

Good morning Carys and Offshore Wind Assessment Team,

I would like to extend our thanks on behalf of Council and Staff from the Municipality of Shelburne for taking the time to travel down to Shelburne and provide a summary of your final draft report, much appreciated. I think I can speak for Council by saying how impressed we are with the draft report, especially in light of the incredible challenge that you as a committee faced. I have asked Councillors to provide feedback directly to yourselves before the end of the month whilst it is still fresh in their minds.

From my perspective I would like to ask that you consider two additions to your report:

1. In the table on page 152, I would like you to consider adding two additional port location possibilities within the greater harbour of Shelburne. You have the first T shaped wharf owned by the Town, however in our deliberations with Invest Nova Scotia (who are currently doing quite a detailed port study) they have identified two additional locations. The second location would be by the Municipality's industrial park immediately south of Shelburne Ship Repair and the marine industrial complex. This site was historically where the Canadian Navy refueled their ships that were fastened to two mooring dolphins just offshore. The site would require new mooring facilities, however there is historical precedent of the sites suitability. The third port site would be at the bottom of Sandy Point at the Old Naval Base (a second base used in the cold war years for undersea acoustic surveillance. Although the site was never historically a port, Invest Nova Scotia identified the water depth immediately offshore and a large curving land feature that encompasses a deep water mooring area as a prime candidate for large seagoing vessels to access an onshore industrial area. The Municipality is currently modifying its Land-Use Bylaw and is anticipating creating industrial zones of at least 500 acres at these two additional locations.

2. The second addition we would like to see in your report is some dialogue regarding the fact that the lobster industry in SW Nova Scotia has now been steadily declining since 2014. LFA 34 in particular has been hit the hardest with a drop of landings in the period since 2014 of 44%. LFA 34 is by far the greatest contributor to lobster landings in Nova Scotia. The importance of this fact to your report is that this fishery is the cornerstone to our entire economy in SW Nova Scotia and our Municipality now recognizes that we need to diversify our economy so that we are not entirely reliant upon the lobster fishery. As such, the consideration of Shelburne as a supporting port facility to the offshore wind industry would be a significant boost to our economy. As stated in our meeting we have plenty to offer in this regard that includes:

a. Three possible port options

b. A ship repair facility with a marine rail capable of accommodating ships up to 4,500 metric tonnes.

c. A marine industrial park with a number of other marine related businesses supporting the fishing industry.

- d. A local NSCC Campus who have identified they would be willing to design and offer courses to support the offshore wind industry.
- e. A local hospital and EHS station.
- f. A municipality actively engaging in a housing expansion plan and offering land for new housing development.
- g. A port that is in very close proximity to highway 103.
- h. The Municipality has an accessibility plan and is designing an anti-racism plan within an ethnically diverse population. Our community includes:
 - i. A large African-Canadian population derived from the 1783 Black African Loyalists that settled in Shelburne,
 - ii. The Wasoqopa'q First Nation have land in the Municipality that they are in the process of declaring reserve status,
 - iii. A growing population of permanent foreign workers that support our local fisheries and service industries. These groups include people from the Philippines and Far East nations.

Once again thank you for your time and consideration. It is very much appreciated here in shelburne.

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