



Community Energy Planning: Getting to Implementation in New Brunswick

November 24, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Community Room, Police Headquarters, 1 Peel Plaza, City of Saint-John

WORKSHOP AGENDA

8:30am	Light refreshments and networking
9:00am	Welcome and Introductions - Eddie Oldfield, QUEST NB Caucus Chair
9:10am	Opening Remarks - Deputy Mayor Shelley Rinehart
9:20am	Presentation: <i>Introduction to community energy planning and lessons learned about implementation from across Canada</i> - Sarah Marchionda, QUEST
10:00am	<i>Networking Break</i>

Part I – Building the Case for Community Energy Planning

10:15am	Presentations and Panel Discussion: Samir Yammine, City of Saint John Christy Arseneau, Town of Dalhousie Michel Losier, NB Power
11:00am	Interactive Roundtable Discussion: <i>Building the case for Community Energy Plans in New Brunswick</i>
11:45am	Roundtable highlights and report back
12:00pm	Lunch

Part II – Implementing Community Energy Plans

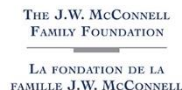
12:45pm	Panel Discussion Moderator: Jean Pierre Finet, Senior Advisor, Getting to Implementation Panelists: Melissa Lee, City of Moncton; Jeff Wilhelm, City of Fredericton; Dan Dionne, Town of Perth-Andover
1:25pm	Interactive Roundtable Discussion: Strategies for Implementing Community Energy Plans and Projects in New Brunswick
2:10pm	Roundtable highlights and report back
2:30pm	<i>Networking Break</i>

Part III – Advancing Smart Energy Communities in New Brunswick Table-top Exercise

2:45pm	Introduction to Table-top Exercise - Eddie Oldfield
3:00pm	Table-Top Exercise: <i>Each table will examine how to make a fictitious community more energy efficient, use local energy resources, reduce energy waste, using a table-top map and guide.</i>
3:45pm	Plenary Highlights and Report Back
4:05pm	Closing Remarks – Eddie Oldfield

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Part I – Building the Case for Community Energy Planning Roundtable Discussion Questions

Question #1: What efforts are currently underway to manage energy in your community?

Consider the following:

- Energy programs/projects (e.g. renewable energy, district energy, transit, land use, waste or energy efficiency projects)
- A corporate energy management plan
- A community-wide greenhouse gas inventory
- Others

Question #2: How might a community energy plan or project advance strategic priorities in your community? (What are some possible drivers for community energy planning in your community? What are the opportunities or benefits of municipally led CEPs/projects?)

Question #3: From your perspective, what is needed to foster support from political leaders for the development and implementation of community energy plans? (What is needed to build the case for community energy planning in your community? E.g. information, partnerships, tracking and monitoring tools, decision making tools.)

Question #4: What stakeholders may be interested in community energy planning? (Who could you partner with in your community, region or province to implement CEP initiatives?)

Part II – Implementing Community Energy Plans and Projects

Roundtable Discussion Questions

Question #1: Have you been involved in pitching a new concept to senior staff or elected officials in your community (not necessarily energy-related)? Was there any pushback for the concept? If so, how was it managed? Are there any lessons learned that can be applied to community energy planning?

Question #2: What are factors for evaluating if a local energy initiative makes good business sense?

Question #3: What opportunities exist to integrate energy into your organization’s policies, plans and processes?

Consider:

Land use plans and policies (e.g. Official Community Plans, bylaws)

Other municipal plans (e.g. economic development strategies, sustainability plans)

Development applications

Other

Question #4: Based on everything you heard and discussed today, how can your community move from working on ad-hoc community energy projects to developing a CEP? (What would need to change to make energy efficiency and the use of local energy opportunities business as usual in your community?)

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Workshop Evaluation and Feedback**

PART A

1. What were the biggest aha's or insights that emerged from the workshop today on the challenges and options for implementing community energy plans?

2. What new questions emerged for you?

3. What new social connections (if any) did you make and/or renew during today's session?

4. What (if anything) do you think you might think about/do differently in your work after you leave today?

PART B

1. What parts of the workshop worked best for you? Why?

2. What parts worked less well for you? Why?
