

# Energizing the North

Join us! Seminar on **alternative and renewable energies**

Geothermal | Solar | Wind | Bioenergy



**Register now!**

[March 28, 2017 | Athabasca](#)

[March 30, 2017 | Peace River](#)

- Hear about **northern Alberta's potential** for alternative and renewable energies
- Listen to **success stories**
- Learn about **community energy cooperatives** and **potential business opportunities**
- Find out about **funding** programs

**[March 28](#)** Athabasca University, Room #106, Governing Council Chambers, 1 University Drive, Athabasca

**[March 30](#)** Belle Petroleum Centre, 9403 - 94 Street, Peace River

8:30 AM to 4:15 PM

**No fee!**  
**Lunch provided**

## Topic Specialists

**Geothermal** - Scott Andrews, Canadian Geothermal Energy Association

**Solar** - Julia-Maria Becker, Pembina Institute

**Wind** - Marc Stachiw, Alberta Wind Energy Corporation

**Bioenergy** - Morley Kjargaard, Environmental and Renewable Industries Unit, Industry Development Branch, Economic Development and Trade

**Community Energy Cooperatives** - Seth Leon, Alberta Community & Cooperative Association

## Community Projects

**Geothermal** - Chris King, County of Grande Prairie (March 28, Athabasca)

- Rob Mackin, Town of Hinton (March 30, Peace River)

**Solar** - Dave LeBlanc, Northern Sunrise County (March 30, Peace River)

**Bioenergy** - TBA

## Funding

**Municipal** - Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

**Farm** - AB Agriculture and Forestry, On Farm Energy Systems

**Other** - NADC, highlights of other programs

**More details →**

Participants will receive a

# Community Energy Cooperative Toolkit

Highlights of northern Alberta's potential | [Case-studies of community-owned projects](#)

[Cooperative ownership 'how-to's](#) | [Guide to Cooperative Incorporation](#)

## Seminar contents



**Experts in geothermal, solar, wind, and bioenergy technologies will answer these questions:**

- What are the current uses and the effectiveness of various alternative and renewable energies?
- What is the potential for this type of energy in Northern Alberta?
- What business opportunities could there be?
- What are the barriers and opportunities to actualization?



**Community representatives will share their experiences:**

- The process to consider and implement the technology
- The business case and the lessons learned



**The Alberta Community & Cooperative Association will highlight:**

- History of energy distribution cooperatives to rural areas
- The cooperative potential
  - Examples from across Canada and beyond
  - Pros and cons of cooperative ownership
  - Ways to access local capital
- Supports available to establish a cooperative



**Funders and NADC will highlight sources of funds to support projects.**



**A short discussion will help identify next steps and additional supports needed:**

- What opportunities do you see in your area for alternative or renewable energy usage?
- Are you interested in pursuing these possibilities? If yes, what motivates you? If not, why not?
- What opportunities or obstacles do you see in implementing alternative or renewable energy?
- Are there others you can collaborate with?
- What supports would be helpful to move forward?

## To register

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