



Community Energy Planning: Getting to Implementation in Nova Scotia May 14, 2015 | 9:30am – 2:00pm Fountain Commons, Acadia University 26 Crowell Drive | Wolfville, Nova Scotia Workshop Agenda

Introduction

- [10:00am] 1. **Welcome and overview of the agenda** – *Brent Gilmour, QUEST*
- [10:05am] 2. **Opening remarks** – *Allan Crandlemire - Efficiency One*
- [10:15am] 3. **Presentation** – *Sarah Marchionda, QUEST*
Introduction to community energy planning and lessons learned from across Canada

Part I – Building the Case for Community Energy Planning

Part I of the workshop will focus on presenting preliminary research findings synthesizing and summarizing the key economic benefits of community energy planning. This research will be complemented by real-life examples. What does a strong economic case do for your CEP? What turns an energy plan into a local economic investment strategy? What are some strategies for engaging with different stakeholders to achieve implementation?

- [10:30am] 4. **Presentation** – *Adam Baylin-Stern, Sustainable Prosperity*
Building the economic case for CEPs
- [10:50am] 5. **Case Study: Solar City** – *Mark Raymond, Saint Mary's University*
- [11:10am] 6. **Interactive roundtable discussion** – *Building the case for CEPs*
- [11:50am] 7. **Interactive roundtable highlights and participant feedback**

[12:00pm] *Lunch*

Part II – Implementing CEPs in Resource-Constrained Communities

Communities of all sizes are looking for opportunities to better manage energy costs through local energy solutions. This panel will examine some of the common approaches and strategies for financing CEP actions. How can a community make energy efficiency a business as usual practice? When should a community partner to finance a local energy initiative? What are the key factors for evaluating when a local energy initiative makes good business sense?

- [12:45pm] 8. **Panel Discussion** – *Moderator: Brent Gilmour, QUEST*
Leon de Vreede, Town of Bridgewater
Sean Fleming, Solar Global Solutions
LeRoy Riggs, LED Roadway Lighting
- [1:15pm] 9. **Interactive roundtable discussion** – *Financing community energy initiatives*
- [1:50pm] 10. **Interactive roundtable highlights, participant feedback, wrap-up and evaluation**

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Interactive Roundtable Discussion Questions

Roundtable Objectives: The objective of the roundtable discussion is to document your ideas and lessons learned about the implementation of energy initiatives and CEPs in your community, and to inform the development of the Community Energy Implementation Framework. The Framework is being developed as part of the Community Energy Planning: Getting to Implementation in Canada initiative. The Framework will be a tool designed to help communities overcome the barriers of implementation.

Part I – Building the Case for Community Energy Planning

1. What are some possible drivers for community energy planning in your community?
2. What community stakeholders might be interested in community energy planning in your community? How might they benefit from community energy planning?
3. What is needed to help build the case for community energy planning in your community? (e.g. information, partnerships, tracking and monitoring tools, decision making tools).

Part II – Building Capacity for and Financing CEP Implementation

1. What's your community doing to better manage energy needs at the local level? What would need to change to make energy efficiency and the use of local energy opportunities business as usual in your community?
2. What financing or program opportunities exist in Nova Scotia and/or the Atlantic coast to help with implementing CEP initiatives?
3. Who could you partner with in your community, region or provincially to implement CEP initiatives?