Ostrander Point Wind Energy Park

Socio-Economic Studies

- Hardy Stevenson and Associates Ltd. is conducting a Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) for the Project.
- SEIA's identify potential impacts of projects on the surrounding community. SEIA's also provide recommendations for mitigation of issues over the course of a project.
- Preliminary observations indicate that Prince Edward County's regional economy is characterized by tourism, recreation, arts and culture, agriculture (notably viticulture), and cattle operations.
- A door-to-door survey was conducted from Aug. 20 to Aug. 23 in the immediate vicinity (up to 2.5 km) of the proposed site. The preliminary findings indicate that:
  - Two thirds of the residents are permanent (66%) and the remaining (34%) are seasonal residents.
  - People often expressed appreciation for the natural landscape and quietness of the way of life.
  - Most people interviewed are in favour of wind energy being installed in the community; 62% (compared to 89% in favour of wind energy being installed in Ontario).
  - 22% are not in favour of wind energy in the community (compared to 8% not in favour of wind energy being installed in Ontario).
- Noise (during construction and operation) and visual impacts are the two issues that interviewed residents identified as being their main concerns.