

December 2, 2021

RE. THE CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BYLAW 53M2021

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to Council regarding the proposed Clean Energy Improvement Program. We would like to express our support for this bylaw, and encourage The City to implement a program as quickly as possible to enable Calgarians to participate as well as expand the program to other building types.

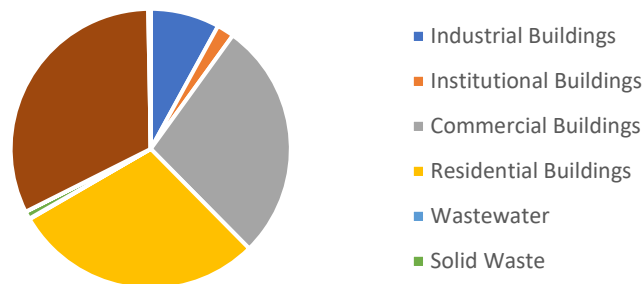
A recent poll¹ shows that 57 per cent of Calgarians want Calgary to chart a course for a more sustainable and resilient city by investing in the transition toward clean energy. CEIP removes financial barriers for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of residences and invest in individual clean energy solutions.

Additional benefits of CEIP include:

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions;
- Limited risk to homeowners, increasing equitable access to energy efficiency;
- Proof of concept to leverage more funding for low-carbon projects;
- Job creation and increased skills for the green technology industry, in accordance with the recommendations of the COVID-19 Economic Resilience Task Force

However, we are concerned that the proposed budget is not ambitious enough to meet Calgary's target of net-zero by 2050. In 2020, residential buildings accounted for 29 per cent of all emissions, while commercial, institutional and industrial buildings accounted for 38 per cent of all emissions.² In order to address emissions from other building types, CEIP must be rapidly expanded in both amount of funding and scope.

Community-Wide GHG Emissions 2020



We urge Council to adopt Bylaw 53M2021.

The Calgary Climate Hub

¹ https://www.calgaryclimatehub.ca/municipal_polling_2021

² <https://data.calgary.ca/Environment/Community-wide-Greenhouse-Gas-GHG-Inventory/m7gu-3xk5>