



**Introduction to Capstone Infrastructure & Lone Pine Wind Farm** 

Presentation to Kneehill County

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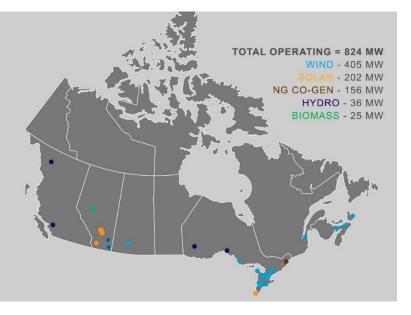


## Capstone at a Glance

#### Generating our low-carbon future.

Clean and renewable energy is our business, and our people are our greatest asset.

We're here to drive the energy transition forward through creative thinking, strong partnerships, and a commitment to doing things right.



#### PROFILE

North American developer and long-term owner-operator of renewable and thermal power projects, including wind, solar, run-of-river hydro, biomass, & natural gas cogeneration.

#### KEY STATS

824 MW

Gross installed capacity across Canada Current development project pipeline in Canada & US

2 GW

**31 Facilities** 

Proven track record of Operational and HSE Excellence

#### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

- Successfully decommissioned our first facility in summer 2023: the Fitzpatrick Wind Farm, previously operating in Nova Scotia
- Surpassed 30 operating facilities with the completion of two solar projects in Alberta in early 2023
- Opened our second corporate office with a new location added in Calgary in December 2022



## Growth and Investment in Alberta

#### **Owner-operator in Alberta since 2007**

Capstone's first investment in Alberta was the Whitecourt Power biomass plant in 2007.

Capstone has been active in the development of wind and solar in Alberta since 2018.

With a growing fleet in Alberta, we opened an office in Calgary in 2023, and now employ 50+ full time staff.



Representatives from Starland County, Capstone, Keyera, Borea Construction celebrate first panels being installed at Michichi Solar // Oct 2022

#### **GROWTH & INVESTMENT IN ALBERTA**

\$850m	700+	435 MW
committed in capital investment since 2018	skilled jobs created for project construction in 2021-2023	New solar and wind projects advanced since 2018

#### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

- Executed multiple corporate PPAs for projects located in Alberta in the last 5 years with numerous organizations including: TC Energy, Keyera, Gibson Energy, Pembina Pipeline
- Executed Canada's largest municipal PPA with the City of Edmonton for our 192 MW Wild Rose 2 Wind Farm
- Currently 2 wind projects in construction in Alberta (250+ MW)
- ▶ 50 MW of solar projects COD in 2023
- 132 MW Claresholm solar farm achieved COD in April 2021



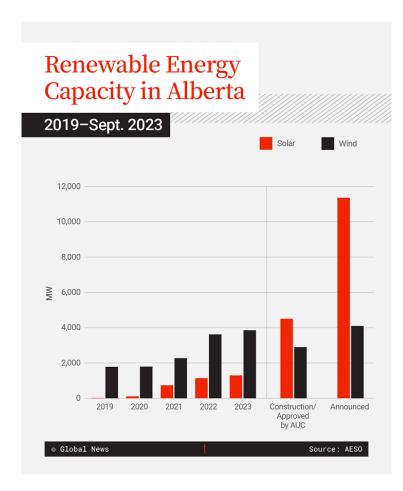
### Key Takeaways

- 1. What makes Alberta a great place to develop renewable energy projects?
- 2. Why is Capstone proposing the Lone Pine Wind Farm in Kneehill County?
- 3. How is the development and approval of these projects regulated?
- 4. What are the main benefits to the community?



### Renewable Energy Development in Alberta

- Alberta's electricity market has been deregulated since 2001
- The province operates a wholesale power market for all electricity bought and sold in Alberta.
- More than \$5 billion of investment have been injected into the market since 2019 (Global News, Nov. 2023).
- Alberta has among the best solar and wind resources in Canada making the province attractive for investment of low-cost renewable energy.
- Corporate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) commitments are driving further investment in renewables projects in Alberta





### Why are we proposing Kneehill County?

- Wind resource decoupled from southern Alberta wind patterns
- Proximity to the **transmission** grid with ability to deliver to power to load centers
- Low environmental risk, aligning with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Wildlife Directive for wind energy
- **Strong support** from host landowners close to 40 different participants joined since 2016
- Positive working relationship between Capstone and the Kneehill County through development and construction of Kneehill Solar



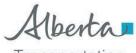


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# **Regulatory & Consultation Process**

- Renewable energy projects in Alberta are subject to approvals at three levels of jurisdiction: federal, provincial and municipal
- The key provincial regulator for electricity projects in the Alberta Utilities Commission
- Alberta Environment & Protected Areas sets out guidelines for renewables siting and reclamation
  - Wildlife Directive for Alberta Wind Energy Projects
  - Conservation and Reclamation Directive for Renewable Energy Operations
- Alberta Electric System Operator manages access to the grid for new connection projects
- Local municipality responsible for issuing development permits and entering into road use and other agreements







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# Capstone in the Community

- Capstone is a long-term owner operator, and operating and maintaining high caliber facilities, we attribute our success to our local engagement in the communities where we operate.
- Employment Opportunities: Create jobs for local residents, both during construction and on-going maintenance and operations.
- Investment in Local Infrastructure: Property taxes contribute to improvements of public roads, schools, or community centers.
- Community Support: Direct contribution to initiatives through donations and serving as a local presence, and welcoming schools to our facilities to learn about sustainability and renewable energy.





### Lone Pine Wind Farm by the Numbers



\*based on current mill rate



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#### Resources

For more information related to renewable energy and other topics, please visit:

- Canadian Renewable Energy Association: <u>https://renewablesassociation.ca/blog/</u>
- Business Renewables Centre: <u>https://businessrenewables.ca/resources</u>
- Pembina Institute: <u>https://www.pembina.org/blogs</u>
- Alberta Utilities Commission: <u>https://media.www.auc.ab.ca/prd-wp-uploads/regulatory\_documents/Reference/PublicInvolvementBrochure.pdf</u>
- Farmer's Advocate Office: <u>https://www.alberta.ca/surface-rights-and-renewable-energy</u>
- Alberta Electric System Operator: <u>https://www.aeso.ca/grid/connecting-to-the-grid/</u>

