

**August 26, 2024**

**Subject: Addendum 2 to Response to Request for Advice - Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador**

**From:** Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

**To:** Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador

Shayne McDonald, Committee Chair  
Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador

c/o: Erin Stapleton  
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**Question 7**

The Department of Education provides the following with respect to part of Question 7; specifically ...to develop the capability, capacity, workforce, educational institutions and programs, investment community, and research community relevant to that industry: is there intent to have comparable initiatives for offshore wind energy?

Newfoundland and Labrador actively works with existing public and private training institutions to address emerging labour market issues relating to strategic sectors such as wind energy. This builds on existing educational and research capacity that has been developed over the course of previous development initiatives relating to industry development.

As an example, College of the North Atlantic had identified opportunities for Wind Turbine Technician and Hydrogen Technician programming in response to emerging green energy opportunities in the province. The programs launched in

September 2023, proactively developed in consultation with global leaders and experts for what is expected to be a robust demand for green energy-related labour demands and skillsets.

Industry leaders recognized the new capacity within the college, committing to cover full funding for students, including tuition, textbooks, certifications, etc. participating in these programs, and a commitment to a formal recruitment process to potentially hire many of the students upon graduation.

As announced in April 2024, Education is working with childcare providers in the following communities to increase childcare spaces:

École CC Loughlin Elementary – Pre-K	Corner Brook	Western	16
Stephenville Primary – Pre-K	Stephenville	Western	17
Contract Pending	Corner Brook	Western	32
YMCA of Northeast Avalon – Eastside Elementary	Corner Brook	Western	34
GNP Community Place	Port au Choix	Western	16
St. George's Indian Band	St. George's	Western	35
Gros Morne Preschool Daycamp Corp.	Norris Point	Western	56
Three Rivers Mi'kmaq Band	Robinsons	Western	32
Contract Pending	Cape St. George/Mainland	Western	10
Contract Pending	Deer Lake	Western	70
FRC-Way 2 Grow	Baie Verte	Western	43
Contract Pending	Port aux Basques	Western	26
Independent Applicant	Pasadena	Western	67
Sacred Heart Academy – Pre-K	Marystown	Central	15

In addition, the online platform, Early Learning Gateway, is available to parents/guardians to assist with a search for regulated childcare services and to add children to a waitlist for child care services. This platform will help the department determine where additional resources may be required.

**September 16, 2024**

**Subject: Addendum # 3 to Response to Request for Advice - Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador – Question 6**

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**Question 6:**

The Committee previously posed this question to C-NLOPB, in which they suggested to seek advice from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Natural Resources Canada for clarification:

Through the Committee's engagement, they have heard of the potential for decarbonization of oil and gas platforms through wind energy initiatives, though no formal plans have been stated to the Committee to date. Since the Committee's Focus Area does not negate the possibility of offshore wind developments to occur outside of the current boundaries of this area, if an oil & gas proponent did wish to establish a wind energy development to decarbonize platforms, what would that process look like under the board, and could a project of this sort be covered under an amendment to the proponent's current authorization plan?

**Answer:**

We appreciate your question and have discussed our response with our federal colleagues.

The way an operator of an offshore oil and gas platform could obtain authorization to incorporate an offshore wind project for decarbonization would need to be determined on a case-by-case basis because information on a specific project is required. This would include the size of the project, the location, and the number of oil and gas platforms to which it would provide power. These factors, among others, require careful consideration before government would be determining under which legislative and regulatory path such a project could proceed.

It is, however, the Province's understanding that small scale wind turbines to electrify a platform could be considered under a Development Plan Amendment for the project.