

# Municipal District of Pincher Creek

**Renewable Energy Conversion Systems Review** 



## Agenda

- 1. Review existing projects
- 2. Review transmission infrastructure
- 3. Review proposed projects
- 4. Review Alberta municipal bylaw examples
- 5. Review Provincial restrictions
- 6. Review local tax income from renewable energy
- 7. Recommended next steps



## **Existing Renewable Energy**







**Total Projects** 

**Capacity (MW)** 

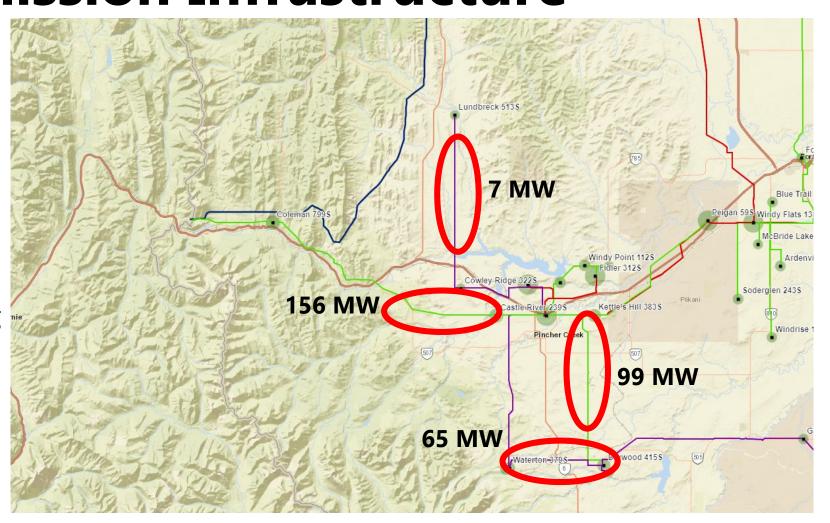
**Generators** 



#### **Local Transmission Infrastructure**

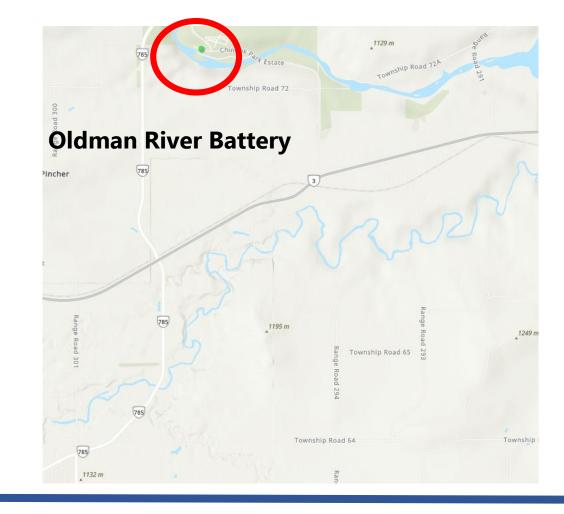
- 69 kV
  - 6 circuits
  - 7 65 MW hosting
- 138 kV
  - 7 circuits
  - 17 156 MW hosting
- 240 kV
  - 5 circuits
  - 350 MW hosting





## **Proposed Projects**

- 1 project in queue
  - Oldman River Battery
  - Stage 2 of AUC application
- 1 project canceled in 2024
  - Sunrise Solar





## **Bylaw Review**



Jurisdictions reviewed



Potential Updates Identified

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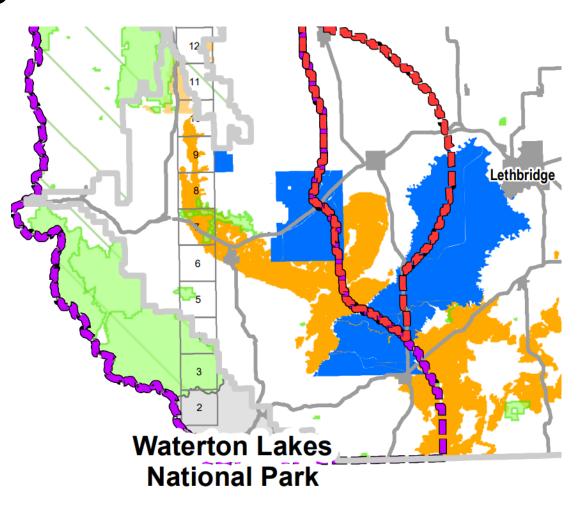
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- Preferred land designations based on MLUST report and existing transmission capacity
- Enhanced consultation requirements
- Enhanced erosion control, waste management, and decommissioning plans
- Enhanced security and emergency response plans
- Explicit decision-making process for density on farmland
- Add section on battery storage



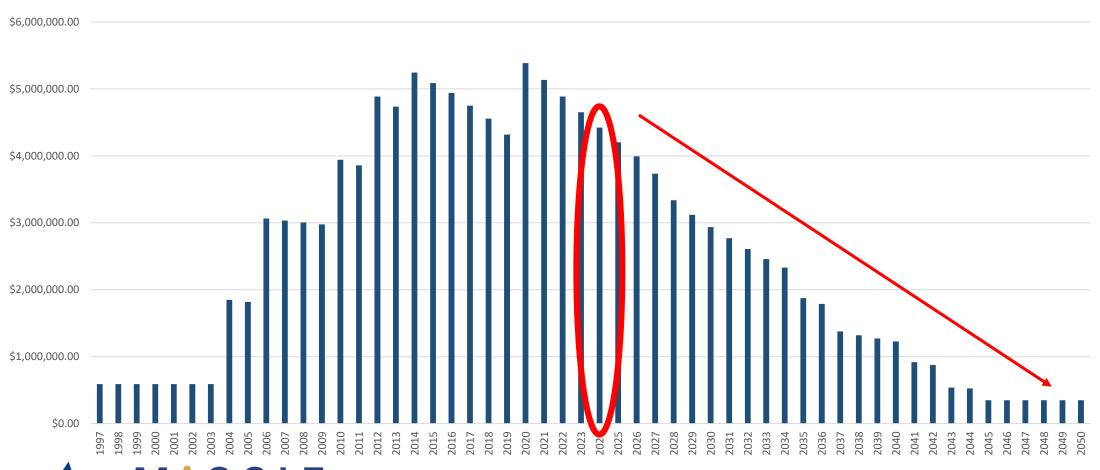
#### **Provincial Restrictions**

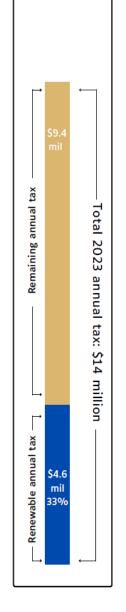
- No wind development in MD
- Some Class 2 agricultural limits
  - East along Hwy 22
  - Between Oldman Reservoir and Town PC
  - East of Town along Hwy 3 and Piikani Ntn





### **Tax Review**







#### **Consultation Results**

#### **87 Total responses**

- 38% don't support wind or solar development
- 75% concerned with existing turbines in the MD
- 60% want some level of redevelopment at existing sites
  - 55% support development on brownfield sites
  - 73% want engagement before site selection
- 65% want to use MLUST and public consultation in review process
  - 70% want to see energy from local generation on their bills
- Waste management and agricultural collaboration are highest priority
- Prioritize construction near existing transmission lines and redeveloping brownfields/existing sites



## **Recommended Next Steps**

- 1. Identify preferred updates to Land Use Bylaw
- 2. Engage with Provincial regulator regarding repowering sites
- 3. Submit letter requesting community choice exception
- 4. Engage with existing operators regarding repowering plans
- 5. Identify preferred locations for development within desired criteria

