

## **Atlantic Premiers Meet in Newfoundland and Labrador to Discuss Regional Cooperation on Renewable Energy**

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**August 23, 2022** – Atlantic Premiers met today to continue their collaborative efforts to demonstrate leadership in the pursuit of emissions reductions, clean power generation and transmission and future-oriented energy development.

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Andrew Furey welcomed Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston, New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs and Prince Edward Island Premier Dennis King to Stephenville where they attended the signing of the *Joint Declaration of Intent between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of Canada on Establishing a Germany-Canada Hydrogen Alliance*.

The Premiers welcomed the signing of the declaration as important to accelerating the development of renewable energy and clean fuel industries in Atlantic Canada, as well as the region's transition toward net-zero carbon emissions.

The Atlantic provinces are uniquely placed to become a hub for export to international markets in traditional and sustainable energy sectors. By working together, the provinces continue to show leadership in reducing emissions and identifying clean power generation and transmission opportunities.

Premiers discussed ways in which regional proponents and governments can work together to facilitate the establishment of a green hydrogen industry in the region during a roundtable discussion with industry leaders and federal ministers.

Atlantic Canada can play a central role in supporting our nation and allies around the world with their energy needs and energy security. Atlantic Canada's natural resources, skilled and dedicated workforce, and strong values make the region a highly desirable destination for investment in a world that is transitioning toward a more sustainable economy.

Premiers emphasized the opportunity to advance strategically important economic development and decarbonization objectives that all provinces in the region share, to the benefit of all their residents.

Premiers remain willing partners with the federal government on energy planning and security and look forward to engaging with partners on targets and timelines on the initiatives and progress of the Canada-Germany Hydrogen Alliance.

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