

Remarks for Hon. Bill Dooks, Minister of Energy**Seaport Farmer's Market Announcement****Garrison Brewery, 1149 Marginal Road****Thursday, June 21st, 2007, 10:30am****Media Copy**

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Thank you Keith. Premier, Fred, Karen, Paul, and honoured guests.

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge some very special guests. My wife Collette is here today, along with my daughters and a very special visitor, my grand-daughter Madison. They are family ... and they are dedicated to the market. Like many in my riding, they support the vendors and the idea of buying local.

So when Keith Tufts approached me about his ideas for the market, I listened closely. And when Fred and Keith made a formal proposal awhile later, I saw a real possibility. They carried a powerpoint and an architect's model and most importantly a vision for the future.

They wanted to build one of North America's most energy efficient buildings ... a building that is powered by wind turbines, heated by solar panels and cooled by the ocean breeze. They put forward a vision of a bold landmark in a growing area of our capital.

In one place, under one roof, we could show Nova Scotians and Canadians and foreign visitors what the future of energy might look like. A future where homes and businesses can sustain themselves ... from the efficient use of unlimited energy sources. A future where Nova Scotia is known as a leader.

Just as we are in solid waste management ... a system people thought couldn't be done ... and now leads the world. It can be done. We are already on our way. We put the regulations in place to double our renewable energy generation in the next six years. We committed to lower our greenhouse gas emissions by 35 per cent by 2020. We are going to get there. Our world demands it - and our new rules ensure it.

But sometimes it takes more than rules. Sometimes it takes inspiration. I am inspired by this project. And Premier Rodney MacDonald is making it happen. Thank you very much.

