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First CEPP Solar Project Up and Running



The first Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) funded project has come online in the Grimbsy area. Donna and Harold Feddema's solar project, named FedSol, has recently been commissioned and is feeding solar electricity to the grid.

Neighbours and nearby farmers have been contacting the Feddema's to learn about the project and how they might pursue similar projects on their farms. The FedSol project received \$50,000 in grants from the CEPP to develop a 250 kW solar installation on the rooftops of their two chicken barns. Donna credits the CEPP program with having made it possible to "make good decisions about the project without risking everything."

After years of research and project development, the Feddema's continue to explore innovative solar project opportunities for their greenhouse rooftops as well as educational opportunities at a nearby school. The Feddema's plan to host an open house to celebrate the commissioning of the FedSol project and give the larger community an opportunity to visit the project.

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CEPP Project Update

Since launching on May 10th, 2010, the Community Energy Partnerships Program has awarded 52 grants representing a over 48 MW of new, community-owned renewable energy projects. For a full list of grants awarded and select case studies, [visit the CEPP website](#).

Monthly Webinar Series - Register Now!



Waterpower Opportunities in Ontario Webinar -
Thursday, April 28th - 10am-11am

Interested in knowing how local communities can participate in waterpower projects? Together with the Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA), CEPP will host a webinar dedicated to understanding community-based waterpower projects and opportunities in Ontario. Colin Hoag of the OWA will offer an overview of the Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program as it relates to waterpower projects in Ontario. Mark Powell of the Water Power Group will present on the development of their current community energy waterpower projects. There will be an opportunity to ask questions to presenters at the end of the webinar.

To register, [fill out the registration form](#) (with your name and email address) and you will be sent the webinar login information to your email account.

Research: Community Engagement and Partnership Best Practices



The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association has recently released a summary document of an action research initiative that took place on March 28th, 2011 focused on Community Engagement and Partnership Best Practices. It is now available for [download](#).

You are invited to contribute: If you are involved in a renewable energy project in Ontario, you are invited to contribute to shaping the vision for Community Power in Ontario. Please take a moment to fill in a [short survey](#) that builds on the outcomes of this research initiative.

About Community Power

Did you Know?

- Community-owned projects have greater public acceptance among community members than other renewable energy developments.
- Community Power projects can generate regional jobs and economic development opportunities. The economic impact of a locally-owned wind farm can be 25–300% greater than one owned by an outside investor.

Education Grants Still Coming Soon

We thank you for your interest and will be opening the first round soon.