

SAAMIS SOLAR PROJECT

- ☐ A 375MW solar field when completed, with a bare minimum price tag of **\$600 MILLION**.
- ☐ The City plans to start with 75MW phase at a cost of over **\$120 MILLION**.
- ☐ The City has already spent \$7 MILLION of your tax dollars, with no financial benefit (feasibility analysis report) completed.
- ☐ The solar field would be built on 1,660 acres of land immediately north of Parkview Drive NE/Rotary Centennial Way NW – north of Northlands Co-op and Big Marble Go Center. The land was owned by Western Co-op Fertilizers Ltd. in the past and includes an area where a phospho-gypsum (a solid waste byproduct from processing phosphate ore in fertilizer production) stack exists. The phospho-gypsum stack was capped with clay by Western Co-op Fertilizers Ltd. a number of years ago to prevent radon seepage.
- ☐ DP Energy, of Ireland, initiated the project; immediately after the Alberta Utilities Commission approved the project, the City purchased the rights to the project from DP energy for \$7 MILLION.
- ☐ Please be aware that any purchase or project undertaken by the City can only be done with **YOUR TAX DOLLARS AND UTILITY FEES**. That includes this project and its operation, maintenance and liabilities for its life expectancy. NOTE: The estimated project cost does not include transmission lines, battery storage facilities, and ancillary facilities.
- ☐ The City has NOT addressed “end of life” (life cycle), renewal, disposal, and site reclamation to date.
- ☐ If anything goes wrong, perhaps the market drops, as we have seen in the recent past, or we get one of our infamous, not uncommon hailstorms, or extreme windstorms that result in damage, again WE, THE TAXPAYERS AND/OR RATEPAYERS, will be covering those unexpected costs one way or another.
- ☐ Over the past year large energy players have been scaling and/or abandoning renewables; e.g. BP Energy, Shell...
- ☐ Countries across the world are changing their strategies regarding non-traditional; renewable energy sources; e.g. European Union countries and the United States are scaling back, cancelling and/or decommissioning no-traditional renewable projects.
- ☐ Solar projects are being halted, cancelled, and/or decommissioned in Alberta, e.g. Drakes Landing at Okotoks, Caroline...
- ☐ With our continually increasing and high cost of living, and current economic volatility, including very recent decrease in electric prices, along with recent changes and controversies in Provincial priorities, and Federal “Clean Energy” mandates, the development directions affecting renewables, extension of the Net Zero deadline, tariffs, the continuing weak Canadian dollar, any further expenditure in the Saamis Solar Project is **NOT** in the best interests of Medicine Hat tax and utility ratepayers.
- ☐ At the April 7, 2025 City Council meeting another \$675,000 of **YOUR MONEY** was approved to carry out a due diligence (feasibility study) on the project. It is expected the report will be completed by October.

Best business practice would have seen a feasibility report completed BEFORE the rights to the project were purchased for \$7 MILLION or any other funds were expended.

- City of Medicine Hat Energy unit had stated during MHURA's Intervenor Process with AUC, as well as in person meetings, that they plan to hold public engagements with citizens of Medicine Hat. **This has not happened!**
- Medicine Hat taxpayers and Medicine Hat utilities ratepayers are the **OWNERS**, i.e. sole shareholders of the electric and gas utilities. As such the utilities should be managed for the benefit of Medicine Hatters on a cost-plus depreciation basis; and **NOT REAP PROFITS** from these utilities' owners – **YOU**.
- The municipal election will occur on Monday, October 20, 2025. Your opportunity to understand each candidate's position and/or express your views on the Saamis Solar Project will be in the 4 weeks after nominations close, on September 22, 2025. **IT'S YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY!!!**