



News Release

Devon Wins National Municipal Environmental Award

Winnipeg, MB (June 1, 2016) – The Town of Devon, AB has received national recognition for its **Municipal Solar Program** from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). The Town was presented with the 2016 CAMA Environmental Award, in the Under 20,000 population category, during CAMA’s national conference in Winnipeg, MB. Ravenhill Group Inc. is the sponsor for the awards.

“CAMA is pleased to recognize the environmental excellence demonstrated by Devon with its solar program,” said Don MacLellan, president of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and General Manager – Community Safety Services for Moncton, NB. “The effort will reduce the town’s environmental footprint and the amount of public funds spent on electricity for municipal facilities.”

Devon commenced its solar program in 2015. It started with solar lights for its dog park, as well as the boat launch and parking area at its Voyageur Park, located along the North Saskatchewan River. The next step was to improve traffic safety for pedestrians, starting with every school zone. Here the Town installed four solar-powered pedestrian crosswalk lights. Devon is now developing a policy to look at other areas of the community that can use this technology.

Next was the installation of 393 solar panels on the roof of their Community Centre. This generates 100 kilowatts of power and will offset the emission of 1,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide. That is like adding 332 acres of carbon absorbing forest or eliminating the consumption of 630,000 litres of gasoline. Devon is also looking at solar powered trail lights with motion sensors for its trails.

The municipality is seriously looking at turning its entire municipal infrastructure into power generators as opposed to power consumers. The net-zero formula is based on a range of 5-15 years depending on the facility and the application. The next project to be considered is the Devon Public Works shop, which is currently in the planning stages. Town Council hopes the project will be underway later in 2016.

“A total of 41 submissions from all across the country were received for this year’s CAMA awards program,” said Marc Landry, Chair of CAMA’s Awards Committee, as well as the CAMA Representative for Alberta & Northwest Territories and Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Beaumont, AB. “The entire Committee was very impressed by the exciting projects that are being done by communities of all sizes. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who took the time to submit projects for consideration.”

CAMA’s Environment Award recognizes the commitment of a municipality to environmentally sustainable governance, to protecting the environment and to combating climate change. Awards are granted to programs, projects or services that have made a significant and positive impact on the environment. Since Canada has a unique mixture of small and large communities, awards are granted according to population – for municipalities under 20,000, for those between 20,001 and 100,000 and for those over 100,000.

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A Canada-wide network and the national voice of senior municipal administrators, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) strives to nurture and build municipal administrative excellence by providing its more than 500 members with knowledge sharing and learning opportunities, access to best practices, and valued input into policies and programs aimed at ensuring healthy and thriving communities across Canada.

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