

Des Sources Wind Project Newsletter

150 MW

Planned Capacity*

27,000

Homes Powered *

6 - 10

Operations Jobs *

\$930,000

Yearly income for participating municipalities*

*estimated

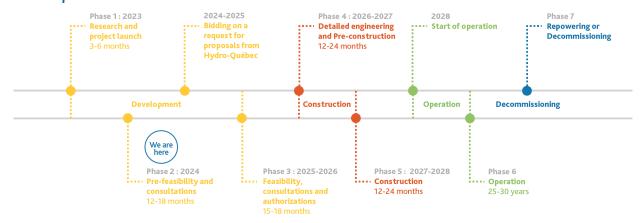
BluEarth Renewables Inc. is committed to engaging stakeholders and community members in the decision-making process for our projects and working together with honest and transparent communications. We are sending this newsletter to provide an update on the development of our Des Sources Wind Project located in the town of Danville and the municipalities of Saint-Georges-de-Windsor and Wotton, all within the MRC des Sources and the ancestral territory of the W8banaki Nation, the Ndakina. Throughout the development phase of the project, we are being assisted by Québec firm Plan A Capital.

Project Update

Since our last project newsletter in March, BluEarth has continued its efforts to develop the Des Sources Wind Project. We are currently evaluating the study area and reviewing and optimizing the project design presented in 2023. The project will continue to evolve, and updates will be presented throughout its development.

The project is currently in the pre-feasibility and consultation phase. The timeline below shows a preliminary schedule of the major stages in the development of Des Sources Wind Project.

Preliminary Schedule



 $\hbox{*This preliminary timeline may change depending on a future Hydro-Qu\'ebec request for proposals.}$

We want to hear from YOU!

Your feedback on the Des Sources Wind Project is very important to us. We encourage you to share your thoughts, questions, comments or suggestions by responding to our short survey. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access to visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/des-sources-en



Birds of Prey Studies

In April 2024, BluEarth began the preliminary studies on birds of prey which included a nest inventory over a 20 kilometre radius around the study area. This inventory was completed by the environmental consulting firm ACTIVA Environnement, and found no nests of birds of prey. The inventory was carried out by helicopter, in accordance with the *Protocole d'inventaires d'oiseaux de proie dans le cadre de projets d'implantation d'éoliennes au Québec*, established by the Government of Québec. The full impact study will be completed if the project is selected by Hydro-Québec in a future request for proposals (RFP) and will study impacts to local species including migratory birds and bats.

Hydro-Québec's Strategy and Bill 69

In recent weeks, Hydro Quebec released a new Wind Power Development Strategy and the Government of Quebec introduced Bill 69 to ensure responsible governance of energy resources. These will both directly impact future energy procurement by Hydro-Québec. However, Hydro-Québec intends to continue requesting proposals for the development of smaller wind power projects such as the Des Sources Wind Project. We will share more details when they are known in the coming months.

MRC des Sources' Information and Consultation Process

BluEarth recognizes the importance of the MRC's information and consultation process and will continue to follow the various stages closely. We look forward to understanding the outcomes when they are released later this year.

For all our projects, including the Des Sources Wind Project, BluEarth has a long-term vision and we aim to establish ourselves in a sustainable manner and have a positive impact on the communities where we live, work and operate. To achieve this, we rely on the consultation and collaboration of all stakeholders in the development of our projects and in our decision-making.

To ensure transparency around the community's questions about the project, we have updated the project website (dessourceswind.ca) with a comprehensive FAQ, and additional fact sheets about the project. We continually update this website to add information as developed progresses and in response to questions raised by the community. We appreciate the community's questions and encourage you to continue to engage with our team so that we may include the information you require.

When the MRC's information and consultation process is more advanced and we have more clarity on the next Hydro-Québec request for proposals, we will be organizing public consultation sessions to present a project update, consult the community and answer questions. Public consultations will help us modify the project to meet the community's concerns, where practical respecting the project's technical constraints. Until our next public consultation sessions, our team is available by phone or email to answer any questions you may have. You can also make an appointment with members of our team to discuss the development of the project by contacting us by e-mail (projects@bluearth.ca).

BluEarth Renewables Inc. is a Canadian independent power producer that develops, builds, owns, operates and acquires wind, hydroelectric, solar and energy storage facilities across North America. Our technologically and geographically diversified project portfolio totals more than 1 GW (gross) in operation, under construction and pre-construction, and more than 7 GW under development.

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