

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

FROM: Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives

DATE: April 23, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 Bids to the Solar for Community Buildings Program

With regard to submitting bids under the Solar for Community Buildings program in 2019, the Town is well positioned to submit once the call for applications is released. Staff are in discussions with AREA to review the material costs and financing model, and compare it with the successful bid prices awarded in the previous two years. This analysis will enable a more informed decision around how much the bid prices submitted in 2018 should change, if at all.

There are other factors being considered by the Clean Foundation and the Department of Energy besides the bid price, including but not limited to, the size of the PV installation and distribution of awards across the province. There is also a significant number of successful bids awarded in the 2017 and 2018 rounds that do not appear to be moving forward with those projects. This factor may influence the number of successful bids in the 2019 round. All of these other factors will be considered in establishing the bid price.

In conclusion, should Council be interested in doing so, the Town will be ready to submit bids under this program when the call for applications is released.