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Brazeau County shows leadership in area of alternate energy

BRAZEAU COUNTY — With the current economic challenges being experienced locally and across the province, Brazeau County wants to work with our oil and gas sector toward a lasting future for the industry that is so important to our community. Along with that, Brazeau County also wants to promote diversification of our economy. Brazeau County Council sees alternate energy as an opportunity to work with industry partners to achieve this and realize additional job opportunities for residents.

On December 1, 2015 Brazeau County Council took a step toward those goals and will position the County as a leader in the area of alternate energy. Council directed Administration to transfer approximately 1.5% of the Annual Budget, which equates to \$1,000,000 funded from 2015 anticipated surplus, to the Alternate Energy Restricted Surplus fund.

This commitment of funds demonstrates Brazeau County's dedication to becoming a municipal leader in reducing the carbon footprint. The County wants to leverage these funds with the Province of Alberta and/or Federal Government to access government funds that will be reinvested in our community. The creation of the Alternate Energy Program will also see Brazeau County residents benefit financially with their participation.

"The use of alternate energy such as solar will become more important in the years ahead. Brazeau County wants to take a leadership role in this area," said Brazeau County Reeve Bart Guyon. "Dedicating this money will allow us to be on the leading edge in creating partnerships to develop a program to benefit our citizens, the County as a whole and the environment."

Brazeau County Administration is also developing an Alternate Energy Policy that will be presented to Council for discussion on January, 19, 2016.

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