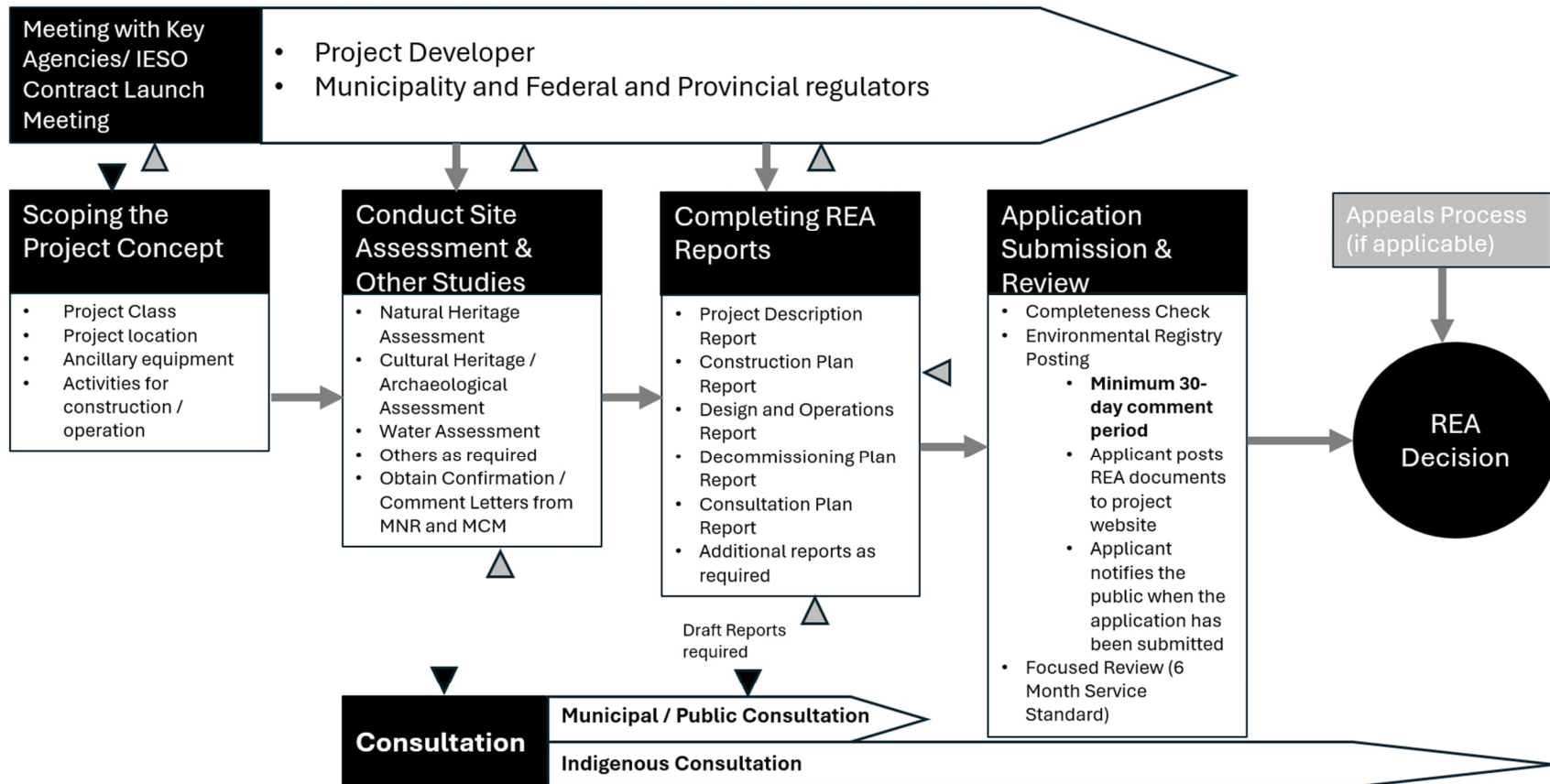




# Appendix D



# Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) Process



Overview of the principle elements of the REA application process adapted from Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals





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# Wind Turbine Noise and Health Study: Summary of Results

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## Background and Rationale

The Government of Canada is committed to protecting the health and well-being of Canadians. Jurisdiction for the regulation of noise is shared across many levels of government in Canada. Health Canada's mandate with respect to wind power includes providing science-based advice, upon request, to federal departments, provinces, territories and other stakeholders on the potential impacts of wind turbine noise (WTN) on community health and well-being. Provinces and territories, through the legislation they have enacted, make decisions in relation to areas including installation, placement, sound levels and mitigation measures for wind turbines.

Globally, wind energy is relied upon as an alternative source of renewable energy. In Canada wind energy capacity has grown from approximately 137 Megawatts (MW) in 2000 to just over 8.5 Gigawatts (GW) in 2014 (CANWEA, 2014). At the same time, there has been concern from some Canadians living within the vicinity of wind turbine installations that their health and well-being are negatively affected from exposure to WTN.



The scientific evidence base in relation to WTN exposure and health is limited, which includes uncertainty as to whether or not low frequency noise (LFN) and infrasound from wind turbines contributes to the observed community response and potential health impacts. Studies that are available differ in many important areas including methodological design, the evaluated health effects, and strength of the conclusions offered.

In July 2012, Health Canada announced its intention to undertake a large scale epidemiology study in collaboration with Statistics Canada (*Statistics Canada Official Title: Community Noise and Health Study*). The study was launched to support a broader evidence base on which to provide federal advice and in acknowledgement of the community health concerns expressed in relation to wind turbines.

## Research Objectives and Methodology

The objectives of the study were to:

- Investigate the prevalence of health effects or health indicators among a sample of Canadians exposed to WTN using both self-reported and objectively measured health outcomes;
- Apply statistical modeling in order to derive exposure response relationships between WTN levels and self-reported and objectively measured health outcomes; and,
- Investigate the contribution of LFN and infrasound from wind turbines as a potential contributing factor towards adverse community reaction.

The study was undertaken in two Canadian provinces, Ontario (ON) and Prince Edward Island (PEI), where there were a sufficient number of homes within the vicinity of wind turbine installations. The study consisted of three primary components: an in-person questionnaire, administered by



Statistics Canada to randomly selected participants living at varying distances from wind turbine installations; collection of objectively measured outcomes that assess hair cortisol, blood pressure and sleep quality; and, more than 4000 hours of WTN measurements conducted by Health Canada to support the calculation of WTN levels at residences captured in the study scope. To support the assessment and reporting of data, and permit comparisons to other studies, residences were grouped into different categories of calculated outdoor A-weighted WTN levels as follows: less than 25 dB; 25-<30dB; 30-<35dB; 35-<40dB; and greater than or equal to 40 dB <sup>1</sup>.

Detailed information on Health Canada's *Wind Turbine Noise and Health Study* methodology, including the 60-day public consultation and peer review process is available on the [Health Canada](#) website. The detailed methodology for the study is also available in the peer reviewed literature (*Michaud et al., Noise News International, 21(4): 14-23, 2013*).

## Preliminary Research Findings

Health Canada has completed its preliminary analysis of the data obtained. Research findings are presented below in accordance with the study component in which they were obtained i.e. in-person, self-report questionnaire findings, objectively measured responses, and noise measurements and calculations. As with other studies of this nature, a number of limitations and considerations apply to the study findings including:

- results may not be generalized to areas beyond the sample as the wind turbine locations in this study were not randomly selected from all possible sites operating in Canada;
- results do not permit any conclusions about causality; and,



- results should be considered in the context of all published peer-reviewed literature on the subject.

### ***A. Study Population and Participation***

The study locations were drawn from areas in ON and PEI where there were a sufficient number of homes within the vicinity of wind turbine installations. Twelve (12) and six wind turbine developments were sampled in ON and PEI, representing 315 and 84 wind turbines respectively. All potential homes within approximately 600 m of a wind turbine were selected, as well as a random selection of homes between 600 m and 10 km. From these, one person between the ages of 18 and 79 years from each household was randomly selected to participate.

The final sample size consisted of 2004 potential households. Of the 2004 locations sampled, 1570 were found to be valid dwellings<sup>3</sup> of which a total of 1238 households with similar demographics<sup>4</sup> participated, resulting in an overall participation rate of 78.9%. Participation rate was similar regardless of one's proximity to wind turbines and equally high in both provinces. The high response rates in this study help to reduce, but not eliminate, non-response bias<sup>5</sup>.

### ***B. Self-Reported Questionnaire Results***

Results are presented in relation to WTN levels. For findings related to WTN annoyance, results are also provided in relation to distance to allow for comparisons with other studies. WTN is a more sensitive measure of exposure level and allows for consideration of topography, wind turbine characteristics and the number of wind turbines at any given distance. To illustrate, two similar homes may exist in similar environments located at the same distance from the nearest turbine operating in areas with 1 small and 75 large wind turbines respectively. These homes would be treated the



same if the analysis was conducted using only distance to the nearest wind turbine, however they would be completely different in terms of their WTN exposure levels.

The following were not found to be associated with WTN exposure:

- self-reported sleep (e.g., general disturbance, use of sleep medication, diagnosed sleep disorders);
- self-reported illnesses (e.g., dizziness, tinnitus, prevalence of frequent migraines and headaches) and chronic health conditions (e.g., heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes); and
- self-reported perceived stress and quality of life.

*While some individuals reported some of the health conditions above, the prevalence was not found to change in relation to WTN levels.*

### *1. Self-reported Sleep*

Long-term sleep disturbance can have adverse impacts on health and disturbed sleep is one of the more commonly reported complaints documented in the community noise literature. Self-reported sleep disturbance has been shown in some, but not all, studies to be related to exposure to wind turbines.

The Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) is a frequently used questionnaire for providing a validated measure of reported sleep pathology where scores can range from 0-21 and a global score of greater than 5 is considered to reflect poor sleep quality. The PSQI was administered as part of the overall questionnaire, which was supplemented



with questions about the use of sleep medication, prevalence of sleep disorders diagnosed by a healthcare professional and how sleep disturbed people were in general over the last year.

Results of self-reported measures of sleep, that relate to aspects including, but not limited to general disturbance, use of sleep medication, diagnosed sleep disorders and scores on the PSQI, did not support an association between sleep quality and WTN levels.

## *2. Self-reported Illnesses and Chronic Diseases*

Self-reports of having been diagnosed with a number of health conditions were not found to be associated with exposure to WTN levels. These conditions included, but were not limited to chronic pain, high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, dizziness, migraines, ringing, buzzing or whistling sounds in the ear (i.e., tinnitus).

## *3. Self-reported Stress*

Exposure to stressors and how people cope with these stressors has long been considered by health professionals to represent a potential risk factor to health, particularly to cardiovascular health and mental well-being. The Perceived Stress Scale is a validated questionnaire that provides an assessment of the degree to which situations in one's life are appraised as stressful.

Self-reported stress, as measured by scores on the Perceived Stress Scale, was not found to be related to exposure to WTN levels.

## *4. Quality of Life*

Impact on quality of life was assessed through the abbreviated version of the World Health Organization's Quality of Life scale; a validated questionnaire that has been used extensively in social studies to assess quality of life across the following four domains: Physical; Environmental; Social and Psychological.



Exposure to WTN was not found to be associated with any significant changes in reported quality of life for any of the four domains, nor with overall quality of life and satisfaction with health.

The following was found to be statistically associated with increasing levels of WTN:

- annoyance towards several wind turbine features (i.e. noise, shadow flicker, blinking lights, vibrations, and visual impacts).

## *5 Annoyance*

### *5.1 Community Annoyance as a Measure of Well-being*

The questionnaire, administered by Statistics Canada, included themes that were intended to capture both the participants' perceptions of wind turbines and reported prevalence of effects related to health and well-being. In this regard, one of the most widely studied responses to environmental noise is community annoyance. There has been more than 50 years of social and socio-acoustical research related to the impact that noise has on community annoyance. Studies have consistently shown that an increase in noise level was associated with an increase in the percentage of the community indicating that they are "highly annoyed" on social surveys. The literature shows that in comparison to the scientific literature on noise annoyance to transportation noise sources such as rail or road traffic, community annoyance with WTN begins at a lower sound level and increases more rapidly with increasing WTN.

Annoyance is defined as a long-term response (approximately 12 months) of being "very or extremely annoyed" as determined by means of surveys. Reference to the last year or so is intended to distinguish a long term



response from one's annoyance on any given day. The relationship between noise and community annoyance is stronger than any other self-reported measure, including complaints and reported sleep disturbance.

## *5.2 Community Annoyance Findings*

Statistically significant exposure-response relationships were found between increasing WTN levels and the prevalence of reporting high annoyance. These associations were found with annoyance due to noise, vibrations, blinking lights, shadow and visual impacts from wind turbines. In all cases, annoyance increased with increasing exposure to WTN levels.

The following additional findings in relation to WTN annoyance were obtained:

- At the highest WTN levels ( $\geq 40$  dBA in both provinces), the following percentages of respondents were highly annoyed by wind turbine noise: ON-16.5%; PEI-6.3%. While overall a similar pattern of response was observed, the prevalence of WTN annoyance was 3.29 times higher in ON versus PEI (95% confidence interval, 1.47 - 8.68).
- A statistically significant increase in annoyance was found when WTN levels exceeded 35 dBA.
- Reported WTN annoyance was statistically higher in the summer, outdoors and during evening and night time.
- Community annoyance was observed to drop at distances between 1-2km in ON, compared to PEI where almost all of the participants who were highly annoyed by WTN lived within 550m of a wind turbine. Investigating the reasons for provincial differences is outside the scope of the current study.
- WTN annoyance significantly dropped in areas where calculated nighttime background noise exceeded WTN by 10dB or more.



- Annoyance was significantly lower among the 110 participants who received personal benefit, which could include rent, payments or other indirect benefits of having wind turbines in the area e.g., community improvements. However, there were other factors that were found to be more strongly associated with annoyance, such as the visual appearance, concern for physical safety due to the presence of wind turbines and reporting to be sensitive to noise in general.

### *5.3 Annoyance and Health*

- WTN annoyance was found to be statistically related to several self-reported health effects including, but not limited to, blood pressure, migraines, tinnitus, dizziness, scores on the PSQI, and perceived stress.
- WTN annoyance was found to be statistically related to measured hair cortisol, systolic and diastolic blood pressure.
- The above associations for self-reported and measured health endpoints were not dependent on the particular levels of noise, or particular distances from the turbines, and were also observed in many cases for road traffic noise annoyance.
- Although Health Canada has no way of knowing whether these conditions may have either pre-dated, and/or are possibly exacerbated by, exposure to wind turbines, the findings support a potential link between long term high annoyance and health.
- Findings suggest that health and well-being effects may be partially related to activities that influence community annoyance, over and above exposure to wind turbines.

### ***C. Objectively Measured Results***

Objectively measured health outcomes were found to be consistent and statistically related to corresponding self-reported results. WTN was not observed to be related to hair cortisol concentrations, blood pressure,



resting heart rate or measured sleep (e.g., sleep latency, awakenings, sleep efficiency) following the application of multiple regression models <sup>6</sup>.

### *1. Measures Associated with Stress*

Hair cortisol, blood pressure and resting heart rate measures were applied in addition to the Perceived Stress Scale to provide a more complete assessment of the possibility that exposure to WTN may be associated with physiological changes that are known to be related to stress.

Cortisol is a well-established biomarker of stress, which is traditionally measured from blood and/or saliva. However, measures from blood and saliva reflect short term fluctuations in cortisol and are influenced by many variables including time of day, food consumption, body position, brief stress, etc., that are very difficult to control for in an epidemiology study. To a large extent, such concerns are eliminated through measurement of cortisol in hair samples as cortisol incorporates into hair as it grows. With a predictable average growth rate of 1 cm per month, measurement of cortisol in hair makes it possible to retrospectively examine months of stressor exposure. Therefore cortisol is particularly useful in evaluating the potential impact that long term exposure to WTN has on one of the primary biomarkers linked to stress.

The results from multiple linear regression analysis reveal consistency between hair cortisol concentrations and scores on the Perceived Stress Scale (i.e., higher scores on this scale were associated with higher concentrations of hair cortisol) with neither measure found to be significantly affected by exposure to WTN. Similarly, while self-reported high blood pressure (hypertension) was associated with higher measured blood pressure, no statistically significant association was observed between measured blood pressure, or resting heart rate, and WTN exposure.

### *2. Sleep Quality*



Sleep was measured using the Actiwatch2™, which is a compact wrist-worn activity monitor that resembles a watch. This device has advanced sensing capabilities to accurately and objectively measure activity and sleep information over a period of several days. This device is considered to be a reliable and valid method of assessing sleep in non-clinical situations. The following measured sleep impacts were considered: sleep latency (how long it took to fall asleep); wake time after sleep onset (the total duration of awakenings); total sleep time; the rate of awakening bouts (calculates how many awakenings occur as a function of time spent in bed); and sleep efficiency (total sleep time divided by time in bed).

Sleep efficiency is especially important because it provides a good indication of overall sleep quality. Sleep efficiency was found to very high at 85% and statistically influenced by gender, body mass index (BMI), education and caffeine consumption.

The rates of awakening bouts, total sleep time or sleep latency were further found in some cases to be related to: age, marital status, closing bedroom windows, BMI, physical pain, having a stand-alone air conditioner in the bedroom, self-reports of restless leg syndrome and being highly annoyed by the blinking lights on wind turbines.

While it can be seen that many variables had a significant impact on measured sleep, calculated outdoor WTN levels near the participants' home was not found to be associated with sleep efficiency, the rate of awakenings, duration of awakenings, total sleep time, or how long it took to fall asleep.

#### **D. Wind Turbine Noise Measures Results**

*Note - To support a greater understanding of the concepts included in this section, Health Canada has developed a short [Primer on Noise](#).*



Scientists that study the community response to noise typically measure different sounds levels with a unit called the A-weighted decibel (dBA). The A-weighting reflects how people respond to the loudness of common sounds; that is, it places less importance on the frequencies to which the ear is less sensitive. For most community noise sources this is an acceptable practice. However, when a source contains a significant amount of low frequencies, an A-weighted filter may not fully reflect the intrusiveness or the effect that the sound may have (e.g. annoyance). In these cases, the use of a C-weighted filter (dBC) may be more appropriate because it is similar to the A-weighting except that it includes more of the contribution from the lower frequencies than the A-weighted filter.

### *1. A- Weighted*

More than 4000 hours of WTN measurements conducted by Health Canada supported the calculations of A-weighted WTN levels at all 1238 homes captured in the study sample.

- Calculated outdoor A-weighted WTN levels for the homes participating in the study reached 46 dBA for wind speeds of 8m/s. This approach is the most appropriate to quantify the potential adverse effects of WTN. The calculated WTN levels are likely to be representative of yearly averages with an uncertainty of about +/- 5dB and therefore can be compared to World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. The WHO identifies an annual outdoor night time average of 40 dBA as the level below which no health effects associated with sleep disturbance are expected to occur even among the most vulnerable people (WHO (2009) *Night Noise Guidelines for Europe*).

### *2. Low Frequency Noise*



Wind turbines emit LFN, which can enter the home with little or no reduction in energy potentially resulting in rattles in light weight structures and annoyance. Although the limits of LFN are not fixed, it generally includes frequencies from between 20Hz and 200Hz. C-weighted sound levels can be a better indicator of LFN in comparison to A-weighted levels, and were calculated in order to assess the potential LFN impacts.

- Calculated outdoor dBC levels for homes ranged from 24 dBC and reached 63 dBC.
- Three (3)% of the homes were found to exceed 60 dBC <sup>7</sup>.
- No additional benefit was observed in assessing LFN because C- and A-weighted levels were so highly correlated ( $r=0.94$ ) that they essentially provided the same information. It was therefore not surprising that the relationship between annoyance and WTN levels was predicted with equal strength using dBC or dBA and that there was no association found between dBC levels and any of the self-reported illnesses or chronic health conditions assessed (e.g., migraines, tinnitus, high blood pressure, etc.)
- Sound pressure levels were found to be below the recommended thresholds for reducing perceptible rattle and the annoyance that rattle may cause.

As LFN is generally considered to be an indoor noise problem, it was of interest to better understand how much outdoor LFN makes its way into the home.

- At a selection of representative homes, Health Canada measurements showed an average of 14dB of outdoor WTN is blocked from entering a home at low frequencies (16 Hz - 100 Hz) with closed windows compared to an average reduction of 10dB with windows partially open.

### ***3. Infrasound***



Long-term measurements over a period of 1 year were also conducted in relation to infrasound levels.

- Infrasound from wind turbines could sometimes be measured at distances up to 10km from the wind turbines, but was in many cases below background infrasound levels.
- The levels were found to decrease with increasing distance from the wind turbine at a rate of 3dB per doubling of distance beyond 1km, downwind from a wind turbine.
- The levels of infrasound measured near the base of the turbine were around the threshold of audibility that has been reported for about 1% of people that have the most sensitive hearing.

Due to the large volume of acoustical data, including that related to infrasound, analysis will continue over subsequent months with additional results being released at the earliest opportunity throughout 2015.

## Data Availability and Application

Detailed descriptions of the above results will be submitted for peer review with open access in scientific journals and should only be considered final following publication. All publications by Health Canada related to the study will be identified on the Health Canada website.

Raw data originating from the study is available to Canadians, other jurisdictions and interested parties through a number of sources: Statistics Canada Federal Research Data Centres, the Health Canada website (noise data), open access to publications in scientific journals and conference presentations. Plain language abstracts outlining the research and identifying the scientific journals where papers can be found will further be published to the Departmental website.



Health Canada's Wind Turbine Noise and Health Study included both self-reported and physically measured health effects as together they provide a more complete overall assessment of the potential impact that exposure to wind turbines may have on health and well-being.

Study results will support decision makers by strengthening the peer-reviewed scientific evidence base that supports decisions, advice and policies regarding wind turbine development proposals, installations and operations. The data obtained will also contribute to the global knowledge of the relationship between WTN and health.

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## Footnotes

- 1 Categories are mutually exclusive. Only six out of 1238 dwellings in the study were above 45dBA; an inadequate sample size to create an additional category.
- 2 A more detailed presentation of the results will be submitted for publication in scientific journals. Results should only be considered final following peer-review and publication in the scientific literature.
- 3 434 were not valid dwellings; upon visiting the address Statistics Canada noted that the location was either demolished for unknown reasons, under construction, vacant for unknown reasons, an unoccupied seasonal dwelling, residents were outside the eligible age range, or not a home at all.
- 4 Some minor differences were found with respect to age, employment, type of home and home ownership.



- 5 Non-response bias may be a problem depending upon the extent to which non participation is associated with the exposure of interest (in this case wind turbine exposure). This study did not include a non-response survey, however refusing to participate was not related to the distance between the resident and the nearest wind turbine.
- 6 This type of analysis identifies the personal and situational variables that best explain the variation observed in the objective measures after adjusting for all variables that are known to have an influence on the effects being assessed.
- 7 For sources that operate at night in rural environments, a dBC limit somewhere between 60 dBC and 65 dBC has been recommended to minimize community complaints/annoyance associated with LFN, See discussion in Broner (2011). A simple outdoor criterion for assessment of low frequency noise emission. Acoustics Australia Vol 39, Issue 1, pp 7-14.

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## Acronyms / Abbreviations

<b>CBA</b>	Community Benefit Agreement
<b>IESO</b>	Independent Electricity System Operator
<b>LT2 RFP</b>	Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals
<b>MECP</b>	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
<b>MW</b>	megawatt(s)
<b>REA</b>	Renewable Energy Approval
<b>PPA</b>	Power Purchase Agreement



## 1. Introduction

Capstone Infrastructure Corporation (“**Capstone**”) is proposing to develop, construct and operate the Crossfield Wind Farm (the “**Project**”), a wind energy project located in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in Ward 2 (South Kent) and Ward 3 (East Kent), located approximately east of the city of Chatham, Ontario.

This Community and Indigenous Engagement Plan (“**Engagement Plan**”) has been developed by Capstone for the Project to support our early stakeholder engagement in conjunction with our planned participation in the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) Long-Term Request for Proposals 2 (“**LT2 RFP**”) process<sup>1</sup>. The main objective of the Engagement Plan is to inform stakeholders or Indigenous groups who may potentially be affected by the Project of its full scope, the regulatory and approval process in place.

### This Engagement Plan:

Describes Capstone’s strategies and principles for encouraging meaningful participation by all stakeholders throughout the development, construction, and operation of the Project in an open and transparent manner

Identifies the regulatory requirements and best practices for consultation, describes how the relevant stakeholder and Indigenous groups will be identified, and outlines methods for informing the stakeholders and Indigenous groups about the Project; and

Explains the process by which consultation activities will be recorded, discusses how issues and concerns are tracked, managed and addressed, and details the timeline and planning for the engagement activities for the Project.

## Capstone’s Engagement Approach

The guiding principles for meaningful community and Indigenous engagement are:

- 1) To develop a relationship built on trust and integrity through open and honest communication.
- 2) To establish a process and protocol for providing Project information, as it is developed and becomes available;
- 3) To transparently outline a schedule and process for all stakeholders.
- 4) To be respectful of stakeholders’ and Indigenous groups’ preferred communication methods and to be inclusive with all stakeholders to ensure a robust consultation record.
- 5) To demonstrate a plan to address feedback and concerns and integrate feedback into future engagement plan activities and Project design, where possible.

<sup>1</sup> Learn more at [www.ieso.ca/en/Sector-Participants/Engagement-Initiatives/Engagements/Long-Term-RFP](http://www.ieso.ca/en/Sector-Participants/Engagement-Initiatives/Engagements/Long-Term-RFP)



## 2. The Proponent

Headquartered in Toronto, Capstone is a publicly traded, independent power producer focused on providing clean, renewable energy to homes and businesses across North America. Capstone owns and operates 35 utility scale renewable and clean power generation facilities, including wind, hydro, solar, biomass, and natural gas co-generation with 885 MW of installed capacity and is actively developing a portfolio of clean power projects in Canada.

Capstone's mission is to drive the energy transition forward through creative thinking, strong partnerships, and a commitment to quality and integrity in how we do business. This includes building long-standing relationships with our landowner partners and the communities where we operate. Following through on this commitment has been integral to our success, and we will continue to hold ourselves to this high standard with the local community hosting the proposed Crossfield Wind Farm project.

We invite you to visit our corporate website at [www.capstoneinfrastructure.com](http://www.capstoneinfrastructure.com) for more information.

### Contact Information

Questions and feedback are always welcome from anyone interested in the Project. Any interested party is encouraged to make contact directly with any questions or comments by phone, email, or regular mail as follows:

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## 3. Project Overview

The Project is at a very early stage of development, so the nameplate capacity has not yet been determined. We anticipate the maximum size would be 200 MW and are targeting a nameplate in the order of 100-200 MW. The Project is sited on rural agricultural lands and will connect directly to the existing transmission system in the area.

The Project will include typical wind farm components, including: wind turbines, gravel access roads, a buried electrical collector system, substation, permanent meteorological tower, operations & maintenance building, and transmission line between the Project substation and the point of interconnection with the Hydro One Networks Inc. grid.



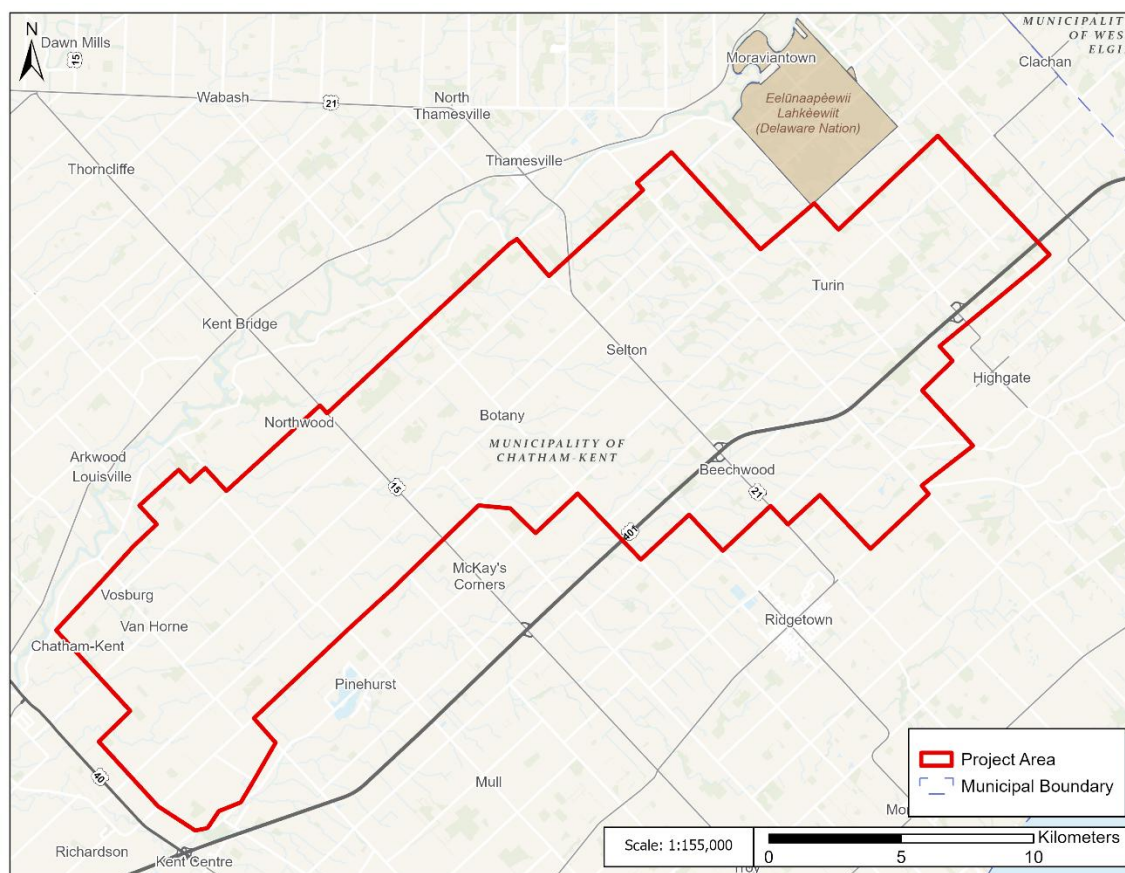


Figure 1: Project Study Area

#### 4. Regulatory Requirements

Should the Project be awarded a contract from the IESO under the LT2 RFP process, the Project would be required to secure a Renewable Energy Approval (“**REA**”) from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (“**MECP**”). The REA process requires that proponents hold at least two public meetings. Stakeholder consultation forms a major part of the REA process. Proponents are required to document the engagement activities, to describe the consultation activities, to include the people and groups involved, to list the dates and means of engagement (e.g., via mail, phone, meetings), and to summarize feedback, comments and concerns received.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent may also set out additional requirements as part of plan approval under the local permitting process.

#### 5. Stakeholder Identification

A list of key stakeholders and interest groups, individuals, government entities, non-government entities, has been identified for the Project. This list will evolve throughout the consultation process and the Project based on the level of interest expressed by individuals or additional guidance received.

Any interested party who is not presently on the stakeholder list for the Project, and wishes to be added to the stakeholder list will be added upon request.



**Table 1: Key Stakeholders & Interest Groups**

Type	Potential Interested or Impacted Stakeholder
Landowners	- Property owners within 550m of the boundary of the proposed Project site, as per the REA Process for wind projects
Indigenous	- Indigenous Nations potentially affected by the Project, or who may have expressed interest in the Project
Municipal	- Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Municipal Fire and Rescue Department
Provincial	- Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) - Ministry of Energy and Mines - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) - Conservation Authorities
Federal	- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) - Fisheries and Oceans Canada - NAV CANADA - Transport Canada
Utilities	- Electric utilities (transmission and distribution), such as Hydro One Networks Inc. and Entegrus - Local gas utilities - Any other utilities or energy entities local to the Project
Other Stakeholders	- Interest holders on the proposed Project land as identified through the land title registry system - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) - Local business groups, landowner groups and other interest parties who may have interest in the Project

## Privacy Statement

The privacy of the individuals is important and must be respected. The stakeholders list and information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*<sup>2</sup>, and will not contain any sensitive information regarding private individuals or individual landowners.

## 6. Stakeholder Engagement Principles

The engagement process to be undertaken for the Project will implement the following themes:

- **Focused communication:** appropriate language and terminology will be used in all written, electronic and website materials so that stakeholders and Indigenous Nations can clearly understand Project details, expected environmental and socio-economic benefits, and potential impacts, as well as knowing where and how to seek out follow up information or ask

<sup>2</sup> All personal information provided – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the MECP for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at [foi.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:foi.mecp@ontario.ca)



questions.

- **Timely consultation:** where possible, consultation activities will be appropriately scheduled to avoid sensitive time periods of its stakeholder and Indigenous Nations and understanding that there may need to be scheduling flexibility during the planting, harvesting, and livestock seasons and regular statutory holidays.
- **Varied communication:** Project-specific information will be delivered through a combination of one-on-one meetings, phone, website, email and letter correspondences, as well as information sessions and round table discussions with stakeholder and/or Indigenous Nations, as needed.
- **Two-way dialogue:** stakeholders and Indigenous Nations will have the opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns about the Project in a dedicated one-on-one environment. This may be over the phone or through in-person meetings.
- **Transparency:** a consultation log will be maintained which will document all forms of communication and outreach with its stakeholder and Indigenous groups including the date, time and type, and any feedback, comments, objections, or concerns raised. All consultation and engagement activities will be documented, and summaries of issues and follow-up questions will be made public and/or regulators as appropriate through relevant process (i.e., LT2 or REA process).

## 7. Preliminary Community Engagement Plan

This section outlines the specific methods and activities that are proposed to be used for consultation with stakeholders and the public community (note: Indigenous Engagement section below with respect to Indigenous Nations). This engagement plan is preliminary and will be adapted in response to stakeholder input where relevant. The summer 2025 early-stage community engagement plays an important part in shaping the project development and planning, including consultation.

### Stakeholder Engagement Timelines

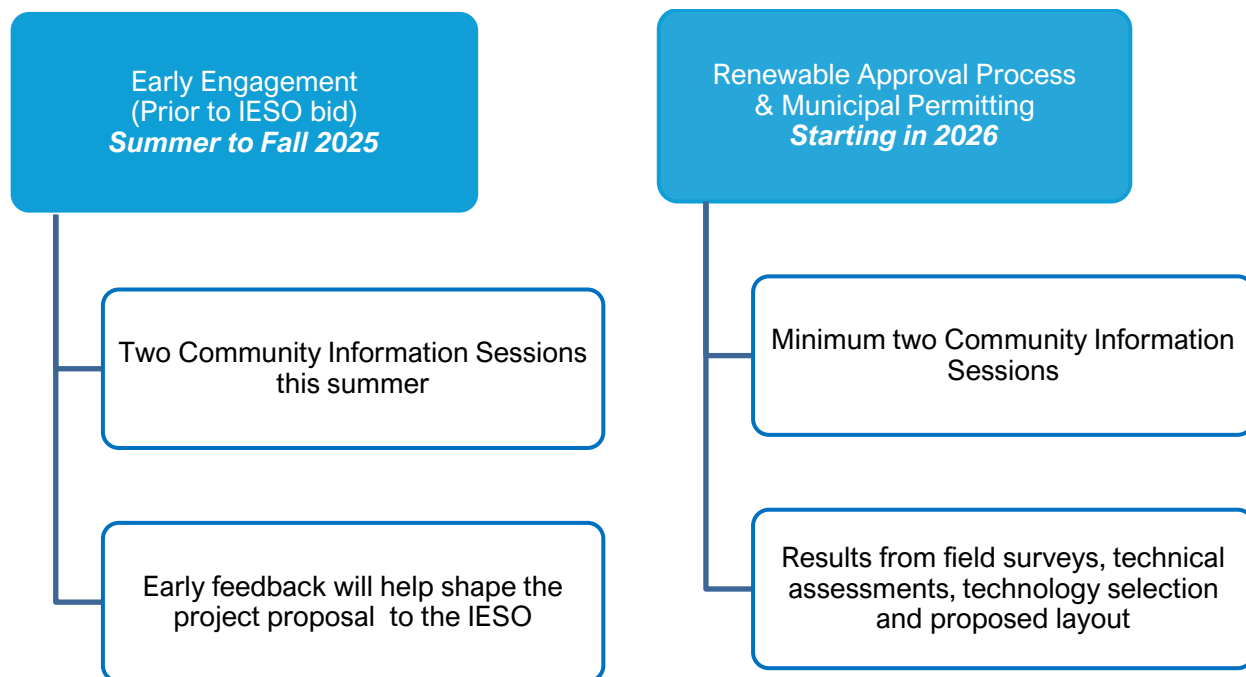
Stakeholder engagement is broadly split out into two distinct timelines: during the LT2 RFP process and, only if a project is successful in securing an IESO contract, then during the REA process (see flowchart on next page).

Contract award by the IESO is expected in Q2 2026<sup>3</sup>. Capstone will notify stakeholders should the Project secure a contract.

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<sup>3</sup> Proposed schedule is a draft and is subject to change and updates based on the IESO LT2 RFP schedule.





## Project Website

A Project-specific website has been launched ([www.crossfieldwindfarm.com](http://www.crossfieldwindfarm.com)) with information about the engagement events and Project details. The website went live in late June coincident with the first Community Information Session.

Key project information on the website will include the following (with a caveat that as of June 2025, at the early stage of the LT2 RFP process, technical details may not be known or defined, or may be preliminary only):

- Contact information of the Proponent
- Name, nameplate capacity and generating technology to be used, if/when available
- General location of the Project and map showing the Project boundaries, location of connection points and connection lines, if/when available
- A copy of this Engagement Plan
- Project-specific information and reports including community information session materials, FAQs, and follow-up information (information will be updated as it becomes available)
- Additional information presented on the website would include Project updates, reports, and relevant communication materials including a copy of this Engagement Plan, newsletters, public engagement meeting notices and a copy or summary of the engagement meeting minutes

## Public Engagement Meetings

Several public engagement meetings will be scheduled to share Project updates and more detailed information about the Project as time goes on. The current plan is for two such meetings prior to the fall



2025 LT2 RFP submission, and at least two through the REA process which would take place in 2026 and 2027. The frequency and effectiveness of these events will be assessed as development of the Project advances.

Public events provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to receive the same information at one time and interact with Project representatives and subject matter experts to address questions and concerns about the Project concept and design directly with Project experts. Appropriately knowledgeable representatives will be in attendance to address specific issues or concerns that may arise or are common with these types of projects. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions during the meeting(s) and provide written feedback via feedback forms on site. Any feedback received will be reviewed in detail and follow up will be done with the relevant stakeholders. Follow-up questions will be addressed in a timely manner and all communication will be captured in the meeting minutes and/or consultation log.

### **Direct Mailing**

Direct Project information packages (newsletters, maps, updates, etc) via mail and email will be used for a variety of stakeholders and authorities having jurisdiction throughout the development process:

- Public: Project notifications to all owners within 550m of Project infrastructure
- Regulator/Agency: Identified authorities having jurisdiction that will be consulted to ensure Capstone has accurate information to incorporate with project planning, design and overall development.

### **Public Notices**

Public notices will be posted in newspapers, on the Project website, and to the Project mailing list for any additional stakeholders outside the Project area. Direct engagement with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent may also identify additional notification platforms such as local bulletin boards or community social media groups, or other recommended steps to reach local stakeholders.

### **One-on-one meetings**

One-on-one meetings with directly affected stakeholders and any additional interested stakeholders, authorities having jurisdiction will be conducted for more direct engagement, when necessary, or whenever specifically requested.

One-on-one meetings provide the opportunity for open communication lines and more dynamic discussion of feedback and for building trust and transparency through direct dialogue. These meetings also allow interested parties to raise concerns and receive direct follow-ups about the Project and provide Capstone representatives the opportunity to address questions early in the process, and on an individual basis, allowing time to consider and evaluate all information or responses to the question or concern being addressed.

### **Telephone and Email**

Communication via telephone and email gives individuals the opportunity to have direct discussions with a Project representative who is knowledgeable about the Project details. Interested stakeholders are always encouraged to reach out directly by phone or email. All questions and concerns communicated to the Project team will be documented via a Record of Consultation tracking log with personal information removed for protection of privacy.



## 8. Indigenous Engagement

Capstone acknowledges that the proposed Crossfield Wind Farm is located on Treaty #2 land (the McKee Purchase Treaty of 1790). This is the traditional territory of many nations, including Anishinaabeg Peoples of the Three Fires Confederacy: the Odawa, Potawatomi and Ojibwe Nations along with the Lunaapeew at Eelūnaapèewi Lahkèewiit and the neighboring unceded territory of the Bkejwanong Walpole Island First Nation.

While the Project is located on lands that do not have federal designation as reserve lands under the Indian Act (1985), Indigenous Lands, Capstone is committed to meaningful engagement with potentially affected communities that may have overlapping traditional land use areas within the vicinity of the Project.

Based on the proximity of Indigenous Communities to the proposed Project location as mapped out in the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System by the Government of Canada, potentially interested Indigenous communities include:

- Caldwell First Nation
- Bkejwanong Territory Walpole Island First Nation
- Aamjiwnaang First Nation
- Chippewas Of the Thames First Nation
- Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point
- Eelūnaapèewi Lahkèewiit (Delaware Nation - Moravian of the Thames)
- Nalahii Lunaapewaak (Munsee-Delaware Nation)
- Oneida Nation of the Thames

Introductory letters have been sent in conjunction with Capstone's early work to develop the Project for bidding into the LT2 RFP process. On-going consultation may be required to keep communities informed of the Project and engaged in decision-making, depending on their individual levels of interest. Direct engagement will be conducted by means of telephone, video conference, in-person meetings, and written communication, or as otherwise request by any Indigenous Nations.

We encourage these and any other Indigenous Communities, who wish to make their interests known, to please contact us directly through our Project Email ([crossfieldwind@capstoneinfra.com](mailto:crossfieldwind@capstoneinfra.com)).

## 9. Engagement Tracking and Follow Up

### Record of Consultation

Effective communication and record tracking is critical among key stakeholders (the public, local authorities, agencies, Indigenous groups, industry and government) so that concerns raised are properly addressed, and if possible, resolved. The results of the consultation work will be documented via the Record of Consultation which tracks the flow of information conveyed to and received regarding the Project, including relevant correspondences, Notices, and communication items for the Project. The Record of Consultation Log will also document all consultation and engagement activities, stakeholder lists, and commitments.



## Issues and Grievances Management

Capstone is an experienced developer and operator of utility-scale renewable energy projects across Canada and recognizes that projects can have impacts on communities and on individual stakeholders. Early consultation on the Project is critical to developing a facility with minimal impact, as feedback received early in the process can inform Project siting and design and also provides time for adequate resolution of issues. The stakeholder and Indigenous engagement strategies presented in this section are aimed at informing and educating stakeholders and Indigenous Nations in understanding the Project design and demonstrate how the mitigation measures can reduce potential impacts and address concerns and issues raised.

Issues or grievances raised by stakeholders or Indigenous groups will be documented and addressed and mitigated by Capstone whenever possible. A consultation issues log will be maintained through the development, construction and operational phases of the Project, and will be a guiding document to track and identify grievances with any stakeholders or Indigenous Nations, and efforts and strategies used to attempt to resolve the issues.

## 10. Conclusion

As a proven industry-leading Project developer, Capstone is committed to deploying industry best practice for consultation and engagement throughout the lifecycle of the Project. Capstone's approach to outreach is grounded in its belief that those affected by its business have a right to be informed about activities, participate in decision making through transparent processes and be involved in addressing and mitigating issues associated with the Project that may affect them.

This Engagement Plan provides a framework that defines how Capstone will manage the consultation, community, and Indigenous engagement process for the Project, how it intends to schedule and execute a robust consultation plan, track all of the consultation efforts and maintain an issues log identifying efforts to mitigate issues and if the issue or concern was ultimately resolved with the stakeholder or Indigenous group.

As previously mentioned, this Engagement Plan is a dynamic document and therefore may be periodically updated as needed to adapt to Project requirements, and as feedback and information is gathered from relevant stakeholders and is applied to Project planning.

Capstone is proud to be a contributing member of the community where it develops and operates projects and will seek to build trust and demonstrate integrity through frequent, open and honest communication. Capstone will demonstrate a diligent approach to addressing concerns, finding solutions and providing mitigation strategies that incorporate community and Indigenous feedback into Project planning and Project design whenever possible.





# Bright future. Big income potential.

In the coming decades, Ontario will need significantly more clean electricity and capacity across the province's electricity system to keep up with demand. In fact, Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is currently looking to procure an estimated 7,500 MW of additional capacity over four annual procurements.

Based in Ontario, Capstone Infrastructure Corporation (Capstone) is a developer, owner, and operator of renewable energy facilities across North America. We are proposing to develop and operate renewable and energy storage projects in Ontario to meet the upcoming supply and capacity gap in our electricity system.

We'd like to discuss the opportunity to maximize the returns on your land by leasing property for a new potential wind energy project.

At Capstone Infrastructure, we're committed to building long-standing relationships with our landowner partners and the communities where we operate. Following through on this commitment has been integral to our success. We're not short-term investors - our model is to develop, own, and operate our projects over the long term and we have the expertise and financial capability to be successful in the competitive process the IESO is undertaking to secure the province's energy needs.

## Play a part in our clean energy future. Here's why:

Capstone has been a major player in the Ontario renewable energy market since 2005 when our 99 MW Erie Shores Wind Farm began commercial operation, and we are responding to the market evolution in the province as it incorporates more renewable generation and battery energy storage.

Participation in a wind energy project with Capstone can help you realize new sources of revenue in addition to agriculture for decades - without taking land out of production.

**A proven company** Capstone is an experienced and well-funded developer, owner, and operator who is committed to quality and integrity in all aspects of our business.

**Guaranteed long-term revenue** Providing land options for wind energy projects - both before and after commercial operation begins - delivers stable, long-term income for your family.

**Minimal impact** When the time for decommissioning comes, your land will be returned to a previous use or be repowered to continue and provide energy for decades to come.

**A lasting legacy** Renewable generation and energy storage have a big role to play in Ontario's energy future. Lead the way and enjoy the benefits as the province transitions to a net-zero emission economy.





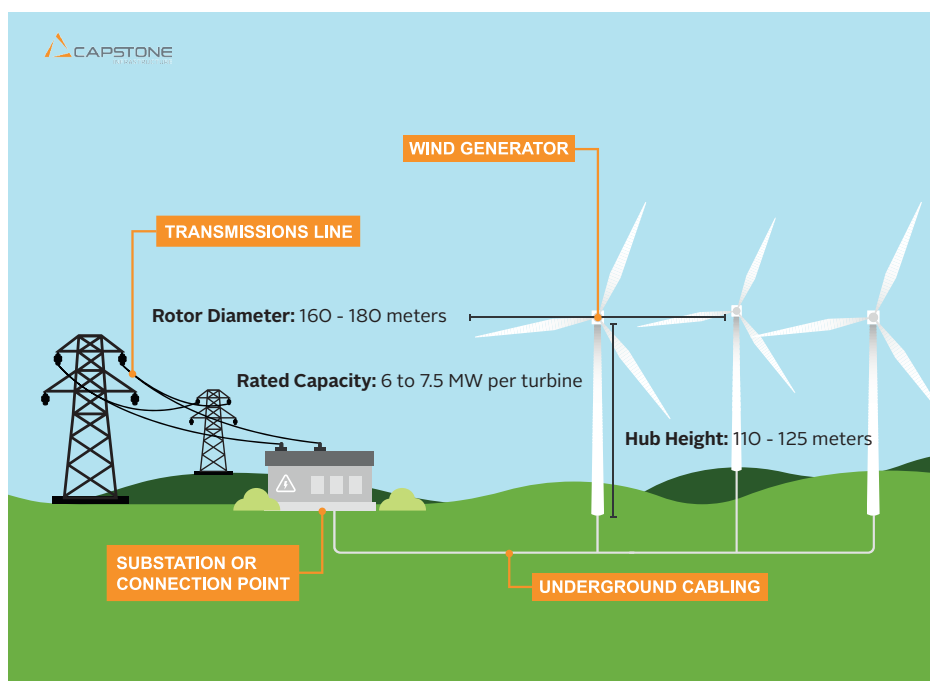
Erie Shores Wind Farm, Ontario

## The Opportunity

Ontario's electricity system is in a period of transformation, and the transition to electric commercial and personal transportation is underway. Combine these factors with continued economic growth and Ontario is facing a supply gap beginning in the mid-2020s and expanding to an estimated 7,500 MW over four annual procurements based on current generation capacity.

To address these needs, the IESO is now competitively securing the energy through a Request for Proposals for new-build electricity resources that can be operational by 2029. Capstone is preparing to submit project proposals into this process. You can find more information on Ontario's electricity system and the current procurement of new resources at [www.ieso.com](http://www.ieso.com).

## What is wind power generation? How does it work?



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. How loud are the turbines?

**A.** Wind turbines do emit low amounts of noise. In Ontario, the maximum noise level permitted at a residence or business near operating turbines is 40dBA, which is what you would experience visiting an average library. For context, examples of common sound levels include street traffic (~90 dBA), ticking of a wristwatch (~20 dBA).

### Q. How will this impact my property taxes?

**A.** As part of the lease agreement, Capstone will pay for any incremental increase in property taxes as a result of the project.

### Q. Do wind farms affect property values?

**A.** Market research across Canada (incl. Ontario) and the United States has shown there is no statistically meaningful effect of wind turbines on the sale price for homes or farms. Full studies can be provided upon request.

### Q. What happens at the end of the project life?

**A.** At the end of the life of the project, Capstone will remove all equipment and remediate the land to a state similar to what it was pre-project.

Landowners leasing land to Capstone benefit from a stable, 20+ year passive revenue source.

As a leading owner of renewable energy projects in Ontario, Capstone has a proven track record of working closely with our landowners to develop a plan that aligns to their priorities and benefits everyone involved.



Our Canadian  
Footprint

885<sup>MW</sup>

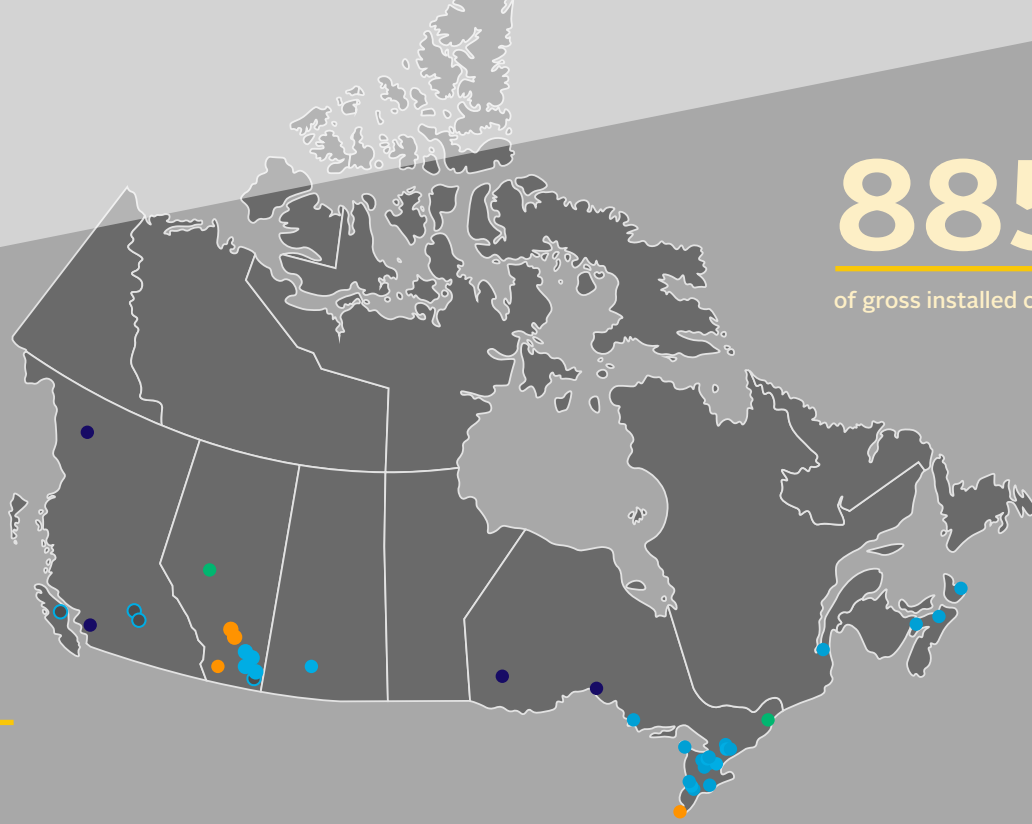
of gross installed capacity

35

wind, solar, hydro,  
biomass & natural  
gas cogen

180

employees across  
North America



● Advanced development ● Wind ● Hydro ● Solar ● Biomass/natural gas co-gen

## Why Capstone Infrastructure? Quality, innovation, experience

### A talented and dedicated team that delivers

We have a recent track record of bringing 16 utility-scale renewable projects to operations in the last 10 years.

### 50% growth less than a decade

Capstone's overall earnings increased from \$65 million in 2016 to more than \$230+ million in 2023.\*

### \$1B in operating assets

We're an experienced owner and operator of wind, solar, run-of-river hydro, biomass, and natural gas cogeneration energy facilities across North America.

### Raising more than \$1.4B in project financing

We have the financial means and expertise to get projects off the ground.

### 100+ years industry experience

Our senior management team of dedicated and knowledgeable renewable energy experts are leaders in engineering, finance, and project management.

### Based in Ontario

The growth of our business is built on the strong foundation created through the success of our 20 power facilities operating in the province.

## About Capstone Infrastructure Generating our low-carbon future

Clean and renewable energy is our business, but our people are our greatest asset. We're here to drive the energy transition forward through creative thinking, strong partnerships, and a commitment to doing things right.

Capstone is a publicly traded, independent power producer headquartered in Toronto, Canada, focused on providing clean, renewable energy to homes and businesses across North America. We own and operate a diversified portfolio of 35 utility scale renewable and clean power generation facilities with more than 885 MW of gross installed capacity and are actively developing a portfolio of clean power projects in the United States and Canada.

Let's build the clean energy future together. Call or email us to learn more.

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\*EBITDA as a measure of financial performance: earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization



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2023

Environmental  
Social & Governance  
Report





Message From The CEO

I am proud to introduce Capstone's first Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Report since our transition to a dedicated independent power producer in 2016.

We're here to drive the energy transition forward through creative thinking, strong partnerships, and a commitment to doing things right. Over the last several years, Capstone has experienced tremendous growth, nearly doubling our installed capacity and our team. Over the past 18 months, we've constructed and commissioned six new solar and wind facilities, decommissioned one of our oldest wind farms, opened an office in Calgary and hired our first employees in the United States.

With such growth occurring in an increasingly complex and dynamic world, our ESG program has been developed and integrated across the organization to help ensure we adhere to our core values and the "Capstone Way" – quality and integrity in our endeavours, protecting people and the environment, and building value of our company. The team's commitment to these principles is a key reason Capstone was honoured as one of Canada's Clean16 in 2024, a recognition reserved for outstanding contributions to sustainability over the last two years.

I hope you enjoy learning more about the good works and amazing impacts the Capstone team has accomplished, with a long, important journey ahead.

Sincerely,

David Eva  
CEO



Canada's Clean50 annually offers recognition to Canada's leaders in sustainability for their contributions over the prior two years. The leader in each of the 16 categories is also declared to be part of the "Clean16", depicting those 16 individual Honourees as the top contributor in each of their respective categories. <https://clean50.com/about/>

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# OUR APPROACH

## Focused On The Principle of Continuous Improvement

Our Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) program reflects the application of our values in the daily business activities of Capstone Infrastructure Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively, Capstone or the company). Everything we do at Capstone is based on the principle of continuous improvement: we learn from our experiences to adapt and evolve our approach to every aspect of our business. Our ESG program defines, measures, and sets goals for key ESG factors which support our mandate to drive the energy transition forward in North America.

The key to success for our ESG program is effectively integrating and operationalizing ESG goals and priorities across the business. Putting ESG into action is accomplished by integrating ESG goals into the Capstone Operational Excellence Management System (COEMS). COEMS is our management system for ensuring quality and consistency in executing our core business activities – developing, building, owning, and operating a fleet of renewable and low-carbon power generation facilities.

The compliance environment Capstone operates in is also evolving. Our ESG program is designed to evolve with and adapt to changing regulatory requirements in the areas identified in figure below.

### Environmental

- Energy Transition, Carbon & Climate
- Tracking Our Carbon Footprint
- By the Numbers
- Biodiversity

### Social

- Health & Safety (Zero Harm)
- Community Engagement & Support
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Build Relationships with Indigenous Communities

### Governance

- Supply Chain Management
- Reclamation & Decommissioning
- Forced Labour & Human Rights
- Implementing a Robust Compliance Framework



◀ The team heads up top at the Erie Shores Wind Farm, Port Burwell, Ontario.





# ENVIRONMENT

Capstone is committed to decarbonization and the successful transition to a clean energy future. We consider and take steps to address the impact of our actions and business operations on the environment, employees, Indigenous and local communities, customers, and other stakeholders.

We take a proactive approach to meeting our environmental commitments, by actions such as:

- Ensuring compliance with all permitting obligations, applicable laws, and industry-leading environmental management practices.
- Minimizing potential environmental impacts and protecting and conserving biodiversity.
- Minimizing the use of hazardous materials and ensuring appropriate handling processes.

The following sections discuss important environmental factors to Capstone’s business: Energy Transition, Carbon, Climate, and Biodiversity.

◀ Sechelt Creek spawning channel in British Columbia’s beautiful Sunshine Coast in 2022.



Returning salmon run the channel at Sechelt Hydro.

## SALMON SPAWNING SUCCESS AT SECHelt HYDRO

The Sechelt Creek Hydro Project is a traditional run-of-the-river hydro facility that has been recognized for its environmental stewardship efforts. In 2005, the project was awarded the UNESCO Blue Planet Award for Environmental Excellence and in 2013 Clean Energy BC presented the facility with an award for Environmental Stewardship and Community Improvement. The awards recognize Capstone’s work with shíshálh Nation for the protection and continual efforts to enhance and protect the salmon run in Sechelt Creek.

The Sechelt Creek salmon spawning channel incorporates technical innovation in synergy with the local environment in a remote area. The facility’s intake and powerhouse have been designed to be as unobtrusive as possible, and the spawning channel successful in the re-establishment of a thriving salmon run.



Energy Transition

Climate-related matters and the role of the company in the energy transition are central to Capstone's business strategy, planning, and successful management. Capstone is proud to serve as a decarbonization solution for our customers, who include companies, governments, and electricity system operators.

The energy industry is undergoing a significant transition towards net-zero carbon emissions. Over the last several years, our business has focused on developing, constructing, owning and operating renewable energy resources, creating electricity from wind, solar, hydro and biomass. Cardinal Power, a natural gas plant and our original facility, continues to play a vital role in providing power to the Ontario grid during periods of high demand. Most recently, we are working towards adding battery energy storage to support further renewables penetration into North American power grids.

Facility Breakdown In 2023

<div>31</div> <div>Total Operating Sites</div> <div>824 MW</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Wind Farms</div> <div>405 MW</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Solar Facilities</div> <div>202 MW</div>
<div>4</div> <div>Hydro Facilities</div> <div>36 MW</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Natural Gas Co-generation Facility</div> <div>156 MW</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Biomass Facility</div> <div>25 MW</div>

1,738,000 KWh  
of clean electricity generated

180,000  
equivalent Canadian homes powered by generated electricity

566,249 mtCO2e\*  
total gross emissions avoided 2023

262,589 mtCO2e\*\*1  
total net emissions avoided 2023

\*before deducting sale of renewable energy credits and environmental attributes  
\*\* after deducting sale of renewable energy credits and environmental attributes  
1"Guidance on Avoided Emissions" from the Net Zero Initiative / World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).



Michichi Solar with the Drumheller coulee in the background.

KNEEHILL AND MICHICHI SOLAR

Two neighbouring 25 MWac solar facilities – Michichi Solar in Starland County, and Kneehill Solar in Kneehill County - are now soaking up the rays in Alberta. Both projects successfully achieved commercial operation in March 2023.

With the two new solar projects, Capstone is continuing its commitment to building long-standing relationships with Indigenous communities. The Sawridge First Nation, a Cree people that is an original signatory to Treaty No.8, is an equity partner for both facilities.

Capstone's leadership in forging partnerships with the private sector to help companies reach their climate and decarbonization targets continues with the new projects as power and environmental attributes generated from the first 15 years of operation of Michichi Solar will be sold to Keyera Partnership, one of the largest midstream oil and gas operators in Canada.

Tracking Our Carbon Footprint

Capstone's efforts and ability to track and report our greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) has evolved substantially over the past several years. Historically, we tracked and reported on the our two thermal generation facilities, Cardinal Power (natural gas) and Whitecourt Power (biomass). In 2022, we voluntarily expanded our GHG accounting to include our head office and largest wind and solar facilities. In 2023, we established the carbon footprint for Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions across the entire company<sup>3</sup>. Looking forward, we are evaluating options for assessing material Scope 3 emissions.

By the Numbers

Energy Generated (GWh) 2023

Wind	0.995
Solar	0.372
Hydro	0.133
Biomass	0.193
Natural Gas	0.046
Total:	1.738

Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021–2023 (metric tonnes CO2e)

Year	Scope 1	Scope 2	Total Scope 1, 2	Inclusions
2021	34,260	N/A	N/A	Includes only Cardinal Power (Natural Gas) and Whitecourt Power (Biomass).
2022	55,028	312	55,340	Includes Cardinal Power, Whitecourt Power, head office, Claresholm Solar, (largest solar facility), and Erie Shores Wind, (largest wind facility).
2023	23,594 <sup>4</sup>	506	24,100	Includes entire portfolio of power facilities and corporate offices.

Avoided Emissions 2023

Avoided Emissions (gross)	Emissions Generated (Scope 1 & 2)	Offsets / Renewable Energy Credits Sold	Total Avoided Emissions <sup>5</sup> (Net)
566,249 <sup>6</sup>	24,100	279,959	262,589

<sup>3</sup>Applying the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting Standard.  
<sup>4</sup>The significant reduction in Scope 1 emissions from 2022 to 2023 is attributed to lower generation required of Cardinal Power (natural gas peaking plant) by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).  
<sup>5</sup>"Guidance on Avoided Emissions" from the Net Zero Initiative / World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).  
<sup>6</sup>Figure includes emissions sold to third parties in the form of offsets or renewable energy credits.



Emissions-free vehicles join the vehicle fleet.

GREENING THE FLEET  
Reducing Emissions From Capstone Vehicles

The Capstone operations team is responsible for keeping facilities up and running in top condition. For the most part, the plants are in remote or rural locations that require our team put in a lot of time on the road.

In 2023, Capstone vehicles used more than 350,000 litres of fuel in day-to-day operations - equivalent to more than 325 metric tonnes of CO2e. We've recently brought on 6 fully electric Ford 150 Lightning's and 1 Power Boost hybrid pick-up to reduce these emissions across the country.



Biodiversity

Capstone takes a proactive approach to meeting our environmental commitments with the goal of minimizing any potential environmental impacts and protecting and conserving biodiversity. We do our best to go beyond regulatory requirements whenever possible, working with our landowner partners and host communities to support initiatives that mitigate risk of biodiversity loss and support thriving ecosystems where we operate.

Protecting biodiversity for the long term starts in the design phase of new projects and continues through construction and operations, all with the goal of mitigating any adverse impacts while looking for opportunities to create beneficial results.

Prioritizing Biodiversity In Development and Operations

Wildlife	Vegetation	Wetlands & Watercourses	Agrivoltaics
Spring and fall acoustic bats, spring and fall migratory birds, sensitive raptors, and other sensitive species	Habitat mapping and native plant species, and supporting soil health	Mapping, classification, habitat restoration	Grass mix to support pollinators and sheep at solar facilities



Sheep amongst the panels at Claresholm Solar.

CREATING SYNERGY BETWEEN SOLAR AND AGRICULTURE

The practice of ‘agrivoltaics’ - or combining solar electricity generation with agriculture - is proving to be a win-win for Capstone and our landowner partners at our 132 MW Claresholm Solar facility in Willow Creek, Alberta.

Starting in 2022, a herd of more than 1,500 sheep has called Claresholm Solar home from May through October, becoming a key piece of the facility’s Vegetation Management Plan and growing in number through the season. The herd also reduces maintenance costs, keeps noxious weeds in check, prevents fire ingress, and supports the improvement of soil health on the lands, while enabling the landowner to support a larger herd than before – providing shade and improved water retention in the soil.



**TOP LEFT & BOTTOM RIGHT** Local wildlife thrives at Hluey Lake Hydro, BC. **TOP RIGHT** Native plants support pollinators at Settlers Landing Wind. **BOTTOM LEFT** Sheep watering at Claresholm Solar.





# SOCIAL

## Health and Safety

Capstone is committed to protecting our employees, the public, and the environment from harm. Working safely is our number one objective. If it can't be done safely, we won't do it.

Our goals are to incur zero safety and environmental incidents, and to support a healthy workforce. The Health & Safety Management Program (HSMP) is designed to operationalize our commitment, by implementing a structured approach to Health and Safety activities and embedding them into how we approach our work. We take a proactive approach to health and safety, the goal to avoid incidents before they happen by incentivizing inspections, safety observations and conversations, and preventative actions.



The first panels are installed at Michichi Solar in 2022, Drumheller, Alberta.

◀ Safety first: The team tests their gear at the Operations and Maintenance building before a scheduled tower climb.

**0**  
Lost time incidents (LTI)

**51**  
safety conversations

**306**  
worksite safety inspections

**679**  
other safety inspections (harness, ladder, etc.)

2023 stats



Community Engagement and Support

Capstone's commitment to building long-standing relationships with our host landowners and local communities has been integral to our success. Many of our people spend decades working at our facilities and live in the community. Ultimately, our plants become woven into the fabric of the communities themselves. We're committed to community-level initiatives that improve the quality of life where we operate.

We provide support to community-led initiatives from coast-to-coast that focus on:

Sustainability and Education

From hosting school groups at our wind and solar farms to creating local resource centres for outdoor education at conservation areas and wetlands.

Health and Wellness

Supporting local hospitals and accessibility projects.

Getting Active in the Outdoors

Hiking trails, cycling infrastructure, and team cycling fundraisers that raise money in the fight against cancer.

Biodiversity

2023 projects include the rehabilitation of local creeks and waterways.



2023 Achievements

**LEFT** Celebrating the Armstrong Creek Trail in Grey Highlands, following a 2 year project to renaturalize the tributary. **RIGHT** Providing new playground equipment for Port Burwell Public School. **BOTTOM** The Capstone Team takes on the Northern Pass to Conquer Cancer.

\$200K+  
in support

37  
organizations

13  
volunteers events

2023 stats

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) are integral in our pursuit of fostering a thriving and adaptable team capable of meeting the demands of a growing business. Capstone recognizes the importance and benefit for the conduct of our business which comes from being an organization comprised of a diverse group of highly talented and experienced individuals whose range of backgrounds, views and outlooks are respected and valued. In addition, we are committed to ensuring a work atmosphere free of harassing, abusive, disrespectful, disorderly, disruptive, or any other non-professional conduct. In support of these beliefs, Capstone developed an EDI Policy to promote the principles of EDI across the company.

Guiding Principles

To facilitate EDI across the company, Capstone:

- Periodically reviews the level of diversity at all levels of the company;
- Considers initiatives designed to identify, support and develop diverse employees;
- Considers policies and practices to address impediments to EDI in our workplaces;
- Continues to identify new ways to enhance EDI across the company;
- Maintains an employee-led EDI Committee.

57%

Male (8)  
5 Board of Directors  
3 VPs and Officers

43%

Female (6)  
2 Board of Directors  
4 VPs and Officers

Representation of Women on the Board and in Senior Management (as at March 31, 2024)



Members of the Capstone Team at Buffalo Atlee Wind Farm, Jenner, Alberta.



Building Relationships with Indigenous Communities

Capstone is committed to a ‘partnership first’ approach to building meaningful, long-standing relationships with Indigenous communities. This has led to collaboration on environmental stewardship initiatives, skills, training, capacity building, and, in several cases, economic interests in the projects directly.

With an active development pipeline, we are building on our existing relationships and forging new partnerships to bring more clean, emissions-free energy to market in Canada. To support these efforts, Indigenous awareness training has been offered to interested employees.

**OPERATING PROJECTS:  
Our Indigenous Partners**

**Goulais Wind**  
Batchewana First Nation of  
Ojibways, Ontario

**Sechelt Creek Hydro**  
shíshálh Nation, British Columbia

**Wataway Hydro**  
Ojibways of the Pic River First  
Nation, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

**Kneehill / Michichi Solar &  
Buffalo Atlee Wind**  
Sawridge First Nation, Alberta



**LEFT** Celebrating the start of operations at Goulais Wind with partners Batchewana First Nation in 2015, Ontario. **RIGHT** The Sechelt Hydro longhouse-style powerhouse designed with partners shíshálh Nation, British Columbia.



Harvesting the wind and the land at Amherst Wind (circa 2018), Nova Scotia. ►





# GOVERNANCE

## Supply Chain Management

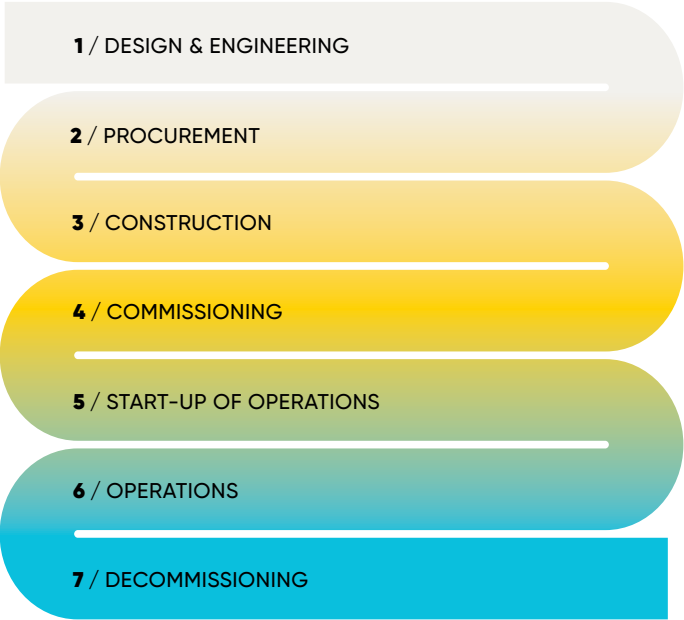
Capstone is committed to safety, quality, and integrity in all aspects of our business. Every one of Capstone’s, suppliers, contractors, consultants, and vendors (collectively, Suppliers) occupy a position of trust and play an integral role in helping us to deliver on our mission.

Whatever the area of activity and whatever the degree of responsibility, as described in Capstone’s Supplier Code of Conduct the company expects its Suppliers and their respective supply chain, to comply with applicable laws, to uphold the highest standards of health and safety, environmental management, human rights and labour rights, and to act with transparency, integrity, and respect when working with us.

## Reclamation and Decommissioning

At Capstone, we take responsibility for our facilities through their entire lifecycle, starting from origination through development, execution, operations, and decommissioning. Capstone utilizes a project lifecycle responsibility matrix to assign and track responsibilities between departments at each stage.

### The Project Life Cycle



◀ A crane lowers tower segments of a decommissioned turbine, Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind, Nova Scotia.



The nacelle of a decommissioned turbine is lowered to the ground. Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind, Nova Scotia.

## DECOMMISSIONING FITZPATRICK MOUNTAIN WIND FARM

In 2023, we decommissioned the Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind Farm in Nova Scotia - our first facility to be retired. When the decision was made to decommission the site, we ensured all components were repurposed, recycled, or reused, such that as little as possible ended up in landfill. As a result of this effort, we were able to leave the site in substantially the condition in which we found it, including with the support and to the satisfaction of the landowner. Our goal is to lead by example, and retire our facilities safely, responsibly, and sustainably. Our thanks to Redcamp Services Inc. and Iron Workers Local 752 and IBEW Local 625 for helping us get the job done.



Forced Labour and Human Rights

It is Capstone’s policy to recognize and respect the rights and dignity of all people we engage with and are affected by our business. As the company grows and interacts with an increasingly diverse supply chain, workforce, and stakeholders, Capstone remains committed to acting with integrity and respecting human rights.

In adherence with global labour and human rights, Capstone does not allow or tolerate child or forced labour at any of its facilities, places of business, or to be used in goods or products supplied to its business. Representatives are expected to bring forward any human rights related concerns to Capstone’s attention by contacting their manager or through the company’s Whistleblower Policy. Capstone is committed to active dialogue with its stakeholders and business partners on these issues and proactively identifying and addressing concerns and ensuring adequate risk management and identification of human rights violations.

To this end, the Board of Directors approved an updated Supplier Code of Conduct (the “Code”) in 2023. The Code provides the foundation on which we build these relationships and affirms Capstone’s commitment to uphold the highest ethical standards.



**TOP LEFT** Claresholm Solar. **BOTTOM LEFT** Kneehill Solar under construction. **RIGHT** A turbine going up at Buffalo Atlee Wind, Alberta.

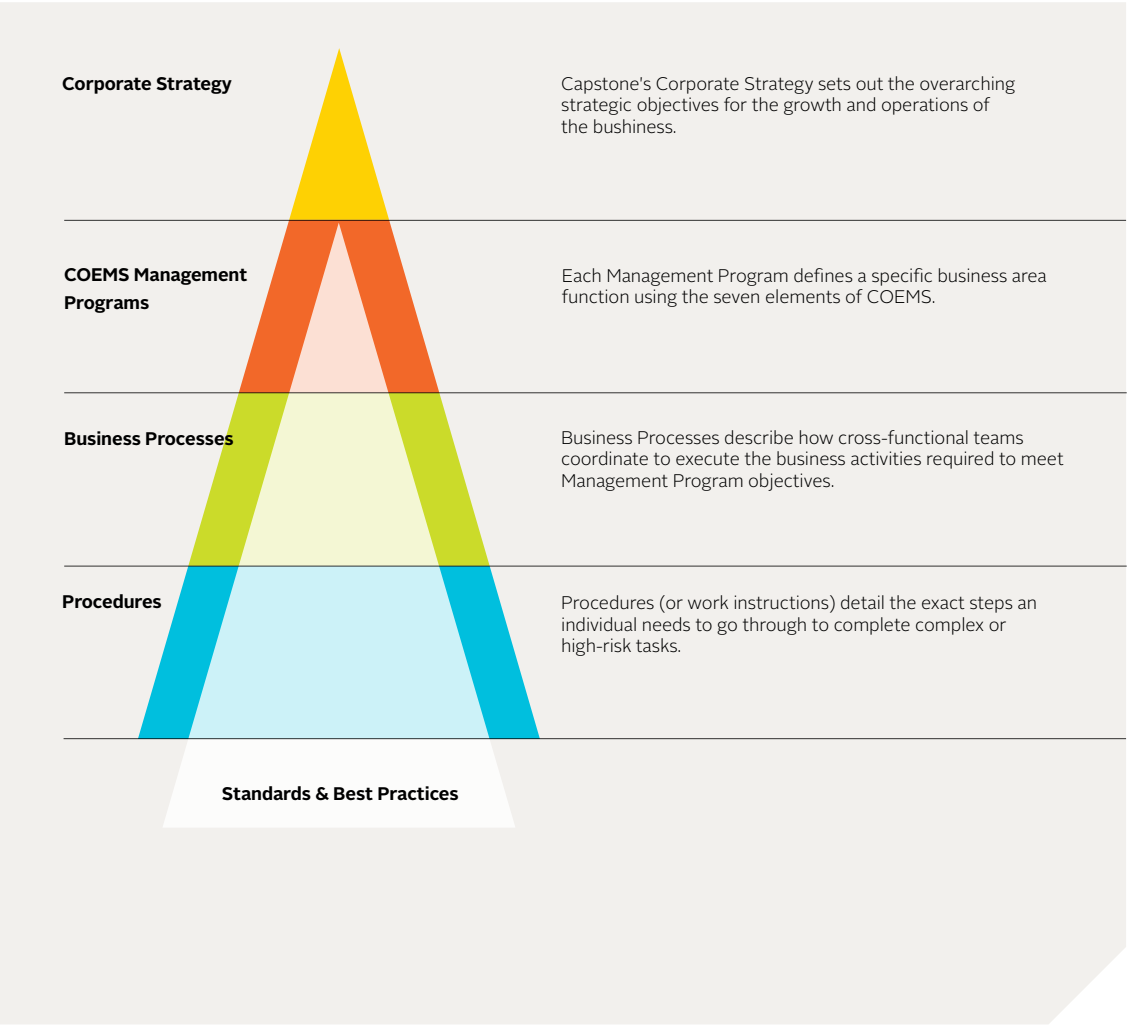
Implementing a Robust Compliance Framework

Strong corporate governance is an essential component of Capstone’s financial and ESG performance. Effective governance enables prudent risk management, decision-making, and compliance, which helps to ensure we live up to our objective of continuous improvement.

The success of the ESG program depends on effectively integrating our ESG goals across the company. This is achieved by adhering to a robust policy framework supporting ESG and operationalized through the Capstone Operational Excellence Management System (COEMS).

The COEMS framework outlined below illustrates how we operationalize our corporate strategy, while incorporating industry standards and best practices, in our day-to-day business.

COEMS Governance and Implementation Framework





Board of Directors Oversight

The Board of Directors' mandate includes oversight and guidance of management to establish Capstone's strategy and objectives, approving significant decisions that affect Capstone and its results, monitoring the company's financial performance, setting the dividend policy and overseeing the company's stakeholder relationships and reporting obligations. Capstone complies with all relevant governance requirements and policies of various Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Our approach to governance includes:

- A board of directors including senior management, shareholder representatives, and independent directors;
- A requirement that the board's audit committee be composed of a majority of independent directors;
- Policies applied to the entire portfolio, to drive consistency and reliability in reporting and risk management;
- A Code of Ethics that must be followed by all directors, officers and employees of the company; and
- Periodic evaluations to ensure the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role in the most effective manner.

OUR POLICIES

Code of Conduct and Business Ethics

CSR Policy

HSE Policy and Governance Framework

Diversity Policy

Risk Management Policy

Supplier Code of Conduct

Sunset at the Riverhurst Wind Farm, Riverhurst, Saskatchewan. ►





# LEGAL NOTICE

This document is not an offer or invitation for the subscription or purchase of or a recommendation of securities. It does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation and particular needs of any investors. Before making an investment in Capstone Infrastructure Corporation (the "Corporation"), an investor or prospective investor should consider whether such an investment is appropriate to their particular investment needs, objectives and financial circumstances and consult an investment adviser if necessary.

Furthermore, the Corporation provides the disclosures in this document solely for informational purposes, and not for the purposes of promoting, either directly or indirectly, any business or business interest.

Additional information related to Capstone can be located on our website at [www.capstoneinfrastructure.com](http://www.capstoneinfrastructure.com).

### Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

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Other potential material factors or assumptions that were applied in formulating the forward-looking statements contained herein include or relate to the following: that the business and economic conditions affecting the Corporation's operations will continue substantially in their current state, including, with respect to industry conditions, general levels of economic activity, regulations, weather, taxes, inflation, and interest rates; that the preferred shares will remain outstanding and that dividends will continue to be paid on the preferred shares; that there will be no material delays in the Corporation's development projects achieving commercial operation; that the Corporation's power facilities will experience normal wind, hydrological and solar irradiation conditions, and ambient temperature and humidity levels; that there will be no further material changes to the Corporation's facilities, equipment or contractual arrangements; that there will be no material changes in the legislative, regulatory and operating framework for the Corporation's businesses; that there will be no material delays in obtaining required approvals for the Corporation's power facilities; that there will be no material changes in environmental regulations for the power facilities; that there will be no significant event occurring outside the ordinary course of the Corporation's businesses; the refinancing on similar terms of the Corporation's and its subsidiaries' various outstanding credit facilities and debt instruments which mature during the period in which the forward-looking statements relate; market prices for electricity in Ontario and the amount of hours that the Cardinal Facility is dispatched; and the price that the Whitecourt Biomass Facility, the Claresholm Solar Facility, or the Kneehill Solar Facility will receive for its electricity production considering the market price for electricity in Alberta, and the price that the Whitecourt Biomass Facility will receive for its electricity production considering the Whitecourt Biomass Facility's agreement with Millar Western, which includes sharing mechanisms regarding the price received for electricity sold by the facility.

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This document includes statements and other disclosures related to ESG matters (collectively, "ESG-Related Disclosures"). In making these ESG-Related Disclosures, in establishing our ESG Objectives, and in preparing this document, the Corporation has made various assumptions, including about technological, economic, scientific, and legal trends and developments, in light of an evolving policy and regulatory environment. As such, the data, analysis, strategy and other information in these ESG-Related Disclosures remain under development and subject to evolution, amendment, update and restatement over time. The Corporation specifically cautions readers of the following:

- The evolution of the policy and regulatory environment related to ESG matters, and particularly climate or biodiversity-related issues, may result in updates or revisions to accounting methods, forward-looking statements or other information contained in this document. There could also be changes to market practices, external methodologies, frameworks, criteria, taxonomies and standards (collectively, "ESG Standards") that governmental and non-governmental entities, the business community or sector leaders use to classify, assess, measure, report on and verify ESG-Related Disclosures. Furthermore, in some cases, ESG Standards may not exist. Changes to or the development of new ESG Standards may cause us to amend or restate our ESG Disclosures.
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# ABOUT CAPSTONE

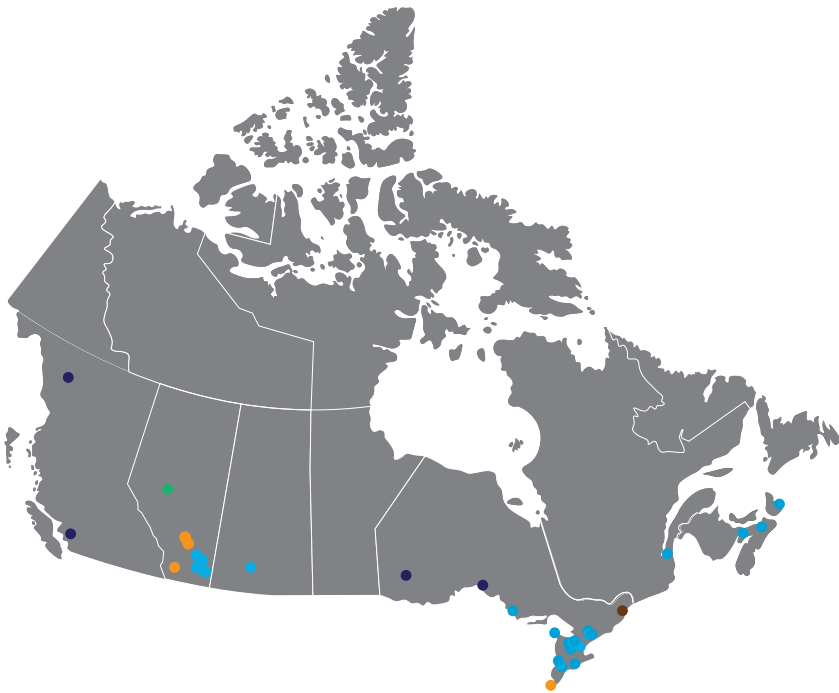
## Generating Our Low-Carbon Future.

Clean and renewable energy is our business, and our people are our greatest asset. We're here to drive the energy transition forward through creative thinking, strong partnerships, and a commitment to doing things right.

Capstone is a publicly traded, independent power producer headquartered in Toronto, Canada. We're focused on providing clean, renewable energy to homes and businesses across North America. We develop new projects, and own and operate a diversified portfolio of 35 utility-scale renewable and clean power generation facilities with a gross installed capacity of more than 885 MW, and are actively developing a portfolio of new projects in Canada and the United States.

## Our Canadian Footprint

Operating Projects   ● Wind   ● Solar   ● Hydro   ● Biomass   ● NG Co-gen



**885<sup>MW</sup>**  
of gross installed capacity

**180+**  
employees across North America

**35**  
wind, solar, hydro, biomass and  
natural gas cogen facilities

As at time of publication (Fall 2024).





# 2024 in review

Newsletter // Dec 2024



Erie Shores Wind Farm // Ontario

## A Message from the CEO

To our landowner partners,

We are coming to the end of yet another eventful year for Capstone, and I wanted to express our gratitude for your continued support and provide an update on some exciting recent developments at the company.

In addition to our efforts to maintain and improve our operating facilities, Capstone continues to execute an ambitious growth strategy. In July, we celebrated the addition of the Buffalo Atlee Wind farms to the operating fleet with our project partners Sawridge First Nation, adding another 61 MW to our operating portfolio. This brings our Canadian footprint to 35 facilities with 885 MW of installed generation capacity.

We have also kicked off construction of the largest project Capstone has ever undertaken – the 192 MW Wild Rose 2 Wind farm located in Cypress County, Alberta. Although the freezing Alberta weather has started to slow down construction until the spring, the -15C temperatures through November were not enough to deter our Project Execution team, keeping the project on track to start commercial operation in late summer 2025.

We've submitted proposals for new wind, solar, and battery energy storage projects into several procurements across Canada and expanded our

development pipeline in the United States. I'm thrilled to announce Capstone, alongside our Indigenous partners, was recently awarded three major wind projects totaling 537 MW in British Columbia. A huge and exciting achievement.

And finally, just last month we released Capstone's first Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") Report since its transition to a dedicated, renewables-focused independent power producer. The report showcases Capstone's values-in-action – quality and integrity in how we do business – and it's a great way to learn a bit more about the company. You'll find details on where to find the report below.

Thank you again for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to build our clean energy future in the years to come.



CEO David Eva

Wishing everyone a  
Happy New Year and  
all the best in 2025.

Sincerely,

*Dave Eva*



### Buffalo Atlee Wind Farms

In early July of this year, we celebrated the start of commercial operation of the Buffalo Atlee 1, 2, 3 and 4 wind farms near Jenner, Alberta with our project partner, Sawridge First Nation. The Buffalo Atlee Wind farms add 61 MW of emissions-free electricity capacity to the Alberta grid, which will provide enough electricity for more than 26,000 homes every year and contribute stable long-term municipal revenue over the project life.

The electricity produced at the Buffalo Atlee 2 and 4 Wind Farms will be purchased by Gibson Energy Inc. ("Gibson") (TSX: GEI), an Alberta-based midstream oil and gas company through a 15-year renewable power purchase agreement (PPA) signed by Capstone, Sawridge, and Gibson in 2023. The PPA demonstrates Gibson's commitment to the low-carbon transition and achieving its emission reduction targets, including a goal of Net Zero by 2050.



CEO David Eva cuts the ribbon at Buffalo Atlee Wind Farm 4 (L-R: Wade Wilson, Omar Saif, David Eva, Steve Greene) // July 2024



Completed Towers, Buffalo Atlee Wind Farm // July 2024

### Wild Rose 2 Updates



Wild Rose 2 Wind // November 2024

Construction is finally well underway at our Wild Rose 2 Wind farm just outside of Medicine Hat in southeastern Alberta. Major milestones were recently reached ahead of the winter deep freeze by our project execution team and the EPC contractor, Borea Construction, with three turbines completed and six towers up with drive trains and hub installs ready for blade installation. Construction is now winding down for the winter and pick up again next spring with the goal of starting commercial operation in late summer 2025.

#### Did you know?

- At 187 MW (with another 5 MW in the works), Wild Rose 2 Wind will be the largest project ever developed, constructed, and operated by Capstone!
- Each turbine has an installed generation capacity of 5.2 MW
- The power and environmental attributes generated by Wild Rose 2 Wind are fully contracted to Pembina Pipeline and the City of Edmonton for first 15 years of operation
- Our contract with the City of Edmonton represents the largest direct procurement of renewable energy attributes by a Canadian city to date



# Inaugural ESG Report Released

*Focused on continuous improvement*

This fall, Capstone released its first Environmental, Social, and Governance (“ESG”) Report since its transition to a dedicated, renewables-focused independent power producer more than a decade ago.

Our ESG initiatives reflect the application of our values in the daily business activities of Capstone and the operating fleet. Everything we do at Capstone is based on the principle of continuous improvement: we learn from our experiences to adapt and evolve our approach to every aspect of our business. The program defines, measures, and sets goals for key ESG factors that support our objective to drive the energy transition forward in North America.

A full copy of the 2023 ESG Report is available on our website at: [www.capstoneinfrastructure.com/about/esg](http://www.capstoneinfrastructure.com/about/esg)

## Environmental

- Energy Transition, Carbon & Climate
- Tracking Our Carbon Footprint
- By the Numbers
- Biodiversity



## Social

- Health & Safety (Zero Harm)
- Community Engagement & Support
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Build Relationships with Indigenous Communities

## Governance

- Supply Chain Management
- Reclamation & Decommissioning
- Forced Labour & Human Rights
- Implementing a Robust Compliance Framework

“As a fast-growing company in an increasingly complex and dynamic world, our ESG program has been developed and integrated across the organization to help ensure we repeat and improve the “Capstone Way” of doing things – quality and integrity in our endeavours, protecting people and the environment, and building the value of our company,” says David Eva, CEO of Capstone.



## Community Engagement and Support

*Putting down roots*

Capstone’s commitment to building long-standing relationships with our host landowners and local communities has been integral to our success. Many of our people spend decades working at our facilities and live in the community. Ultimately, our plants become woven into the fabric of the communities themselves. We’re committed to supporting community-level initiatives that improve the quality of life where we operate.

If you are involved with a local organization that could use Capstone’s support, please reach out to us.

We fund community-led initiatives that focus on:

### Sustainability and Education

From hosting school groups at our facilities to creating local resource centres for outdoor education at conservation areas and wetlands.

### Health and Wellness

Supporting local hospitals and accessibility projects.

### Getting Active in the Outdoors

Hiking trails, cycling infrastructure, and equipment for youth sports teams.

### Biodiversity

Wildlife conservation and rescue, habitat restoration, rehabilitation of wetlands, local creeks and waterways.



## Our Canadian Footprint

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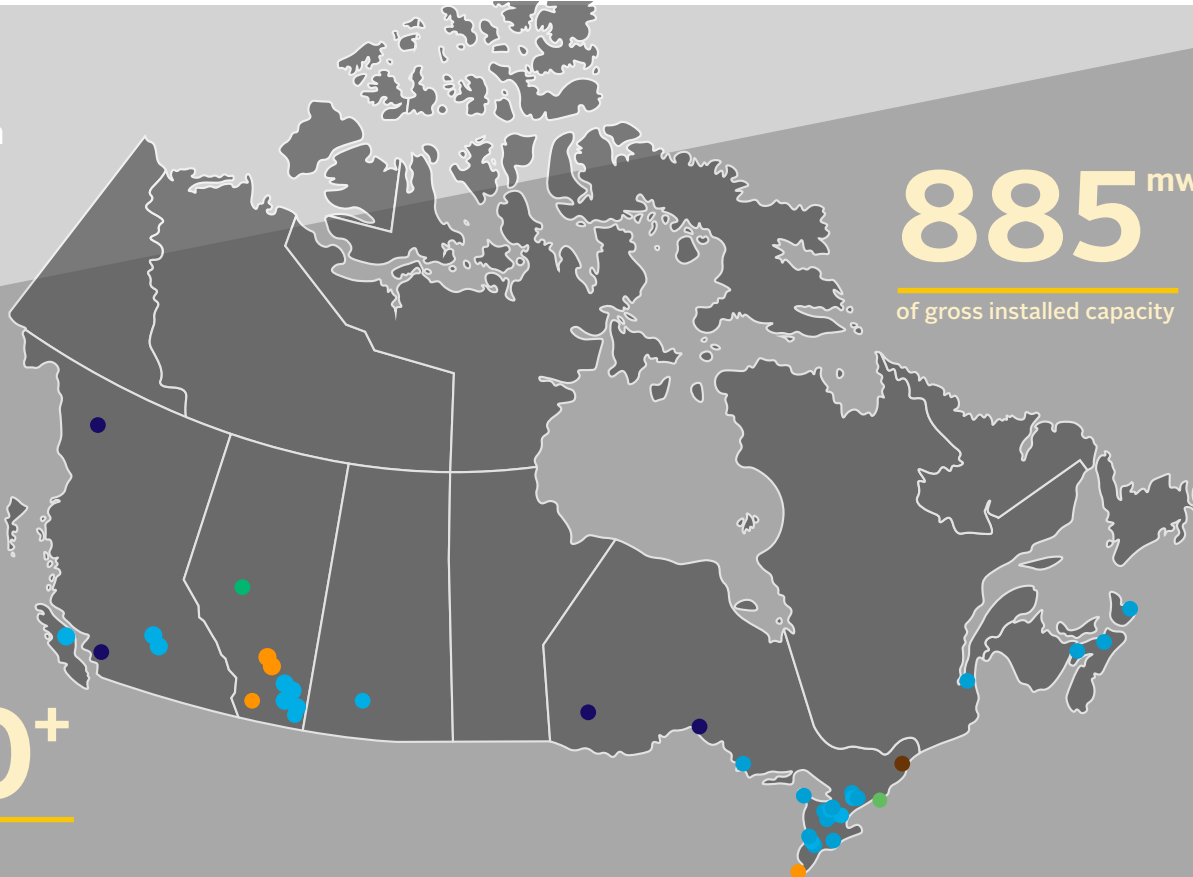
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Call or visit us online to learn more.

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