

Bekevar Wind Energy Project



About the Project

Bekevar Wind L.P. is proposing to develop, construct and operate a wind power project of approximately 35 to 40 turbines planned to be located in the RMs of Hazelwood and Kingsley, as well as on a few parcels of Cowessess First Nation reserve land. The Project would include turbines, access roads, underground cabling and a substation. The turbines would be dispersed on the windy areas of the project area, where the land is suitable and where the environmental and social impact are minimised. A project of this size can power more than 90,000 Saskatchewan homes.

Why Are We Here?

RES' development team combined with its technical experts assessed various areas of Saskatchewan and concluded that this site had an optimal combination of wind, constructability, land and transmission availability. Initial consultation with local landowners, the local community and the RM council and staff have indicated strong support for the project. While our study of the site is on-going, it is certainly considered very suitable for a wind energy development.

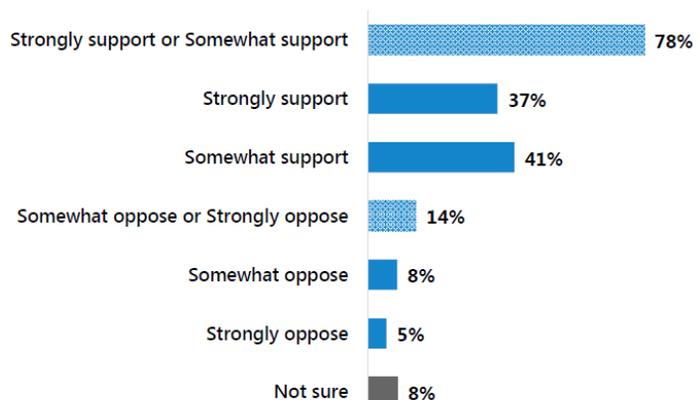
Power Purchase Agreement with SaskPower

Bekevar Wind Energy Project was selected by SaskPower in the 2020 Request for Proposals, and Bekevar Wind L.P. signed a 25-year power purchase agreement with SaskPower.

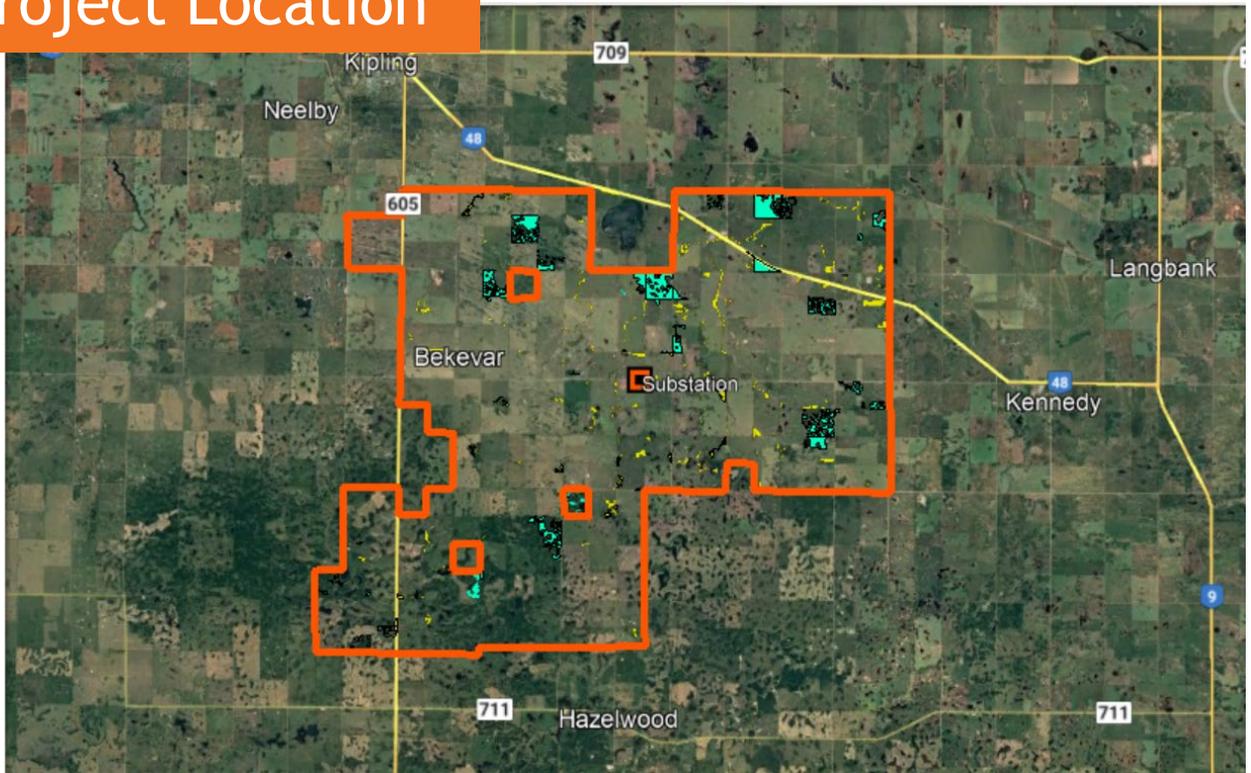
Electricity generated at Bekevar will be purchased by SaskPower at an industry leading rate over the 25-year term of the agreement and sets a new low benchmark price for renewable energy in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Public Opinion Poll, Nov 2018

Support and Opposition for the Development of Wind Farms Near Your Community



Project Location



Project Development

As of now, the Project area is large and comprises thousands of acres of contiguous land. However the project will only be located on participating lands and be dispersed on the area to maximise energy while minimising social and environmental impact.

Since this Project's initiation in 2016, RES engaged with the RM council and local landowners, entered into land agreements and undertook environmental studies and mapping of environmental and built features of the site. Careful positioning of turbines and roads is critical to a wind project, to minimise impact to the community, farmland, sensitive habitat and wildlife.

As the Project has now entered into a contract with SaskPower, environmental studies were initiated earlier this year and public consultation will continue throughout the rest of 2021 and in 2022.

KEY MILESTONES

2021

Environmental studies - Underway to be completed in October

Consultation and Engagement – August to December

Permitting Applications – November-December

2022

Consultation and Engagement – January to June

Final Site Design – February–March

Zoning Amendment with RMs – March-April

Construction Start: June

2023

Commercial Operations Date: December

RES welcomes your opinion and comments on the project, and how it could be made better

Wind Energy and the Environment

- **Turbines take up very little space:** Once construction is complete, a turbine only takes up approximately 1/10 of an acre of land
- Farming and cattle operations simply continue near turbines; access is **not** restricted
- Numerous wind projects are currently operating in Canada in similar settings; it is clear that cattle, moose, deer and other animals do not avoid wind turbines and are not disturbed by them.
- Careful siting of turbines and access roads are essential to minimising impact to wildlife, the land and its people: detailed field studies are being done to locate critical habitat (e.g. for birds) such as wetlands and grasslands.
- Turbines do produce some noise, but only when they are spinning under windy conditions. There is much open space on the area to locate turbines far from homes and minimise impact to local residents, as per RES' best practices on noise levels.
- The Project will undergo a thorough consultation process with the local community, as well as apply for approval with Saskatchewan MOE and the two local RMs.



Socio-Economic Benefits for Local Communities



At full capacity, the Project would require an investment of approximately \$300M and would generate significant opportunity for the local community and Indigenous communities:

- **Several hundred full-time equivalent jobs during construction**, available to qualified local and Indigenous contractors and workers as per RES' hiring practices
- Significant **annual lease payments and royalty payments** over the life of the Project for participating and adjacent landowners
- Significant property and school **tax revenue**
- **Training opportunities** for youth, from the local community and from Cowessess First Nation, in wind turbine maintenance
- **Project construction road upgrades and maintenance at zero cost** for the RMs

About Renewable Energy Systems (RES)

RES is a family-owned business that was established in 1983. RES is dedicated to a low-carbon future and our focus is solely on renewables (wind, solar, storage). We have initiated, developed or built **nearly 3000 MW of wind projects across Canada, namely in Alberta, Ontario and Québec, representing over 20% of installed wind capacity in Canada.** RES has built more than 10% of all wind projects in the United States.

RES has worked and partnered with several local communities and Indigenous communities. We propose an open, collaborative and transparent approach to working with our local partners and our hosts on the land to ensure wind projects that maximise local benefits while minimising social and environmental impact.

RES is responsible for the development, construction and operations of the Bekevar Project.

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About Cowessess First Nation

Awasis Nehiyawewini Energy Development (ANEDC) is owned by Cowessess Ventures Ltd, the economic development corporation which oversees the business assets of the Cowessess First Nation. ANEDC was incorporated in 2010 and has been actively pursuing utility scale wind projects in Saskatchewan since that time. More recently, ANEDC has become active in solar and currently holds a 20 year power purchase agreement with SaskPower for 10MW of solar generation which is being developed by Awasis Solar Limited Partnership. Within the Cowessess portfolio of renewable energy the community is also pleased to own a 1MW wind, solar and lithium ion battery facility, as well as on reserve solar net metering of five community owned buildings. For more, visit www.cowessessventures.com.

Cowessess First Nation is located in south east Saskatchewan and has 4300 members, 950 of which live on the home reserve. The First Nation is focused on four foundational pillars: a) Cultural Rejuvenation B) Political Sovereignty, C) Effective and Efficient Administration and D) Economic Self Sustainability. Cowessess is a Treaty Land Entitlement First Nation and over the years has amassed over 120,000 acres of agriculture and urban land holdings. The primary purpose for the land acquisitions was future sustainability and economic viability. For more, visit www.cowessessfn.com.

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