

Media Advisory

Attn: Municipal officials, economic development officers, developers, planners, policy makers and community stakeholders

Are Ontario municipalities winning or losing with the new Feed-in Tariff rules?

Webinar, April 26, 2012 - The role of municipalities in local renewable energy projects

Have municipalities been stripped of the right to have a voice in what happens in their backyards? How much say do municipalities have when it comes to local renewable energy projects? Is the system broken? If yes, how do we fix it?

The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) will convene a webinar with an expert panel focused on the status of municipal powers related to renewable energy project approvals and developments.

The webinar will focus on:

- Are the current responsibilities and powers of municipalities related to the Renewable Energy Approvals process inadequate?
- What responsibilities do developers have under the Renewable Energy Approvals process?
- Do existing policies, programs, funding structures, responsibilities and powers need to be refined, added or removed?
- What are the keys for your commercial and community projects gaining municipal support?
- Who are the good guys - what are progressive municipalities doing in Ontario and abroad?
- Where can municipalities get help?
- Is the recent FIT Review good news for the role and power of municipalities?

When:

Thursday, April 26, 2012 - 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

For media and municipal representatives registration information, contact:

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Cost:

Free for Media, municipal representatives and OSEA members.
Non-members: \$65 + HST and fees

Where:

Online webinar. Access details provided upon registration with your confirmation e-mail.

Who:

Peter Black, Director, Brant Renewable Energy
Terry Collins, Board Chair, Brant Renewable Energy
Steven Hall, Director of Real Property Asset Management, Region of Peel
Gordon Potts, Director of Business Development, Northland Power
Mark Wales, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Kristopher Stevens, Executive Director, Ontario Sustainable Energy Association
[Invited] Marcia Wallace, Manager, Ministry of Environment
[Invited] Theresa A. McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association

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