

**Resolution 8-23: Consideration of Municipal Policies for Energy Developments**

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that when Federal and Provincial governments approve large scale renewable energy developments through quasi-judicial boards, that they consider local environmental conditions and the policies that the local municipality has in place on the development through their permitting process.***

**Response:**

In 2016, the *Renewable Energy Act* established the "30 in 30" target: at least 30 per cent of the electric energy produced in Alberta must be produced from renewable energy resources by 2030. Additionally, Alberta's deregulated electricity market and rich solar and wind resources have created a surge of investment in renewable energy projects. Protecting individual property rights, conserving Alberta's finite agricultural land base and encouraging the growth of renewable energy resources are all important. However, they also create conflicting priorities.

Agriculture and Irrigation recognizes this is an important issue. The Ministry continues to work with the utility sector, municipalities and landowners to identify issues and opportunities for resolution regarding renewable energy developments on agricultural land.