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**The Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County approved for on Net Zero Feasibility Study**

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The Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County have been approved by Federation of Canadian Municipalities (F.C.M) for the Green Municipal Funding grant of \$47,500 to conduct a feasibility study to establish Net Zero Operating costs for a new proposed aquatic facility.

Net Zero is a concept that allows the lowering of operational costs through the development of technologies and processes that will lower energy use for the facility.

The funding application through the F.C.M Green Municipal Funding Program was approved to gather a group of engineers and experts in related fields to design a system that will lower the operating costs of a new facility.

“We want our community to have a new aquatic facility that is cost effective to the residents,” says Annette Driessen Director of Community Services for the Town of Drayton Valley. The study will address the utilization of advanced operating system controls for efficient energy utilization within the envelope of the overall needs and requirements of the entire Aquatic Facility.”

The Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County will be jointly funding the initiative by each contributing \$23,750 for a total of \$47,500 to match the Green Municipal Funding grant of \$47,500.

“We will analyze all available systems and fuel sources with a focus on the facility's overall needs and relative operating costs of available alternatives,” Lee Chambers Director of Community Services for Brazeau County,” the study will also look at all downstream systems to ensure sustainability and lower overall operating costs while producing high level system recommendations.”

The study is to be completed in March 2016.

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