

CITY OF BEAUMONT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BYLAW 1022-22 Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw

The Council of the City of Beaumont is holding a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1022-22 to approve the Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw. The Public Hearing is to be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Beaumont Administration Office, located at 5600 49 Street, Beaumont. It may also be viewed at www.youtube.com/c/BeaumontAbCaT4X.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) is a program that provides residential and commercial property owners access to low-cost financing to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their properties. The program's aim is to increase the installation of green upgrades to properties to reduce the use of energy, reduce impacts to the environment, improve the comfort and resiliency of buildings, and boost the local economy. Eligible upgrades include furnaces, windows, solar panels, insulation, water heaters, and more.

CEIP is administered province-wide by Alberta Municipalities, who acts as the coordinator for municipalities, property owners, and qualified contractors involved in the program. Property owners in participating municipalities can apply to Alberta Municipalities to use CEIP to complete their energy efficiency or renewable energy upgrades. If their CEIP application is approved, they can utilize low-cost financing through the municipality to repay the cost of these improvements over time, rather than pay the full capital cost up-front. The financed amount is repaid by the property owner through the owner's property taxes over a fixed period of time.

To participate in CEIP, Beaumont is required to pass a bylaw to establish the program, enable the collection of CEIP charges on property taxes, and to allow Beaumont to borrow money from a financial institution and/or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to fund the program. Requirements for the CEIP bylaw are laid out in the *Municipal Government Act* and the CEIP regulation. The Beaumont Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw, Bylaw 1022-22, passed first reading on July 26, 2022.

Any person who wishes to present to Council during the public hearing must pre-register with the City Clerk's Office, city.clerk@beaumont.ab.ca or 780-929-1352, before **12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 13, 2022**. Written submissions may be provided to the City Clerk's Office at 5600 49 Street, Beaumont AB T4X 1A1 or via email, clearly labelled "Re: Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw Public Hearing." Submissions received by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 7, 2022** will be included in the agenda package. Submissions received after this date will be read into the public record prior to any oral presentations.

The personal information in submissions is collected under the authority of the Alberta *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, S. 33(c) for the purpose of public participation in decision making. It will be publicly available in accordance with S. 40(1) of the *FOIP Act*. The bylaw will be available in the agenda package of the September 13, 2022 Council Meeting at <https://beaumontab.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Procedure at the Public Hearing:

1. Administration will present the purpose and effect of the proposed bylaw.
2. Council will hear:
 - any person or group of persons acting on their behalf who claim to be affected by the proposed bylaw and have registered to make a presentation;
 - any other person who has registered to make a presentation and whom Council agrees to hear.

For more information regarding this notice, please contact Lenore Turner, Environmental Lead at lenore.turner@beaumont.ab.ca.