

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

**FROM:** Councillor Blanch

**DATE:** April 23, 2019

**SUBJECT: Solar for Community Buildings**

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I would like to have an update on our successful application from the 2018 calendar year, but the actual intent of this agenda item is for Council to direct staff to make application to this program for the 2019 year. As you can see in the link provided there has not yet been a call for applications for 2019 but the call will come and staff can be better prepared to submit an application with Council's direction clearly stated now.

There are great advantages to our community in applying for this program as it allows us to invest in a clean technology that lowers our community's emissions and simultaneously lowers our ongoing energy costs. As we were successful applying last year hopefully we can use that experience to even further strengthen this year's application.

The IPCC report released last fall stated to keep global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius we must reduce emissions by 45% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

It's expected that governments at every level have to implement strategies to reach these goals and this program is an easy way to help Amherst toward these goals.

<https://novascotia.ca/solar/solar-electricity-community-buildings.asp>

## **MOTION:**

**That Amherst Town Council direct staff to apply for the Solar for Community Buildings program for the 2019 application cycle.**