

MEMO

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

FROM: Jason MacDonald, CAO

DATE: March 20, 2023

RE: NSP Community Reliability Tie Update

The following is a summary of an email received from Mary Black, Stakeholder Lead with Nova Scotia Power as an update:

Last year I provided you with information about upcoming work which NS Power would be doing near your community related to our transmission line which runs from Onslow to Amherst. I am getting in touch today to let you know that we have recently completed preliminary geotechnical work in this area.

This early work is part of a potential new reliability tie between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; we are working closely with NB Power in the design, construction, and shared goals for this work.

We are planning to provide opportunities for the community to learn more at events such as open houses and I am a dedicated contact for any questions or feedback for the project team.

In the coming weeks, I will begin providing awareness of our work and this project to others in the area. This next phase of our outreach will include environmental groups, trail user groups, and then landowners and the community. Before this outreach, I would like to provide you with this update and an opportunity to meet with us to review our plans so we may answer any questions you may have. You will certainly be invited to the open houses we will be planning and I will continue to update you as the project evolves but please let me know if you would like me to work with your office to schedule a meeting to review at this time. .

Upon discussion with the CAO, Mayor Kogon advised that while the information was much appreciated, a meeting with the Town is not required at this time.