

The Strait of Canso Superport Corporation strongly supports the responsible development of offshore wind projects in Nova Scotia, recognizing their potential to advance renewable energy goals and contribute to economic growth. The Strait of Canso region, with its strategic location and robust port infrastructure, is uniquely positioned to play a critical role in the supply chain and logistics of offshore wind development.

We encourage the Committee to prioritize recommendations that:

- a) Highlight the importance of developing and upgrading port infrastructure to meet the needs of offshore wind projects. The Strait of Canso is well-equipped to support these activities and could serve as a hub for transportation, assembly, and maintenance operations.
- b) Ensure meaningful engagement with local communities, stakeholders, and industry leaders within the region to maximize economic benefits and mitigate potential disruptions to existing marine and industrial activities.
- c) Promote investments in workforce training and development programs tailored to the offshore wind industry, fostering local employment opportunities and long-term economic sustainability in the Strait of Canso area.

Additionally, the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation recommends utilizing the findings and analysis from the *Strait of Canso Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy* to provide a more comprehensive assessment of the Mulgrave Marine Terminal and the broader Strait of Canso region, particularly in relation to supporting the development of the wind industry. This report was prepared by Waterfront Engineering Services Inc. Mr. Phil Nash, (902) 404-3052 (p.nash@wesi.ca) can provide more comprehensive information on the Mulgrave Marine Terminal and the general port infrastructure in the Strait of Canso.

The Superport Corporation remains committed to collaborating with government bodies, industry, and community partners to support renewable energy initiatives while safeguarding the socio-economic and environmental interests of the Strait of Canso region.