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Newfoundland Power Launches First Osprey NestCam in the Province

(St. John's, NL): Newfoundland Power is proud to announce its live feed Osprey NestCam is now available for public viewing. Through a live video stream, viewers can get a bird's eye view of the osprey nesting on a special platform that the Company installed outside its Virginia Waters Substation on Snow's Lane in St. John's. This is the first osprey camera in the province and it is part of the Company's greater environmental initiative, Nest Management Program.

"This exciting initiative touches on several of the most important values at Newfoundland Power, namely safety, reliability and environmental responsibility," says Jocelyn Perry, incoming President and Chief Executive Officer, Newfoundland Power. "We are so pleased to be able to deliver this project that helps protect the osprey and we hope that all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will enjoy learning more about these majestic birds in their natural habitat."

Newfoundland Power developed a management plan to reduce potential impacts to migratory birds, while minimizing any operational and safety effects. Relocating nests to specialized platforms provides nesting sites for protected species, while minimizing risks of electrocution, equipment damage, power outages, and even fire if debris falls onto energized power lines.

The Osprey NestCam is available [here](#). Please be advised that this live feed shows osprey in their natural habitat, so events may occur unexpectedly and may not be appropriate for all viewers.

In 2016, Newfoundland Power was contacted by Ornithologist, Rob Bierregaard from Drexel University in Pennsylvania, who was very interested in tagging several juvenile Newfoundland osprey to track their migratory journey to and from their southern homes. One osprey in particular, named Shanawdithit, after the last known living member of the Beothuk people, has been actively migrating each year and has gained quite a following since being tagged. Generally, the birds are nesting between April and September, and it usually takes four to six weeks for eggs to hatch. There are currently three eggs in the nest near the Virginia Waters Substation.

Today at the public launch at Vanier Elementary in St. John's, Perry announced the "Name the Daddy Osprey Competition". The name should be Newfoundland themed and the competition is open to school-age children across the province, Kindergarten to Grade Six. The competition will close on June 12, and the chosen name will be announced on June 16. Please visit newfoundlandpower.com for more details.

Newfoundland Power is the primary distributor of electricity on the island portion of Newfoundland and Labrador, and purchases 93% of its energy needs from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. With a customer base of approximately 264,000 accounts, Newfoundland Power is committed to safety, dedicated to the highest level of customer service and delivers reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost. For more information on Newfoundland Power's programs, services and community partnerships, please visit newfoundlandpower.com.

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