



## Infrastructure Advantages

Cape Breton's world-class telecommunications infrastructure, access to secure and alternative/renewable energy sources, and access to air, road, ferry, rail, and deep-water ports provide the integrated network required for companies to access North American and global markets.



### Transportation Infrastructure

#### ► Ports

##### *Strait of Canso: 27m draft (89 ft)*

Located between mainland Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, the Strait of Canso is the deepest harbour on the North American East Coast. It is 20 km long (12.42 mi), up to 1.5 km wide (.93 mi) with a depth of 27 m (89 ft). It has two public harbours, Port Hawkesbury and Mulgrave, and five private terminals.

##### *Port of Sydney: 17m draft (56 ft)*

Situated on the northeastern shore of Cape Breton, and featuring a 17m (56 ft) draft, the facilities within Sydney Port are located along the six kilometer "Y" shaped waterway that is used for shipping activities and offers a protected ice-free harbour with unrestricted access. The cruise ship industry has become a key part of Cape Breton's tourism sector with over 75+ ships per year docking in the Port of Sydney.

#### ► Air

The JA Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport offers multiple flights per day to Halifax, with connecting flights to major North American and international destinations. The Airport also has daily direct flights from Sydney to Toronto. The airport's main runway is 7,070 ft (2,155 m). The Port Hawkesbury

Airport provides corporate and charter aircraft services. Located approximately 8 kms (4.9 mi) from the Port Hawkesbury town limits, the paved runway is 1,524 m (5,000 ft) long by 46 m (150 ft) wide, with radio controlled lighting for night operations.

#### ► Road

There are three 100-series highways in Cape Breton (Highway 104, Highway 105 Trans Canada Highway, and Highway 125). A full range of trucking services from large fleet operations to small niche companies provide an alternative to rail and ship transport. Cape Breton is the transshipment point for all truck cargo to and from Newfoundland and Labrador.

#### ► Rail

Cape Breton is connected to the rest of Canada and the U.S. by the 394 km (245 mi) railway operated by the Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway, offering double stacking container capability. Rail service is provided at certain facilities in the Port of Sydney and the Strait of Canso and at many of the region's industrial parks.

#### ► Ferry

Marine Atlantic Ferry provides the vital service linking automobile and cargo traffic from Newfoundland and Labrador via North Sydney to the rest of Canada.



### Telecommunications Infrastructure

Cape Breton is connected to the world via world-class telecommunications infrastructure. The main fibre optic networks connect through Sydney and on to Newfoundland and Labrador. Bell Aliant, Rogers Communication, and MTS/Allstream networks all hub through Cape Breton. Seaside Communications provides wireless broadband to rural areas.



### Energy Infrastructure

Cape Breton is the energy hub for Nova Scotia, producing more than 80% of Nova Scotia's electricity at coal generating power plants, a variety of wind farms and a hydro-electric facility at Wreck Cove. Cape Breton also has all that is required for a successful and developing alternative/renewable energy sector including an excellent wind regime, fast flowing tides, an abundance of land for biomass, and an abundance of coal for geothermal and methane applications. The Maritime Link is a new 500 MW, +/- 200 to 250kV high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission system that will span from Newfoundland to Cape Breton through an undersea connection.

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