



SES Solar Co-operative Ltd.

The Saskatchewan Environmental Society has organized Saskatchewan's first solar power co-operative!

Southern Saskatchewan has an outstanding solar resource, with more hours of sunlight than anywhere else in Canada. It's time to start utilizing that renewable resource in our production of electricity. Solar power also works well in a cold climate. In that sense, it's perfect for Saskatoon and for Saskatchewan.

There's another particularly important reason to opt for solar power. Together with electricity produced by wind and biomass, solar power – when applied on a large scale - could play an important role in helping Saskatchewan to reduce its greenhouse gas pollution. The greenhouse gas emissions associated with the manufacture and operation of solar panels is much smaller than emissions from an equivalent amount of electricity generated from burning coal or natural gas. In the case of the SES solar co-op, we estimate that every 100 panels installed will prevent over 500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from going into the atmosphere over the lifetime of the installation.

The goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building a renewable energy future for Saskatchewan need to become a top priority in our communities. That's why it's not only important to launch Saskatchewan's first solar power co-operative, but to replicate it many times over in other communities across our province.

With the view to helping others effectively replicate the first co-op, the Saskatchewan Environmental Society solar co-operative has carefully developed a legal structure, a set of bylaws, and a business model that can then be followed – and modified as needed - by future renewable power co-operatives in other parts of Saskatchewan. Our goal is to ultimately see dozens of renewable power co-ops across our province.

To learn more about the SES Solar Co-op, check out [Frequently Asked Questions](#), download the [application form](#) or contact by email solarcoop@environmentalsociety.ca or by phone 306.665.1915.

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