

Survey Results from Rural Municipalities on Wind and Solar Energy

The [Miistakis Institute](#), in collaboration with the AAMDC, has released findings of a recent survey completed by rural municipalities on their policies, plans, and processes related to large scale wind and solar projects. The report, available [here](#), provides some key findings about rural municipalities and how they are handling growth in the renewable energy sector.

Some highlights from the survey include:

- 90% of respondents require a development permit for large solar and wind projects;
- 56% of respondents have developed wind by-laws, the most common focus is on setbacks on certain features, grade and drainage, access plans and siting requirements;
- 57% of respondents do not currently have solar by-laws in place, the ones that do most commonly focus on siting requirements, setbacks on certain features and systems information; and
- 61% of respondents are not aware of the Alberta Environment and Parks Wind and Solar Directives.

Click [here](#) to access the full survey report.

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