

MOTION

No. 18

Facilitating renewable energy for farmers

Steve Howard gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Michele Beaton, the following motion:

WHEREAS government has announced a goal for PEI to be Net Zero in energy by 2030;

AND WHEREAS Maritime Electric estimates that removing large farms from the residential rate class and placing them in the small industrial rate class could result in a 10-25% increase in the energy bills of those farms;

AND WHEREAS generating their own energy can ease the financial burden of energy on farms;

AND WHEREAS farmers have some of the largest opportunities in Canada for generating renewable energy;

AND WHEREAS efficiencyPEI's rebate programs currently only apply to solar photovoltaic (PV) equipment and offers a much smaller rebate to farms than to residences;

AND WHEREAS farms often have multiple meters that cannot be used together under the current net-metering rules;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to increase the size of incentives for farmers to install solar PV equipment on their farms;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to expand the scope of rebate programs to cover other forms of renewable energy generation and energy storage;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to introduce an enhanced net-metering program that would allow multiple meters to be used in a single net-metering agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to ensure that these incentives are designed with due regard to socio-economic equity.

Signed: Stephen Howard

Signed: Michele Beaton

26 February 2021