

## 9.0 Other Approvals Required

The Project also requires various other approvals, permits, and authorizations in order to proceed. The known requirements are summarized in Table 57, along with the relevant authority and current status.

**TABLE 57: REQUIRED APPROVALS AND PERMITS FOR PROJECT COMPLETION**

Approval/Permit	Agency	Jurisdiction	Status
Land Use Approval	Navigation Canada	Federal	Obtained
Aeronautical Assessment Approval	Transport Canada	Federal	Obtained
Radiocommunication Layout Authorization	Meteorological Services Canada, Environment, and Climate Canada Approval	Federal	Obtained
Radiocommunication Layout Authorization	National Radio Services, RCMP	Federal	Obtained
Radiocommunication Layout Authorization	Canadian Armed Forces, Department of National Defense	Federal	Obtained
Radiocommunication Layout Authorization	Canadian Coast Guard	Federal	Obtained
Development Permit	Municipality of Cumberland	Municipal	To apply once the municipality has finished their review of the land use by-laws
Building Permit	Municipality of Cumberland	Municipal	To apply closer to construction start date
Watercourse Alteration Approval	Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change	Provincial	To apply closer to construction start date when civil designs are complete, if required
Wetland Alteration Approval			
Archaeology Field Research Permit	Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage	Provincial	Obtained; Potentially Ongoing
Special Move Permit	Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	Provincial	To apply closer to construction start date, if required
Transportation Plan Approval	Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	Provincial	To submit closer to construction start date, if required

## 10.0 Funding

No government funding has been secured for the Project. If this changes, the Proponent will provide this information. Regardless of whether government funding is secured, the Proponent will fully fund the project through equity and financing.

## 11.0 Additional Information

All information necessary and relevant to this EA is included in the sections above.

## 12.0 Closure

Many adaptation and mitigation options can help address climate change; however, no single option is sufficient alone. As discussed at COP26, substantial emissions reductions over the next few decades are required to limit climate warming to below 2 degrees Celsius relative to pre-industrial levels. The Westchester Wind Project and other similar projects represent an integral part of the global effort to reach these reduction targets, which the Province of Nova Scotia has recognized and integrated into legislation.

A thorough analysis of the Project components and activities has been carried out for all phases – construction, operation, and decommissioning – of the Project. Baseline existing environmental characteristics of the region have been documented and the VECs have been assessed. The Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia have been and will continue to be engaged with and updated on Project activities, and a Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge study has been initiated. Consultation with the public and various stakeholders is ongoing to gauge the full range of impacts and concerns with regards to the Project, which is integrated into planning efforts. The impact of the Project on the local environment has been evaluated based on these many criteria and mitigative measures have been presented and will be adopted to minimize the chance and reduce the significance of the potential residual impacts as a result of Project activity. Cumulative effects of the Project on the environment due to other regional Projects and activities have also been identified and assessed. From the data presented in the EA process, there are no significant residual environmental effects predicted for the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the Project.

The following benefits will result due to the Project and are considered as advantages of this development:

- Production of emission-free energy, which will displace energy produced from fossil fuels in Nova Scotia;
- Assist Nova Scotia in meeting the target of 80% renewable energy set in the Renewable Electricity Regulations made under Section 5 of the Electricity Act;
- Help decrease anthropogenic induced climate change, which is putting both human and environmental health at risk;
- Increase revenue to the Municipality of Cumberland through the payment of annual property taxes;
- Increased revenue to local businesses due to activities associated with the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project;
- Increased revenue to landowners participating in the Project; and
- Creation of additional employment in the region during all Project phases.

The Westchester Wind Project provides an excellent opportunity to produce renewable energy on already agriculturally productive and fragmented lands, providing source diversity and helping to meet increasing energy demands in Nova Scotia. The Proponent is seeking to develop the proposed Project with the intent of helping Nova Scotia meet its renewable electricity targets while providing local economic benefits. The Proponent is pleased to provide this EA to the Policy, Planning & Environmental

Assessment Branch of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and looks forward to working with provincial regulators to progress the Project to a construction ready stage.

## 13.0 Disclosure

This report was prepared by Natural Forces Developments Limited Partnership and Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon). Both parties have used the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised under similar circumstances at the time the work was performed by reputable members of the environmental consulting profession practicing in Canada. Dillon assumes no responsibility for conditions which were beyond its scope of work. There is no warranty expressed or implied by Dillon.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**14.2 Personal Communications**





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# **APPENDIX B**

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