### **Appendix 11:**

**Invitations to Public Participation** 

### ADVERTISEMENT/ANNOUNCEMENT - August 2008

### MBP&P Letterhead

### **Fundy Tidal Energy Demonstration Facility**

BECOME INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE COUNTS

Dear residents.

In January 2008, the Province of Nova Scotia announced its intention to pursue the development of tidal energy, and that Minas Basin Pulp and Power had been awarded the right to construct a demonstration and research facility in the Bay of Fundy. This test facility along with the three selected turbine technologies are now the subject of an environmental assessment designed to evaluate and recommend a suitable location.

The first key step in this process is a demonstration facility specifically designed to be removable should it be determined that its impacts on the marine environment exceed predetermined thresholds of scientific ecological and community acceptability.

On behalf of our company, I personally encourage you to become engaged in the upcoming environmental assessment. Public participation is a key part of the environmental assessment process, and as we move through the summer and into the fall there will a number of publicized opportunities for us to provide you with information on the project and to begin to seek your feedback and ideas.

These opportunities will include community open houses, meetings with stakeholder groups and an updated website (www.minas.ns.ca) for information on the project's progress.

At Minas, we are committed to being part of the greening of Nova Scotia's electricity supply by assisting the Province meet its target of developing 500 megawatts of new, renewable energy capacity by 2013. We know that clean energy is more than just a slogan: it is our company's and Nova Scotia's future.

Your opinion is important and I invite you to get directly involved in this environmental assessment process over the coming months.

Sincerely,

C. Scott Travers, P. Eng. President/COO

Where to find out more: http://www.minas.ns.ca

We want to hear from you. Please direct any questions or comments to:

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Note: This Advertisement was placed in the following Newspapers:

- Truro Daily News Saturday August 16, 2008
- Hants Journal Thursday August 21, 2008
- Kings County Register Thursday August 21, 2008
- Amherst Citizen Thursday August 21, 2008
- Amherst Daily News Friday August 22, 2008

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It will be held:

Thursday January 29, 2009 4 pm-9 pm Parrsboro Royal Canadian Legion Branch #45 56 Moore Street, Parrsboro, NS B0M 1S0

The proposed project consists of a demonstration facility in the Minas Passage to test underwater turbines to generate electrical power from tidal currents, and will consist of 3 underwater turbine berths, marine to shore power cables, onshore substation and connection to the power grid.

### The **Schedule of events** is as follows:

- 4:00-6:30 pm: Poster Session Opportunity for one on one interaction with members of the Technical Team
- 6:30-7:30 pm: Project Overview Presentation
- 7:30-9:00 pm: Discussion of issues of interest to the community with Comment, Question and Answer forum

Information is also available on the website: www.minas.ns.ca

If any additional information is needed please contact:

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- The Amherst Citizen Thursday January 22, 2009
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