

16 May 2011

Re: Hall's Pond Solar Co-operative Corporation  
Michael Marcolongo  
19 Mitchell St.  
Guelph ON  
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Dear Michael:

As the President of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce, I would like to take this opportunity to express my strong support for the proposed eight to ten megawatt solar installation to be located on the property of the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers (IAMAT) in Guelph in partnership with Options for Green Energy.

This initiative is an important step towards the fulfillment of the aims of the City of Guelph's Community Energy Plan and in supporting Guelph's solar business cluster. As stated in the Community Energy Plan, the city aims to make Guelph ...*"the place to invest, supported by its commitment to a sustainable energy future."*

The Chamber of Commerce endorses this goal and sees the Hall's Pond Solar Cooperative development as a potential centrepiece of this plan. We are willing to assist the co-op in achieving its goal, including offering any support from Innovation Guelph, a regional innovation centre that is part of the Ontario Network of Excellence. Innovation Guelph operates under the Guelph Chamber of Commerce who is the sponsoring not for profit funded by the Ministry of Research and Innovation. Innovation Guelph has formed a solar cluster as a part of our Cleantech group, and has staff and program support at your disposal.

Our organization sees this initiative as benefiting our community on many levels, including economically, environmentally and socially. I am pleased to lend my wholehearted support to your proposed development. As the largest solar community power initiative in Ontario, I would also urge that the FIT application be treated expeditiously by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

Sincerely,  
Guelph Chamber of Commerce



Lloyd Longfield  
President & CAO