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### *Forum to Address Province's Tidal Energy Potential*

(Wolfville, NS) - Nova Scotians interested in learning how tidal power and other sources of offshore renewable energy may provide a significant supply of green, sustainable energy to the province can attend an open public forum hosted at Acadia University on Thursday, February 22.

The open house is being held in the Festival Theatre Building at Acadia University. Doors open at 6 p.m. A panel session will commence at 7 p.m. with brief presentations by representatives from government, industry and coastal communities before the floor is opened up for questions and discussion.

"There is great promise for the development of offshore renewable energy Nova Scotia," says Dr. Graham Daborn, Director of Acadia University's Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment. "This forum will provide a tremendous opportunity for the community to gather up-to-date information about the potential and challenges involved in developing this natural resource and to discuss the issues surrounding its development."

The public forum kicks off a workshop that brings together a focus group of proponents, engineers, environmental scientists, regulators and non-government organizations to discuss current research dedicated to identifying the opportunities and challenges involved in harnessing energy from the great tides of the Bay of Fundy.

The public forum is hosted by the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment, Acadia University. It is presented by the OEER Association, an association of the Nova Scotia Department of Energy, Acadia University, Saint Francis Xavier University and Cape Breton University. OEER is dedicated to fostering offshore energy and environmental research and development including examination of renewable energy resources and their interaction with the marine environment.

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