

Town of Charlottetown

P.O Box 151
Charlottetown, NL
A0K 5Y0



T: (709) 949-0299/297
F: (709) 949-0377
E: ctown@nf.aibn.com

January 24th, 2022

Public Utilities Board
120 Torbay Rd
St. John's, NL
A1A 2G8

Re: Letter of support for new Regional Powerplant in Southern Labrador

Public Utility Board of Directors,

The Town Council of Charlottetown is formally requesting that the Public Utility Board (PUB) approve the proposed plan by NL Hydro for a regionalized Power Plant to service the communities from Charlottetown to Mary's Harbour and all communities in-between. After losing the Charlottetown Power Plant to a fire in November 2019, the communities of Charlottetown and Pinsent Arm have been without a sustainable power source. The Charlottetown Community Council views the proposal being presented by NL Hydro as a rational and reasonable resolve to our power issues.

During a meeting between the Charlottetown Community Council and NL Hydro on May 5th 2021 and again on January 12th 2022, executives for NL Hydro outlined a plan for a regionalized diesel plant to be placed in the community of Port Hope Simpson. This plant will provide power to the communities of Charlottetown, Pinsent Arm, Port Hope Simpson, St. Lewis, and Mary's Harbour. Though our council had many questions and concerns regarding a new diesel plant in the region, NL Hydro addressed those concerns and ascertained that the new diesel plant would be an improved solution for the region. On May 5th NL Hydro stated that with 20% more efficient diesel use, with better potential for diesel power being offset by renewable resources and employment not decreasing, the outlined plan was viewed as an improved solution. NL Hydro added, during the January 12th meeting, that the new plant would be able to meet future prospective growth in the region, well addressing growing concerns connected with environmental changes. For these reasons our Council supports this project. Though we need this solution for our communities' immediate needs, the outlined benefits will impact the entire region in a positive manner.

Town of Charlottetown

P.O Box 151
Charlottetown, NL
A0K 5Y0



T: (709) 949-0299/297
F: (709) 949-0377
E: ctown@nf.aibn.com

Our Council is aware there have been concerns raised by other communities that have managed to stall this project. This is not acceptable. The concerns these communities have are not taking into consideration that they have Power Plants. If they were in a similar situation to Charlottetown and Pinsent Arm, they would be trying to push this project forward, not holding it back. The Public Utility Board must approve this project as it will address our regions current demands, well securing sustainable power for our future needs as well.

Thank-you,

Charlottetown Town Office
On Behalf of Charlottetown Town Council