# BRINGING SOLAR POWER TO SASKATCHEWAN

October 2016

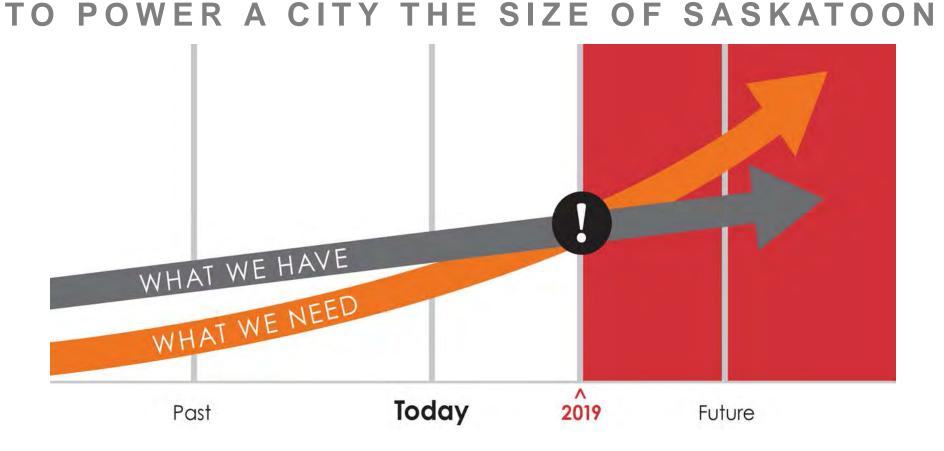




### **KEY CHALLENGE - PART 1:**

INCREASING DEMAND FOR POWER IN SASKATCHEWAN

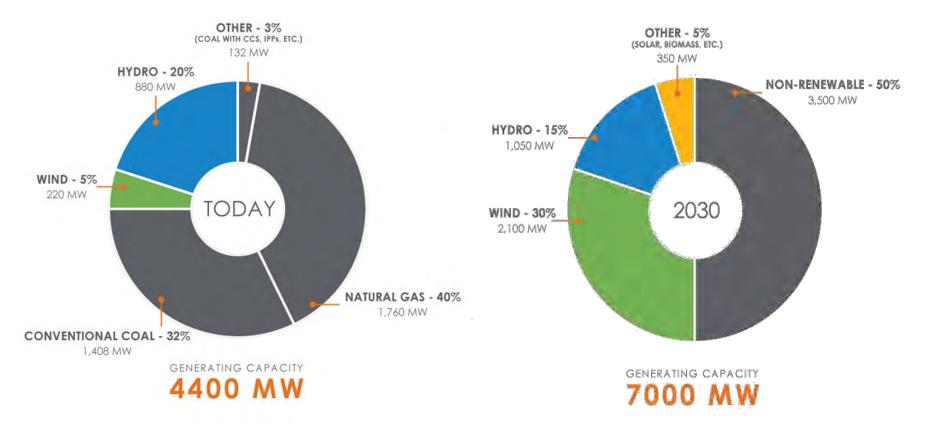
BY 2019, WE'LL NEED TO SUPPLY ENOUGH ADDITIONAL ELECTRICITY



## **KEY CHALLENGE - PART 2:**

EMISSIONS REGULATIONS ELIMINATE ONE OF OUR PRIMARY POWER SOURCES:

#### CONVENTIONAL COAL WITHOUT CCS



# MEETING THE CHALLENGES

Our goal: 0/0/0

reduction in emissions from 2005 levels by 2030



# WE'RE CONSIDERING A RANGE OF OPTIONS:

- Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)
- Natural gas
- Hydro
- Imports (from Manitoba Hydro)
- Wind
- Solar
- Other



# 50% RENEWABLE POWER BY 2030



#### RENEWABLE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Wind
- Hydro
- Solar
- Geothermal
- Biomass

# **SOLAR STRATEGY**



#### 60 MEGAWATTS (MW) BY 2021

- SaskPower-led procurement (2 X 10 MW)
- Partnership with First Nations Power Authority (FNPA) (2 X 10 MW)
- Community-based projects (20 MW varying projects sizes)

# 60 MW UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR GENERATION BY 2021

#### SASKPOWER-20 MW

- Competitive RFQ/RFP
- 2 x 10 MW projects
- SaskPower will recommend sites in RFP; Independent Power Producer (IPP) may also suggest their own site
- SaskPower will pay up to a defined maximum to connect IPP to SaskPower grid

#### FNPA-20 MW

- FNPA defines approach
- 2 x 10 MW projects
- SaskPower will recommend sites however proponents may also suggest their own sites
- SaskPower will pay up to a defined maximum to connect to SaskPower grid

#### COMMUNITY-20 MW

- Approach to be determined
- Consultation with stakeholders to gather input and determine approach
- Project sizes TBD
- Proponents will propose sites
- Sharing of connection cost will be determined as the Community-based program(s) is developed



# FIRST 10 MW SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

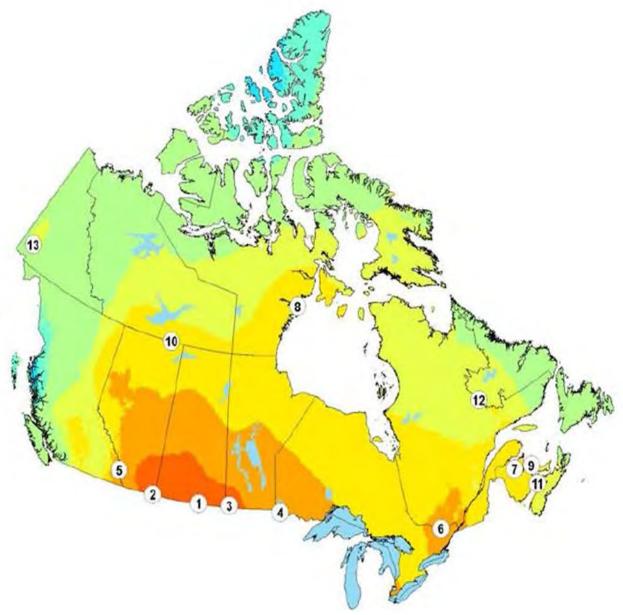


- Optimal solar intensity
- Available infrastructure and capacity
- Low environmental risk
- Low land value
- 200m from an occupied residence



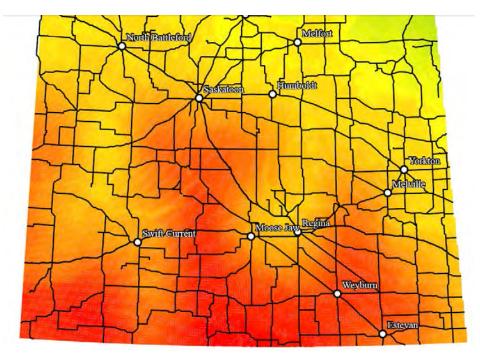
#### SOLAR POTENTIAL IN CANADA

- 1 Regway SK, 1384
- 2 Wild Horse AB, 1373
- 3 Waskada MB, 1370
- 4 Rainy River ON, 1265
- 5 Elkford BC, 1236
- 6 Quyon QC, 1208
- 7 Chatham NB, 1168
- 8 Chesterfield Inlet NU, 1158
- 9 Miminegash PE, 1136
- 10 Fort Smith NT, 1126
- 11 Amherst NS, 1125
- 12 Wabush NF, 1074
- 13 Burwash Landing YT, 1056

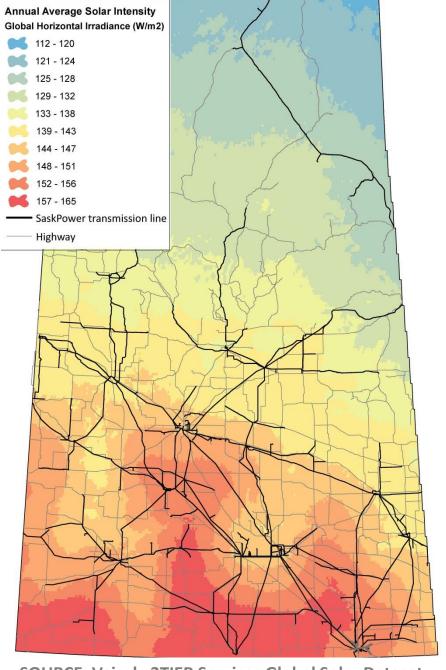


**SOURCE: NRCAN** 

# SOLAR POTENTIAL IN SASKATCHEWAN



**SOURCE: GIS CENTRE, MAY 2015** 



**SOURCE: Vaisala 3TIER Services Global Solar Dataset** 

# AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY



#### GETTING THE 10 MW TO THE GRID

- SaskPower is looking at potential project sites in the province based on solar intensity combined with available infrastructure that has capacity to connect 10 MW, at a reasonable cost.
- On a 10 MW solar generation project, the cost of connecting the project to the grid is material to project economics.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA**

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- Environmentally sensitive lands
- Conservation and/or significant native habitats
- Areas of significance for species of concern



### PROJECT BENEFITS AND IMPACTS

#### **BENEFITS:**

- Clean energy in Saskatchewan- no air emissions
- Advancing our knowledge of the technology for future
- Revenue for the RM
- Low maintenance/ operation cost
- Low environmental impact
- Low noise

#### IMPACTS:

- Intermittent powerresource not available all the time
- Change to landscape
- Higher-cost technology



## FIRST 10 MW – PROJECT SCHEDULE

#### **ACTIVITY**

#### DATE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPONENT SELECTED

CONSTRUCTION

ENERGIZATION TARGET

SEPTEMBER 2016

OCTOBER 2016

DECEMBER 2016

Q 3/4 2017

2017 - 2018

Q4 2018

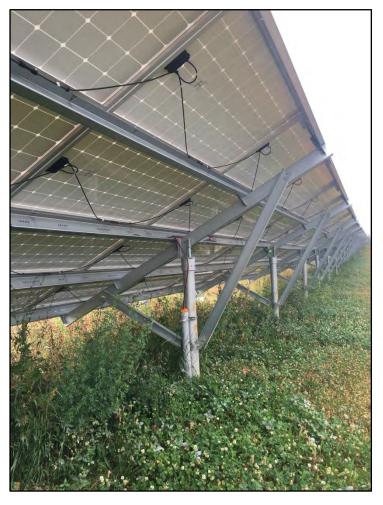




#### Brantgate - Brantford, ON



O&M Building



Panel Backs - plug and play connection







### FIRST 10 MW – PUBLIC EVENTS

#### MORSE / RUSH LAKE OPEN HOUSE

#### LOCATION

Community Hall Main Street, Morse, SK

#### DATE

Wednesday October 19, 2016

#### TIME

12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

#### ESTEVAN OPEN HOUSE

#### LOCATION

Energy Training Institute Bourquin Road, Estevan, SK

#### DATE

Thursday October 20, 2016

#### TIME

12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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