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Stirling Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) Launched

The Village of Stirling is excited to announce the opening of their Clean Energy Improvement Program for pre-qualifications, effective today. The program is an innovative financing tool for property owners in Stirling. The program will allow property owners to finance up to 100% of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for their homes.

CEIP provides flexible, affordable, and long-term financing for property owners through their municipality. Unlike traditional loans, the financing is tied to the property and not the property owner and repayment is facilitated by a tax added to the property's tax bill. This means that property owners can make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades with low upfront costs and the financing can be transferred to the new property owner if the property is sold.

Scott Donselaar, Chief Administrative Officer notes, "the Village has seen the tangible benefit of investing in renewable energy and believes this funding will allow our residents to look at projects, which will improve their homes energy efficiency. We recognize the upfront costs and short lending terms currently available can prevent people from making these upgrades. With this program people can repay the low interest loan over the lifespan of the improvement. We believe this will be a win for our residents."

"Our Municipal Council is always looking at things we can do which will lower our overall operating costs. With the instability in Alberta's energy market right now, we've made energy efficiency a priority for our municipal assets. As a municipal operation we've seen firsthand how making energy efficiency upgrades with lighting upgrade and building retrofits has positively affected our budget. Given the current economic strain families are facing with inflation and high interest rates, we see the CEIP as an opportunity for property owners to make improvements that will keep more money in their pockets," adds Trevor Lewington, Mayor, Village of Stirling.

The program is administered in partnership with Alberta Municipalities. Details about the program and how to apply can be found at myCEIP.ca/Stirling.

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About Stirling:

The Village of Stirling is one of three communities in Canada designated as a National Historic Site and the largest village in Alberta by population with 1,269 residents as of the 2019 municipal census. While Stirling is proud of its past, the community is also preparing for the future with high speed fibre optic broadband internet service connected to more than 85% of households as well as solar arrays on public buildings to offset municipal power consumption needs resulting in Canada's first electrically "net zero" Village. Visit www.stirling.ca for more information.

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The Clean Energy Improvement Program helps municipalities like the Village of Stirling achieve community sustainability goals by improving building stocks, lowering household expenses and reducing the community's energy needs. The program was made possible by the Government of Alberta's Bill 10: An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements (passed June 6, 2018) and the Village of Stirling's Bylaw 521-22 passed on April 6, 2022. This bylaw enables and governs the implementation of the Clean Energy Improvement Program in the Village of Stirling. The Village of Stirling collaborated with Alberta Municipalities to design and launch its program. Visit <https://ceip.abmunis.ca/> for more information.