

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

NOTICE OF PAPER HEARING

Application by the Town of Mahone Bay for Approval of the Capital Costs of its Community Solar Garden

The Town of Mahone Bay has applied to the Board for approval of the capital costs of its community solar garden. The total cost is \$6,400,000, which includes about \$4,000,000 in expected grant funding from the federal and provincial governments. The remaining amount of about \$2,400,000 is proposed to be recovered from ratepayers through the Town of Mahone Bay Electric Utility's revenue requirement, beginning in the next General Rate Application. Only the actual incurred final project cost, net of grant funding, would be included in the utility's revenue requirement.

The Board will consider this application in a paper hearing process and the following timetable will apply:

Information Requests (IRs) by Board staff to Town/Utility Responses to IRs from Town/Utility Letters of Comment from the Public Submissions by Participants in Matter M11858 Reply Submissions by the Town/Utility Thursday, July 3, 2025 Thursday, July 24, 2025 Thursday, July 31, 2025 Thursday, August 7, 2025 Thursday, August 14, 2025

• Any person may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca, or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Full details of the review and any timetable for this matter can be found on the Board's website <u>https://nserbt.ca/nseb</u>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", "Search Records" and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, enter Matter No. M12307. For further background about the Board's decision dated December 18, 2024, which directed the Town to apply for approval of the capital costs of the community solar garden previously built by the Town, enter Matter No. M11858.

To assist the Board in using correct forms of address and pronouns in our hearings and decisions, we invite all parties, lawyers, and all other participants to share their pronouns and titles with the Board and each other if they are comfortable doing so. There is no requirement to provide this information.