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TOWN SUCCEEDS IN SECURING SOLAR FUNDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS SHOP

Mayerthorpe, Alberta, June 22, 2021 – The Town of Mayerthorpe received approval in the amount of \$19,994.79 from Municipal Climate Change Action Centre through the Alberta Municipal Solar Program to contribute towards the Town's installation of flush-mounted photovoltaic (PV) arrays, inverters, and racking at the Public Works Shop.

By investing in a solar PV system now, the Town can immediately generate savings on electricity usage reducing operating costs on this key public facility. The \$66,649.31 system is anticipated to have a 25+ year lifespan, will produce a capacity of 36,000 Watts direct current, and has a calculated energy yield of approximately 878 kWh alternating current per year. The Town has also applied to the federal Green and Inclusive Communities Building Program to fund the remaining costs being \$46,654.52 plus an additional \$40,000.00 to replace the facility's boiler and indirect hot water tank.

The investment in solar PV is consistent with the Mayerthorpe Community Sustainability Plan Goal A39 to develop microgeneration energy projects for the community and 2020 Building Condition Assessment recommendations completed in 2020.

"The Town is always on the lookout for ways to save money and cut costs. Once complete, we'll have two Town-owned facilities generating their own power; the Public Works shop and our arena, which had solar panels installed last year. The lifespan of these installations means the Town will be producing some of its own power long into the future. We're grateful for the funding available through MCCAC and similar federal programs that enables us to complete these worthwhile projects. – Mayor Janet Jabush

For questions or additional information please contact the Town Office.

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