

PACE CANADA NEWSLETTER

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No correlation found between renewable energy and higher power prices.

A recent Pembina Institute report, “Lessons learned from six jurisdictions leading in the wind and solar deployment,” shares some interesting findings on renewable energy. The one likely most interesting to Albertans is that increasing renewable penetration does not correlate to higher power prices. Read on...<https://www.pembina.org/pub/what-theyre-having>

Peruse the following pages for project updates on PACE’s proposed, permitted and energized solar farm & battery energy storage projects:

- Bassano • Caroline • Hanna Sheerness • Harvest Sky
- Mannix Mine • Old Bear • Peter Lougheed • Salt Flats
- Valhalla

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A circular inset image showing a lush green field with several sheep grazing. In the background, solar panels are visible, illustrating agrivoltaics. The text "Youngstown Solar Farm - Agrivoltaics in Action!" is overlaid at the bottom of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Youngstown Solar Farm - Agrivoltaics in Action!

PACE Project Updates



In Development

Bassano Solar Farm (Town of Bassano, Newell County)

15 MWAC & 3 MW Iron Flow BESS • AUC Proceeding TBA

The Participant Involvement Program wrapped up in the fall of 2024. A final newsletter was delivered to all stakeholders within 800 metres on November 27, 2024. PACE anticipates submitting the application to the AUC for Power Plant Approval by in February 2025.



Submitted for Permitting

Caroline Solar Farm (Village of Caroline, Clearwater County)

14.6 MWAC • AUC Proceeding number 28295

An AUC virtual oral hearing was held the week of November 12, 2024 and is now reviewing the evidence submitted by all parties and expects a decision in March, 2025

Old Bear Solar Farm (Town of Killam, Flagstaff County)

21.6 MWAC • AUC Proceeding 28643

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A decision is expected from the AUC by February 20, 2025.

Salt Flats Solar Farm (City of Brooks, Newell County)

25.9 MWAC • AUC Proceeding 29272

The Project was submitted for Power Plant Approval on August 28, 2024.

The AUC is holding a virtual oral hearing for the Salt Flats project commencing on April 14, 2025.

Harvest Sky Solar Farm (Town of Hanna, Special Areas 2)

15 MWAC • AUC Proceeding 29274

The Project was submitted for Power Plant Approval by the AUC on August 30, 2024. The AUC is holding a virtual oral hearing for the Harvest Sky project commencing on March 3, 2025.



Submitted for Permitting Cont.

Mannix Mine Solar Farm (Paintearth County)

59 MWAC & 34 MW Iron Flow BESS • AUC Proceeding number 29711

The project was submitted for a Power Plant Approval by the AUC on December 12, 2024.



Permitted

Peter Lougheed Solar Farm (Lougheed, Flagstaff County)

14.8 MWAC • AUC Proceeding number 29082

AUC Power Plant Approval received on November 15, 2024.

Anticipated construction start date - Q2 2026.

Valhalla Solar Farm (Viking, Beaver County)

9 MWAC • AUC Proceeding number 28641

AUC Power Plant Approval received on August 16, 2024.

Anticipated construction start date - Q2 2026.



Under Construction

Hanna Sheerness Solar Farm (Special Areas 2)

13 MWAC • AUC Proceeding number 27178

Hanna Sheerness is currently under construction. Roads have been installed and the project area has been fenced off. Installation of the piles is expected to begin in Q2 2025.



Operational

Youngstown Solar Farm (Special Areas 3)

6 MWAC.

Youngstown Solar Farm

