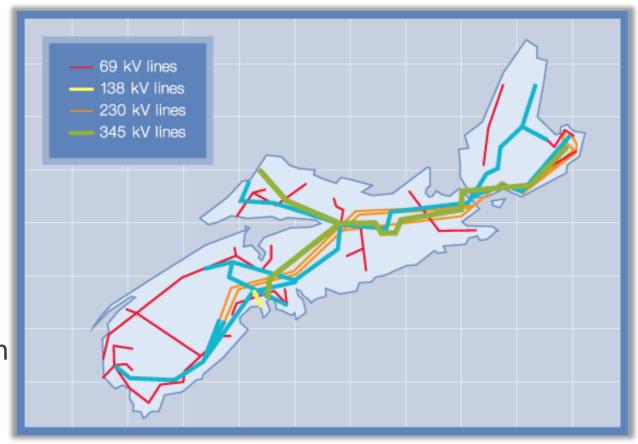
# Western Regional Enterprise Network

Western Region Energy Investment Plan September, 2020



## **Energy Planning Rationale**

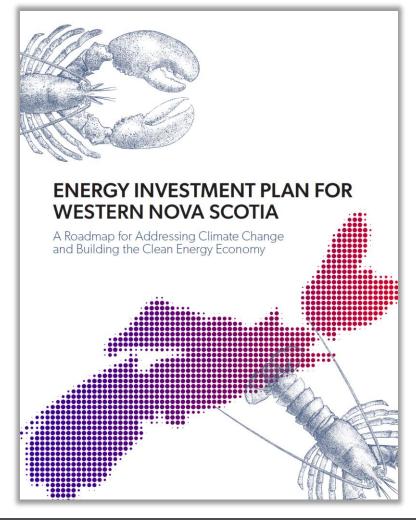
- Regional Grid Capacity is limited
  - 69kV transmission lines
- Substantial Green Energy Opportunities
- Town of Bridgewater
  - 2016 cost of energy: \$89 million
  - Projected rise to \$206 million in 2050
  - Efficiency models could save \$2 billion over 32 years leading to 2050





#### Western Region Energy Investment Plan

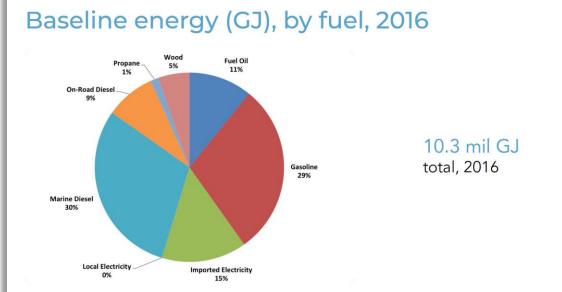
- Consultants: Sustainable Solutions Group (SSG)
  - Baseline Energy Consumption
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Green Energy Generation & Storage
  - District Energy & Heating

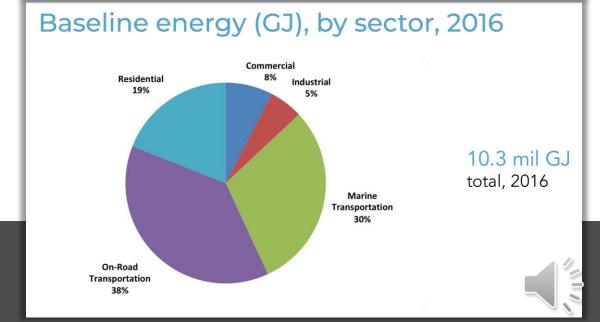




## Western Region Energy Investment Plan

- 2016
  - Total cost of energy: \$327 million
  - Avg household cost of energy: \$5,800
  - Transportation: 68% of energy consumed
  - Electricity: 15% of the total consumed

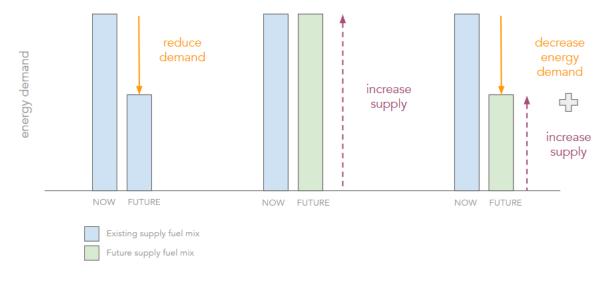






#### Creating Space on The Transmission Lines

- Reduce Demand
  - Energy efficiency
    - Businesses, Institutions, Municipal Buildings, Households, etc.
  - Savings
- Increase Supply
  - Local generation
  - Local storage
  - Revenue



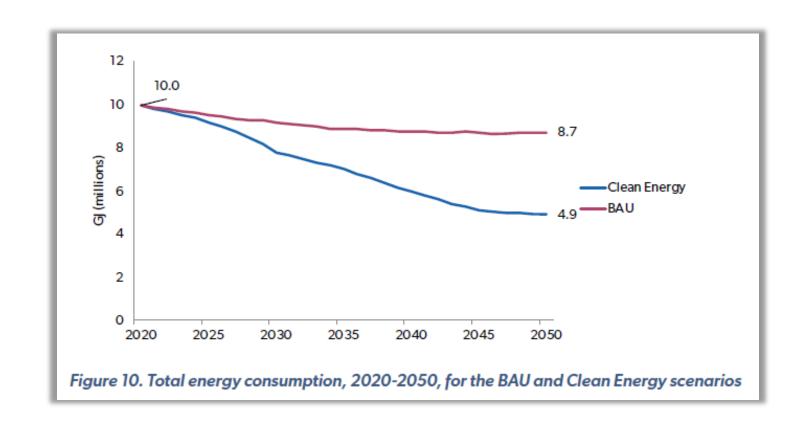
Reduced reliance on imported energy





## **Energy Efficiency Opportunities**

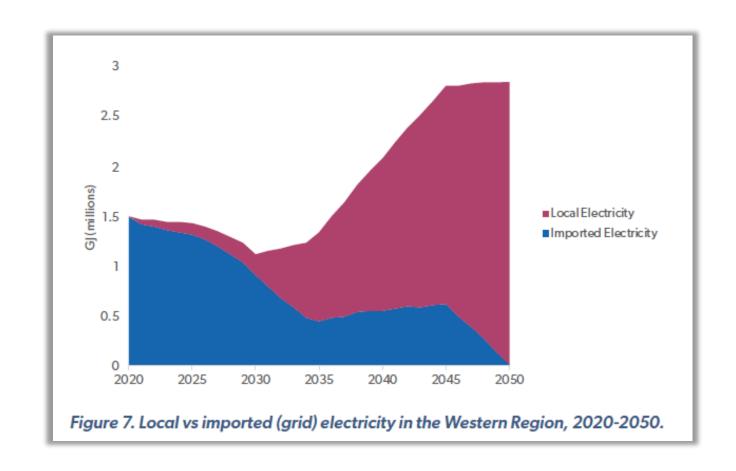
- Building Retrofits
  - Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Cellulose Insulation
  - Waste Wood & Newspaper
- Electric Vehicles
- Power to Hydrogen





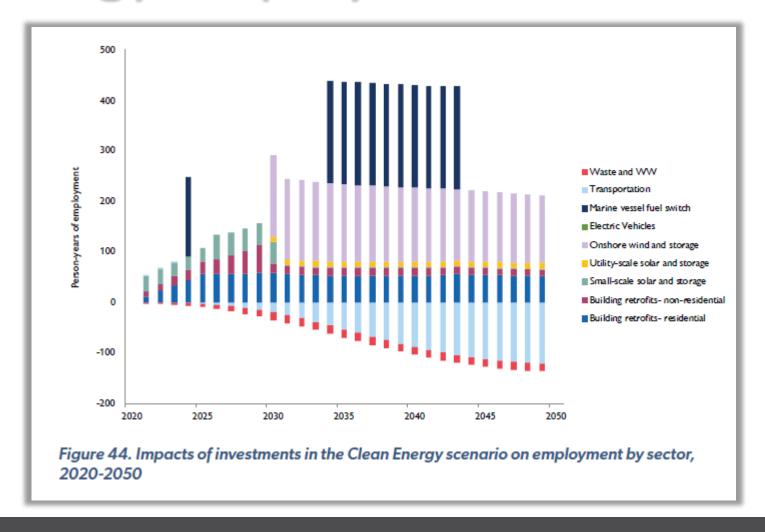
#### **Energy Generation Opportunities**

- Wind
- Tidal
- Solar
- Energy Storage
- Biogas





## Green Energy Employment





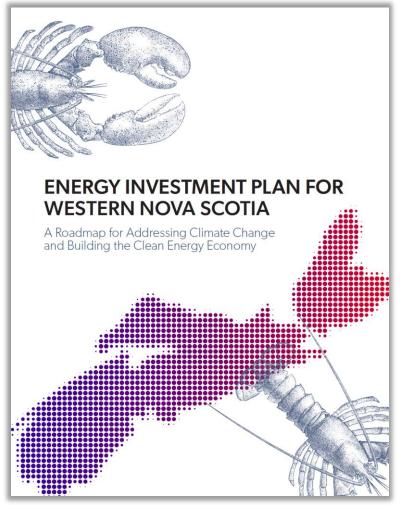
## Global Appetite for Green Energy

- Funding available
  - Federal Investing in Canada Plan
    - \$828 million for Nova Scotia
  - Invest Nova Scotia
    - Projects \$500,000 \$3,000,000
  - Federal Build Canada Small Communities Fund
    - \$42.6 million for Nova Scotia



# Next Step: Implementation

- Numerous Benefits
- Second RFP: Western Region Energy Investment Plan Implementation Services
  - Awarded to: MCC Energy Strategies Inc.
  - Identify top 2-4 opportunities
  - Engage with relevant stakeholders
  - Identify funding opportunities
    - Submit applications







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