

COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2019-209
Report Date	August 14, 2019
Meeting Date	August 19, 2019
Service Area	Finance and Administrative Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Accelerating Implementation of Renewable Energy projects in Saint John

OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Common Council receive and file this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to have Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST) provide Council a presentation on the Accelerating Implementation of Renewable Energy projects in Saint John. The presentation will help to inform the Council members about the City strategies, plans and outcomes to accelerate the development and implementation of renewable energy projects within the City as well as achieve the community GHG emissions target which was approved by Council in May 6, 2019.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

In May 6, 2019, Common Council (M&C 2019-107) approved the City of Saint John Climate Change Action Plan. The plan has identified Renewable Energy Projects as one of the measures to reduce community GHG emissions.

REPORT

The City of Saint John is one of the five municipalities participating in this two-year project led by Quest which to be completed in December 31, 2020. The project aims to help the City of Saint John advances emissions reduction goals by establishing a collaborative planning process for renewable energy development,

identifying renewable energy opportunities, creating tools and resources, increasing municipal capacity and knowledge and addressing implementation challenges. The project will include a community engagement component, through which the research team members will conduct surveys and focus group discussions within the community to gather information regarding sentiment around renewable energy projects.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The project is aligned with the City of Saint John Community GHG Action Plan to achieve 9% GHG emissions reduction by 2025.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

The cost of the Accelerating Implementation of Renewable Energy project will be fully covered by Quest and FCM.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Staffs from Finance and Administrative and Growth and Community Development Services as well as Saint John Energy will be involved in this project.

ATTACHMENTS

Power Point Presentation