

# Welcome to the proposed East Gore Community Solar Public Engagement Session

## About the Project

The East Gore Community Solar Project is a proposed renewable energy facility with a total capacity of ~3.2 MW AC. The project will be comprised of fix-tilt ground mounted racking, solar modules, and small string inverters. The proposed project would be located on privately-held land in East Hants, off highway 202, north of Cheese Factor Corner. The project is being developed through a partnership including one or more yet to be disclosed First Nation communities and SWEB Development LP (SWEB Energy), a Halifax-based renewable energy developer and operator.



## About the Community Solar Program

The Nova Scotia Community Solar program (NSCSP) is an initiative of the province to increase the development of solar projects across Nova Scotia. The NSCSP helps community groups and organizations set up solar gardens on their properties and sell subscriptions to the electricity they produce from the solar gardens. The NSCSP is a way of sharing the benefits of solar energy among multiple participants while supporting local economies and helping the province reach our renewable energy goals. For more information on the NSCSP, please visit the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables website:

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

## Project Benefits

A central focus of the project during development, construction, and operations is to ensure that as much local labour, services, and materials are used as possible. It is anticipated that if the project is built, it will create a number of direct and indirect benefits for various stakeholders. The project will also allow Nova Scotians to receive their energy from a clean, local source and to receive a discount

on their bills if they subscribe to the project. Further, a share of project revenues will be used to support local community groups and underrepresented communities in the province.

The projects awarded through the Community Solar Program are anticipated to help achieve the Province's Renewable Electricity Standard of 80% by 2030 and support the goal of achieving a 53% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net-zero by 2050.

## **SWEB's Approach to Renewable Energy**

SWEB Energy is a team of renewable energy professionals who are passionate about community, the environment, and shared social values. As of 2024, our team has developed, commissioned and is currently operating 68 MW of community-based wind energy projects throughout Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with another 94.4 MW wind project being built together with Glooscap First Nation in Pictou County. All of our projects are owned in partnership with First Nation groups or local communities. SWEB is the Canadian subsidiary of W.E.B, an Austrian, community-owned energy transition company with almost 30 years of experience in planning, financing, constructing and operating renewable energy projects in Austria, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, France, Canada, and the United States.

SWEB Energy will engage the community over the coming months in respect to the project. Our team will continue to reach out directly to interested stakeholders and would be pleased to welcome many community members at one of our virtual and/or in person engagement sessions. Invitations will follow shortly. We also invite you to consult our project website and social media channels for detailed information and updates in respect to the project. Or simply give us a call!

## **Contact Us. Your feedback and questions are welcome!**

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