



July 4, 2022

Mayor and Council
Strathcona County
2001 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7

Re: July 5 Council Agenda Item 10.1 – Bylaw 34-2022 Clean Energy Improvement Program

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Canadian Home Builders' Association-Edmonton Region (CHBA-ER) is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 400 member companies in the region including builders, renovators, land developers, trades, suppliers and more. The residential construction industry in the Edmonton Region is a network of local businesses that represents more than 36,000 jobs, \$2.7 billion in wages and \$5.3 billion in built investment. For more than 65 years, CHBA-ER has taken a principled, long-term approach to building sustainable places to call home.

CHBA-ER strongly supports the approval of Bylaw 34-2022 to introduce the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) to Strathcona County. CHBA-ER has worked closely with the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation to support implementation of the Program throughout the Edmonton Region. Creating resilient communities is a significant focus for the residential construction industry and we are leading the way in addressing climate change with greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in housing down by 11% since 1990.

With every dollar spent on energy retrofits of the existing housing stock yielding 4 to 7 times more energy savings than that spent on upgrading a new home it's clear that the greatest opportunity to improve energy efficiency lies in retrofits. We are pleased to see the County introducing the Clean Energy Improvement Program which will help accelerate and expand retrofit opportunities to more residents.

CHBA-ER members are passionate about reducing greenhouse gas emissions in housing with many who are already CEIP Qualified Contractors. We're eager to support residents of Strathcona County by executing more energy retrofits. CHBA-ER fully supports CEIP Bylaw to create accessible and affordable solutions to reducing GHG emissions in housing.

Sincerely,

Laura Bruno
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Home Builders' Association – Edmonton Region