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Community Initiatives Program – Projects Based Stream
Email: communitygrants@gov.ab.ca

SAEWA Project Title:

- **Regional Waste Authority Memorandum of Understanding and Provincial Carbon Reduction Certification**
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RE: The Community Grant Initiative – Project Based Funding Steam Intake September 15, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam.

Kneehill County is providing this letter to support the Southern AB Energy from Waste Association's (SAEWA) CIP application.

SAEWA's mission is to develop an Energy from Waste (EFW) Facility in Southern Alberta as an alternative to landfilling, resulting in over 7,000,000 tonnes of GHG's carbon reduction. An Energy-from-Waste (EFW) facility will significantly help the Province of Alberta reach its goals set towards 30% reduction of carbon by 2030.

SAEWA, in early 2024, upon the direction of the Board, was required to go back to the public seeking interest in investment of an Energy from Waste Facility (EFW). The call for expressions of interest far exceeded expectations, and as a result, the Board has now closed the submission process effective July 1, 2024, to move forward with a fair screening and short-listing process with the intent of selecting a preferred proponent for the development of an EFW Facility at the Newell Regional Landfill site.

The Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association, as part of completing the Technology Vendor preferred partner selection and memorandum of understanding, has the responsibility of reducing investor risk by securing the stakeholder waste stream; therefore, SAEWA is required to confirm the member waste stream assets through a memorandum of understanding in order to move forward with a facility investor. This is a two-step process that, upon recommendation of the Province of Alberta Government, initially involves SAEWA going through a carbon certification process to be recognized as a carbon sequestration initiative in the Province of Alberta.

As a long-standing member, we support this project and its application.

Sincerely,

Kenneth King
Reeve, Kneehill County