

Background

The Clean Energy Improvement Program (the “Program”) was approved by Council in December 2021. The Program is a financing initiative designed to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades more accessible to homeowners. The Program leverages Alberta’s version of an innovative financing solution known as Property Assessed Clean Energy (or PACE), which allows property owners to access flexible, long-term financing through their municipality. Repayment is facilitated through an added charge to the participant’s property tax bill.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has an offering for municipalities who are launching community efficiency financing programs. Municipalities can apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for up to \$10 million in a low-interest loan to be used to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and up to \$5 million in a non-repayable grant to support program operation costs.

To qualify to apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ program, municipalities must confirm at least 20 per cent contribution to program costs (either financing or operating costs). Allocating internal funds for financing clean energy improvement projects will allow The City to confirm it will meet the 20 per cent contribution requirement.

Previous Council Direction

Moved by Councillor Demong

Seconded by Councillor Mian

That with respect to Report C2021-1418, the following be adopted:

That Council give three readings to Proposed Bylaw 53M2021, the proposed Clean Energy Improvement Program Bylaw (Attachment 5).

Against: Councillor Chu

MOTION CARRIED

That Bylaw 53M2021 be introduced and read a first time.

Against: Councillor Chu

MOTION CARRIED

That Bylaw 53M2021 be read a second time.

Against: Councillor Chu

MOTION CARRIED

That authorization now be given to read Bylaw 53M2021 a third time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That Bylaw 53M2021 be read a third time.

ISC: UNRESTRICTED

Against: Councillor Chu

MOTION CARRIED

Previous Council Reports and Recommendations

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION
2021 September 13	PFC2021-1198	Clean Energy Improvement Program Bylaw Recommendations – That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Direct Administration to publicly advertise the proposed Bylaw 53M2021; and2. Direct Administration to bring the proposed Bylaw 53M2021 to Council for Public Hearing and three readings no later than 2021 Q4.
2021 December 06	C2021-1418	Clean Energy Improvement Bylaw Recommendations - That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Bylaw 53M2021; and2. Give three readings to Proposed Bylaw 53M2021, the proposed Clean Energy Improvement Program Bylaw.