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Brazeau County Council Responds to Provincial Solar Funding Announcement

Drayton Valley, Alberta, February 8, 2016 — At a special meeting today, Brazeau County Council made two motions in response to the Government of Alberta's recent announcement of funding to support the installation of solar panels.

Council has directed administration to assess the suitability and cost for solar panels on all County buildings and facilities, to develop data to be used in applications to the Alberta Municipal Solar Program. The program will provide rebates of up to 75 cents per watt, to a maximum of \$300,000 per project. The province will accept applications beginning on March 1st, 2016. The County data is anticipated to be gathered by February 26th.

Council also passed a motion directing administration to recommend a municipal program to complement the provincial Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Energy Management Program, which shares the cost of investments that improve energy efficiency on Alberta farms. The provincial government recently announced a solar photovoltaics sub-program to provide funding to farms that install solar panels. Eligible systems must be installed between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2018.

More information on the Alberta Municipal Solar Program can be found at <http://www.mccac.ca/programs/AMSP>.

More information on the Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Energy Management Program can be found at <http://www.growingforward.alberta.ca/Programs/index.htm>