

MHURA INSISTS ON PLEBISCITE AND CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ACCOUNTABILITY

Medicine Utilities Ratepayer Association (MHURA) has applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for official Intervenor Status in the City of Medicine Hat Saamis Solar Farm Project Acquisition.

MHURA and its members believe that given the provincial government is in the process of restructuring Alberta's electricity market and has expressly said that the re-designed market will favor dispatchable gas-fired generation while disincentivizing intermittent capacity (i.e., wind and solar), we are very concerned about the economic viability of the City proposing to spend ~\$135M of ratepayer money to build a 75 MW solar farm (~\$600 million if built to 325 MW) When many are facing an affordability crisis in our city, the financial risks of this project will impact the citizens adversely. Equally important, public consultation and transparency has not occurred with the citizens of our city, therefore MHURA is requesting the project be put to a PLEBISCITE before the proposal proceeds.

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