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Brazeau County unveils a brighter energy future

Brazeau County, Alberta, May 23, 2017 – Brazeau County and ENMAX today announced the completion of three significant solar electricity projects. Over 900 solar modules are now generating power atop the Lodgepole Fire Hall, the Rocky Rapids Water Treatment Plant and the County Administration building.

“Brazeau County is taking action to protect our environment and air,” said Reeve Bart Guyon. “Combined, these projects will offset almost 200 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually and are an important first step that will position us well as Alberta’s new carbon levy comes into effect in 2017.”

The three installations together will generate almost 300,000 kilowatt hours each year – offsetting about 30 per cent of the combined electricity needs.

Through ENMAX, Reeve Guyon’s own home was also retrofitted with a solar array that generates enough electricity to completely offset its usage.

“We work very closely with communities and businesses to help make their renewable electricity plans a reality,” said Jason Atkinson, Director of Operations, Distributed Systems at ENMAX. “ENMAX Energy projects account for 50 per cent of Alberta’s installed solar capacity and we’re proud to work with forward-thinking municipalities like Brazeau County.”

Funding for the project came in part through the Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation’s (CCEMC) support of ENMAX Energy’s solar leasing project. From 2010 to 2016, the CCEMC provided funding alongside ENMAX’s commitment to advance solar adoption in Alberta.

Fast facts

- The entire solar array consists of 902 solar PV modules covering about 19,000 sq. ft. and has a maximum capacity of 280 kW DC.
- Based on current electricity consumption, this will meet about 30 per cent of the combined annual electricity needs.
- The system will generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 41 average Alberta homes, offsetting about 200 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually.
- Based on current demands, the installation is expected to reduce electricity costs by up to \$16,200 annually*.

**Note: figure does not include costs that would otherwise have been incurred through the provincial carbon levy.*



About Brazeau County

Located in the heart of west-central Alberta, Brazeau County has a population of over 7,700 residents and is a place where industry and commerce join forces with outdoor recreation and a vibrant economy to create a thriving community. With its beautiful countryside and excellent recreational opportunities, Brazeau County offers the best of country living coupled with all of life's necessary conveniences.

About ENMAX

ENMAX Corporation, through its subsidiaries, makes, moves and sells electricity to residential, small business and large commercial customers and is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, with offices in Edmonton. Since 2007, ENMAX has been named one of Alberta's Top Employers.

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