

Why **Western Nova Scotia?**



Key opportunities in the Forestry sector

- Biomass
- Sustainable Forestry
- Distributed Energy
- R&D and Innovation



Tap into Nova Scotia's \$2.1 billion forestry industry

- Exceptional combination of high quality renewable energy sources
- Opportunities in biomass and district heating
- Location with low cost of doing business
- Prime market access - connecting North East US, Eastern Canada and Europe
- Ideally located to exploit CETA
- 90% of Nova Scotia's 5.5 million hectares is forested. *Source: Forest Nova Scotia*
- Only 0.78% of Nova Scotia's forests harvested annually



Red Spruce



Balsam Fir



White Pine



Red Maple



Yellow Birch



Sugar Maple

Key opportunities:

Biomass

Only 0.78% of Nova Scotia's forests harvested annually, virtually untapped resource with opportunities for value added products through renewable energy generation in biomass and distributed energy

Sustainable Forestry Opportunities

Resources and appetite to leverage the full extent of the forestry value chain from roundwood, to lumber, to glulam, cross-laminated timber (CLT), to manufacturing, to biomass from forest residues

Western Nova Scotia has the building blocks of a knowledge-based green economy ecosystem

Distributed Energy

A proven distributed energy model at Université Sainte-Anne

Highly Developed Innovation Ecosystem

- Investments in Forest Industry Transformation (IFIT) program
- Innovacorp – early stage venture support to Nova Scotia companies.
- The Atlantic Innovation Fund
- Canada's largest geomatics-focused learning environment at the Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS)
- Nova Scotia Business Inc. and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency



Talent

- More than 70% of the region's residents possess a certificate, diploma or degree
- 15% of population employed in natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations
- Access talent from the Sustainable Forest Management program at Dalhousie University
- Progressive Provincial Immigration Strategy to double the number of immigrants in Nova Scotia by 2020
- Bilingual workforce (English/French)
- Extensive labour market programming

Unmatched Market Access

- Access to major markets: a million in the province and 135 million in North Eastern U.S. within a day's drive. New York and Boston within 1-3 hour flights, Portland, ME, 4 hours by Ferry

Competitive Advantages

- Only 0.78% of Nova Scotia's forests harvested annually
- 85% of forests in Nova Scotia regrow naturally
- Abundance of renewable energy sources, including feed stock from trees and forest waste material
- Available and affordable land ranging from approximately \$5,000 to \$7,500 USD per acre
- Ranked # 1 compared to closest competitors in terms of labour availability with 11.1% *Source: fDi Intelligence from the Financial Times*

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