

WASCANA SOLAR CO-OPERATIVE

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Dear Mayor Fougere and Members of Council

We are writing in support of Councilor Mike O'Donnell's recommendation, from the March 26 meeting, that the city administration investigate the potential of installing solar panels on city-owned property; that the administration investigate both cost savings and potential revenue from solar panel installations; and that they investigate whether there are partnerships available for the solar panel installations.

We represent a group of residents from Regina and area that are interested in seeing growth in solar and renewable energy use in Regina. We are in the process of incorporating as the Wascana Solar Co-operative.

Our mission is:

To sustainably build, invest in, own and operate solar power generation projects in Regina and across Saskatchewan through a cooperative community model; and, to create a better understanding of solar power through education and advocacy.

We will provide options for people interested in investing in solar energy, whether on their own property, or in large scale solar installations. We would be interested in working with the City of Regina on any potential solar joint ventures.

As you may be aware, the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) established the Saskatoon Solar Co-op, which entered into a joint project with the City of Saskatoon to produce electricity for the Landfill Gas Generation Station. There are many other models across Canada that represent partnerships between small power producers and the community.

We would be interested in discussing our approach to solar installations with the City of Regina. We believe that reducing reliance on fossil fuels is an important goal for the city and for its residents. In addition, solar energy can reduce the operating costs of the city run facilities, which benefits taxpayers.

Please consider Councillor O'Donnell's proposal and the many benefits it will bring to the City of Regina.

Thank you,

Josh Campbell, Susan Birley

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