

COMMUNITY PARTNER DESCRIPTION*:

Scot's Bay Community Association formed several years ago when a tidal energy development project was proposed for our community without any community consultation. As a community, we were ill prepared to address the community challenges this proposal entailed. In efforts to be proactive, our community group, supported by many members of our community, have sought to develop a community plan that would allow us to better handle proposed development projects in the future. Our association is loosely knit, supported by social medial platforms (see our Facebook site). We host regular meetings in our community addressing current issues. We most recently hosted a community meeting where tidal energy project developers from Big Moon tidal explained the type of project they proposed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

We approached Dr. John Colton at Acadia University some time ago knowing he had experience in community based research that specifically focused on tidal energy development issues. He worked on Brier and Long Islands helping support their community engagement plan and developed a community handbook on engagement focused on renewable energy development. This proposed project will help support the development of a community strategic and engagement plan for our community. This will allow us to be proactive and better manage the potential impacts from tidal energy development, better support community benefits, and outline a transparent decision-making and engagement process for our community. This will be a road map, so to speak, for companies that are interested in doing business in our community.

PROJECTED BENEFITS:

Tangible benefits include the development of the community strategic and engagement plan. This plan will be both a visioning document articulating our future community goals and a pragmatic document that outlines how we can manage development in our community. It will outline an engagement process that our community will require companies like tidal energy development companies to follow. It will be based, in part, on Best Practices from other small communities and how they handled development. Less tangible goals for our community group and the residents of Scot's Bay include community empowerment and strengthened resiliency and resolve to direct development in our community.

NB: These are excerpts from the Community Partner's original proposal 16/02/18