



POWER TALKS

ENERGY EDUCATION SERIES

HOSTING RENEWABLE PROJECTS: LARGE-SCALE WIND AND SOLAR IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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Saskatchewan needs more wind and solar projects if it's going to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. But what does that mean for rural communities that are typically home to wind or solar projects? Join this discussion to learn what's involved in hosting large-scale renewable power projects, about independent power producers and common misconceptions about renewable projects.

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PANELIST: COURTNEY BALKWILL

Courtney has worked at SaskPower since 2008 and has held the position of Manager of Independent Power Producer (IPP) Development at SaskPower since 2019. In this role, Courtney works with IPPs to develop renewable power generation projects in the province which help contribute to SaskPower's transition to a net-zero future. A strategic focus of this work includes increasing the level of Indigenous participation in renewable generation projects. Courtney is also responsible for the management of contracts related to the marketing and sale of commercial by-products from SaskPower's coal generating facilities which includes CO₂, fly ash and sulfuric acid. Courtney holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Statistics from the University of Regina as well as a Master of Public Administration from the Johnson Shoyama School of Public Policy.



PANELIST: ERWIN HEUCK

As CanREA's Director for Saskatchewan and for Distributed Energy Resources (DER), Erwin Heuck leads policy development and advocacy for wind, solar and storage technologies in Saskatchewan and supports CanREA's Solar Behind the Meter (BTM) and DER efforts across Canada. He is a lifelong energy industry professional who served as the Director of Facility Planning with TransGas until 2018, then left to create and lead the Distributed Energy Association of Saskatchewan (DEAS) from 2019 to 2022. In his various roles, he has supported energy production, storage, transportation and distribution discussions with academia, municipalities, governments and utilities, now focusing on clean energy projects and development. Erwin holds a B.Sc. degree from the University of Regina with an Industrial Systems Engineering designation. He is based in Regina.



PANELIST: JENNIFER CHAMBERLIN

Jennifer has over a decade and a half of professional planning and community consultation experience in Saskatchewan. She has worked in both private and non-profit sectors at the municipal and provincial levels. Throughout her career she has had the opportunity to work with a number of municipalities and industries supporting investment, growth and municipal capacity throughout Saskatchewan. In her current position as the Manager of Community Planning with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities she works with municipalities on a number of different issues related to land use planning and development. She is a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and a Registered Professional Planner in Saskatchewan.



PANELIST: BRADY POLLOCK

Brady Pollock has been with the Ministry of Environment for over 13 years. In his current role he oversees the delivery of the provincial environmental assessment process, which reviews and regulates various activities in the province including renewable energy projects. His role also includes oversight of the regulated waste stewardship and recycling programs in the province, and delivery of the Saskatchewan Solid Waste Management Strategy. Brady holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Toxicology from the University of Saskatchewan.



MODERATOR: DEREK LEVERINGTON

Derek is a trained facilitator and partner at MPATH Engagement, with a personal interest in helping participants collaborate and discover creative solutions to complex challenges. Derek has over twenty years of experience working with public sector clients on public policy consultations, digital engagement initiatives and web technology projects.

ABOUT SASKPOWER

Established in 1929, SaskPower is Saskatchewan's leading energy supplier. Our corporate mission is to ensure reliable, sustainable and cost-effective power for our customers and the communities we serve.

SaskPower's team is made up of nearly 3,100 permanent full-time employees. We manage almost \$13 billion in generation, transmission, distribution and other assets. Our company operates seven natural gas power stations, three coal-fired power stations, seven hydroelectric stations, and two wind facilities. Combined, they generate 3,968 megawatts (MW) of power. SaskPower also buys power from various independent power producers. Our company's total available generating capacity is 5,437 MW.

We're responsible for serving over 550,000 customer accounts within Saskatchewan's geographic area of approximately 652,000 square km. We maintain over 160,000 circuit km of power lines, 59 high voltage switching stations and 200 distribution substations.

ABOUT CANADIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (CANREA)

CanREA was established on July 1, 2020 when the Canadian Wind Energy Association and the Canadian Solar Industries Association united to create one voice for wind energy, solar energy and energy storage solutions. They work to create the conditions for a modern energy system through stakeholder advocacy and public engagement. Their diverse members are uniquely positioned to deliver clean, low-cost, reliable, flexible and scalable solutions for Canada's energy needs.

ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF RURAL MUNICIPALITIES (SARM)

SARM is the independent association that represents its membership of rural municipal government in Saskatchewan. Established in 1905, SARM champions the value of rural Saskatchewan and remains a grass roots association committed to rural municipal government and being the voice of rural Saskatchewan.