

GOSHEN WIND ENERGY CENTRE

Heritage Assessment Report Summary

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Goshen Wind, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Canada, ULC (NextEra) is proposing to construct a wind energy Project in Bluewater and South Huron, Huron County, Ontario. The project will be referred to as the Goshen Wind Energy Centre (the "Project") and will be located on private lands in the vicinity of the shoreline of Lake Huron. The wind turbine technology proposed for the Project is the GE 1.6-100 Wind Turbine and one GE 1.56-100 Wind Turbine. With a total nameplate capacity of 102 MW, the Project is categorized as a Class 4 facility. Although NextEra is seeking a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for up to 72 wind turbines, only 63 will be constructed for the Project.

The purpose of the Heritage Assessment Report is to identify known and potential heritage resources in the study area in order to identify potential effects on these areas from the Project.

The Heritage Assessment Report was prepared in accordance with the requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 359/09, the regulation governing renewable energy projects in Ontario in addition to Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.



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STUDY PROCESS

The Heritage Assessment was conducted through the use of historic research, mapping, field surveys and consultation with local historians, the Huron County Historical Society, and representatives of the Huron County Museum and Archives, Bayfield Historical Society/Huron Historical Society, and the Municipalities of Bluewater and South Huron to identify any potential effects to heritage resources from the Project. A heritage resource may be a building, structure or landscape that has cultural heritage value or interest.

EVALUATION

Following the assessment, it was determined that no protected properties or cultural heritage landscapes with heritage value or interest are situated at the Project Location or beside the Project Location (the Heritage Assessment Report defines Project Location as the participating parcels within the Study Area where project components are proposed to be located).

The report identified 71 structures (35 houses and 36 barns) as more than 40 years old within the Project Location – these structure have general historical interest and they contribute to the character of the area. However, when the structures were evaluated using criteria under the Ontario Heritage Act, none of them were determined to be “built heritage resources of value or interest”.



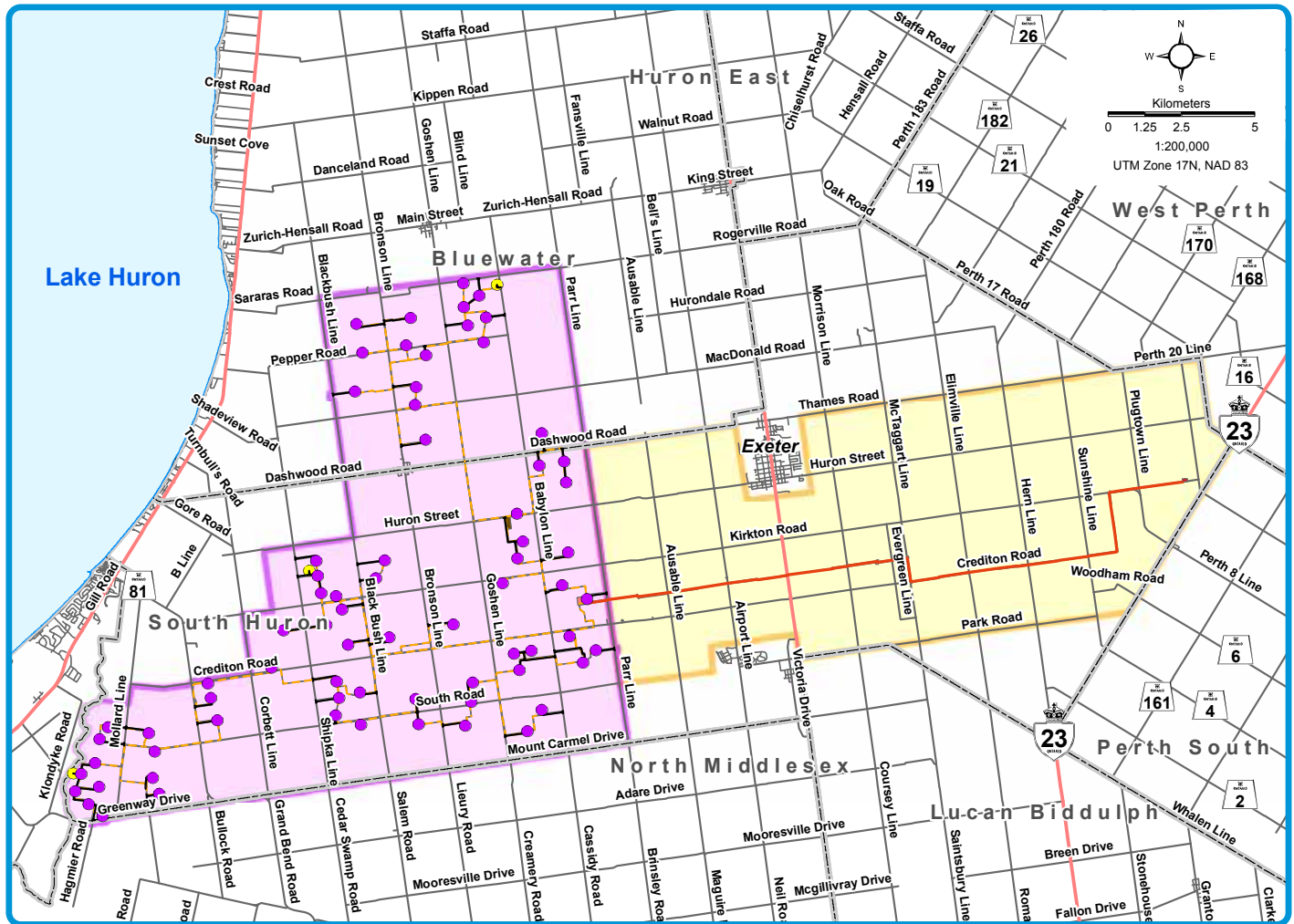
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