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# IYUHÁNA SOLAR PROJECT NEWSLETTER

You are receiving this package as a valued community member. This Iyuhána Solar Project newsletter is the third quarterly update for public distribution. We look forward to continuing to build strong and lasting relationships with the community and we welcome your conversations, comments, and questions at any time. For more information about how to reach us, please reference the last page under "Contact Us."



## About Iyuhána Solar

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Iyuhána Solar, a partnership with GSI Management Inc. (GSI) and Ocean Man First Nation (OMFN), has been awarded an exclusive Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with SaskPower, to construct and operate the Project for 25 years.

lyuhána Solar will develop, construct, own, and operate the 100-megawatt solar facility in southeast Saskatchewan, supplying emissions-free power onto the SaskPower grid. The Project will generate enough electricity to power approximately 25,000 homes and will be one of Canada's largest contracted solar projects.

Ocean Man First Nation will have a 10% ownership stake in the Project and will benefit from specialized training and job opportunities. Iyuhána Solar is also partnering with local academic institutions to provide scholarships, internships, and research opportunities in clean energy.

The Project will look to utilize approximately 200,000 Bi-Facial solar PV modules, 27 inverters, and 1 High Voltage transformer all enclosed in 12 kilometers of perimeter fencing across approximately 550 acres. Please see below for the Project Preliminary Site Plan.

The lyuhána Project is currently in the mid-late stage permitting phase and is targeting to obtain a fully permitted status by

IYUHÁNA SOLAR PROJECT DETAILS					
Project Size	100.00 MW AC / 129.65 MW DC				
Project Location	RM of Estevan, Saskatchewan				
Project Site Coordinates	49° 3'39.45"N, 103° 6'29.83"W (Center of Site)				
Technology	Single Axis Tracker panels with Bi-Facial solar PV modules				
Energy Output	213 GWh annually				
Status	Mid-Late Stage Development				
Expected Construction Start	Q3 2025				
Expected Contruction Term	12 - 18 months, requiring up to 150 employees				
Expected Commercial Operation Date	December 2026				

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#### Studies, Permits, and Approvals

The Project continues to work on securing the necessary permits and approvals from federal, provincial and municipal agencies.

#### Environmental Impact Statement, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (MOE):

In November 2024, the MOE confirmed acceptance of the Terms of Reference (TOR) document put forward for the Project. The TOR followed the Guidelines for the Terms of Reference and Environmental Impact Statement (Government of Saskatchewan 2021 guideline document can be accessed here: bit.ly/3Cieaby) and recommendations from the MOE from previous engagement discussions. The posted TOR document can be found on the Environmental Assessment website (bit.ly/3DpMZwj) for public review.

On December 30, 2024, Iyuhána Solar and our third-party environmental consultants completed the submission of a Project specific Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the MOE, following the requirements of the Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment Act. This important submission addresses the potential impacts to valued biophysical and socio-economic components identified in the accepted TOR document. The EIS includes the results and a summary of:

- The stakeholder engagement process, efforts, and feedback received to date
- The process and results of the Project's first Community Open House
- Any potential effects of the Project identified and proposed mitigation measures to address these effects

The EIS concluded that there were no significant adverse residual effects from the Project on the valued components identified. Iyuhána Solar is committed to implementing monitoring programs and follow up studies and adaptive management strategies to address unforeseen environmental effects of the Project.

Iyuhána Solar is committed to continuing to work with the MOE to ensure the Project development, design, and implementation will be in the best interest of wildlife and wildlife habitat.

#### Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit, Ministry of Environment Lands Branch:

The first and second installment of the Iyuhána Solar Newsletters (Accessed here: Newsletter 1 bit.ly/3ArVKEV, Newsletter 2 bit.ly/43gjqbe), discussed the various on-site field surveys and initial baseline environmental assessment that were completed for the Project area.

A total of twenty wetlands were assessed in the Project area, the majority of which were classified as Class II (i.e., temporary) wetlands, which typically do not hold water longer than a few weeks each year and are cultivated and seeded each year.

The Project was sited to avoid all seasonal and semi-permanent wetlands; however, thirteen temporary wetlands are expected to be disturbed during Project construction activities, requiring an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (AHPP) prior to conducting these activities.

An AHPP application was submitted to the MOE Lands Branch on December 23, 2024, for approval to disturb temporary wetlands within the Project area. The MOE confirmed acceptance of the AHPP application and provided a permit on January 16, 2025.



#### Development Permit, Rural Municipality of Estevan No. 5 (RM of Estevan):

With valuable guidance from the RM of Estevan, lyuhána Solar is in progress to complete submission of a Project specific Development Permit Application Proposal (the Proposal).

The Proposal follows the established standards, regulations, and requirements stipulated in the RM of Estevan Zoning Bylaw No. 5-2014 for the development of renewable energy projects, including:

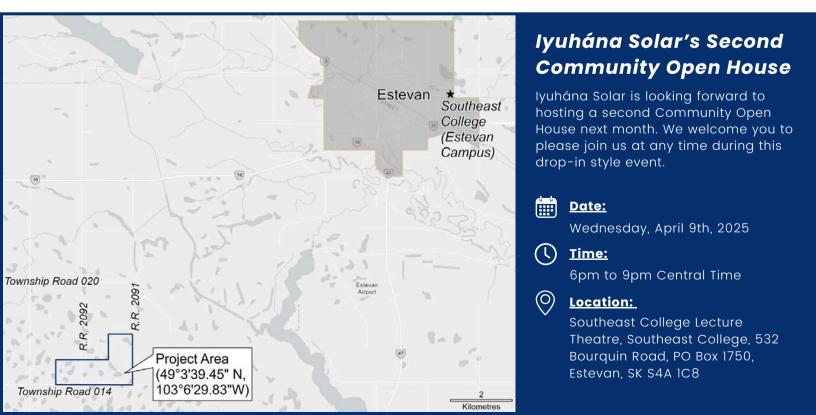
- Site Suitability Assessment for the Project
- Weed Management Plan, completed in engagement with the RM of Estevan
- Emergency Response and Fire Suppressant Plan, completed in engagement with the City of Estevan Fire Chief and the RM of Estevan
- Project specific design and equipment details
- Planned Project construction processes and related information
- Planned safety and security measures throughout the construction phase and operational lifetime of the Project
- Road Maintenance details and planned access routes, under continued discussions with the RM of Estevan
- Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan
- Necessary provincial and federal approvals and permits obtained
- All completed Project related studies and assessments

lyuhána Solar remains committed to continued collaboration with the RM of Estevan council and staff to ensure the Project development, design, and future construction related activities are in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the municipality and best interest of the community.

Additionally, Iyuhána Solar looks forward to hosting a second Community Open House on April 9th, 2025, in the RM of Estevan and welcomes All to engage with the Project team regarding Project specific criteria, in-person. Information related to the Community Open House can be found further below in this Newsletter, and will additionally be made available on the Iyuhána Project website ( iyuhanasolar.com ).

#### **Community Engagement**

Community connection and strong stakeholder relationships are at the forefront of the lyuhána Project Team's values and core beliefs. There will be a variety of events scheduled in the community this year, where you can learn more about the Project.



#### Project Milestones and Anticipated Timeline

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$\sum$	Engagement with Ministry of Environment – Ongoing
	Environmental field studies conducted - Complete
	Preliminary Solar Glare Hazard Analysis - Complete
	Preliminary Noise Impact Assessment - Complete
	The Heritage Property Act - Heritage Sensitivity Screening - Complete
	Terms of Reference Acceptance Confirmation from Ministry of Environment – Complete
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit Acceptance - Complete
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	EIS Submission to Ministry of Environment – Complete
	Ministry of Environment EIS Review & Expected Decision – Q1/Q2 2025 - <u>WE ARE HERE</u>
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Development Permit Application submission to RM of Estevan – In Progress
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	RM of Estevan Review & Expected Decision – Q2 2025
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Project Quarterly Newsletter #1 & #2 Distributed – Complete
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Community Open House 1 Open for Stakeholder Engagement – Complete
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Community Open House 2 Open for Stakeholder Engagement – April 9, 2025
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Job Fair 1, hosted in the RM of Estevan – Q2 2025
$\sum$	Engineering & Equipment Procurement – Q1/Q2 2025
$\sum$	Job Fair 2, hosted in the RM of Estevan – Q2/Q3 2025
$\sum$	Building Permit Target Submission to RM of Estevan – Q2 2025
$\sum$	Target Construction Start – Q3 2025
$\sum$	Target Commercial Operation Date – December 2026
$\sum$	Expected Decommissioning Start – December 2051

### **Job Fairs**

The Iyuhána Solar Project will produce up to 150 direct employment opportunities throughout the development and construction phases of the Project. Additionally, during operations, it is anticipated that two to three full time jobs will be required for Operation and Maintenance of the Project.

In collaboration with the selected Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor, Iyuhána Solar is committed to hosting a minimum of two job fairs in the Estevan region, prior to construction commencement. These job fairs will provide an opportunity for community members to speak with our EPC Team about the various roles, contracting, and employment opportunities throughout the construction phase of this Project.

Information related to employment opportunities and upcoming job fair details will be made available on the lyuhána Project website and upcoming newsletters.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please submit your contact information via the Project Construction Contact Form (accessed here: bit.ly/3YLC9Yr) or please contact us at <u>iyuhana.solar@greenwoodinfra.com</u>. Iyuhána Solar will share the collected contact information with the Project's selected EPC Team.



## Project Partnerships – Inspire & Support

lyuhána Solar believes that our future generations deserve to be involved, nurtured, guided, and given the opportunity to make a mark on the world. As such, lyuhána Solar has partnered with the Southeast College to provide support through investments in research and innovation, and fostering educational opportunities for students in Saskatchewan.

Located in Estevan, the Southeast College Center of Sustainable Innovation focuses on providing hands-on learning experiences that equip students to drive sustainable solutions and technological advancements.

In collaboration with Southeast College, Iyuhána Solar has established an annual scholarship dedicated to Southeast College students for the 25-year lifetime of the Project, including:

- \$5,000 in Annual Scholarships Supporting Southeast College students enrolled in the Computer Science Training Through Projects program
- \$5,000 in Annual Indigenous Scholarships Empowering Indigenous Southeast College students

On February 11, 2025, a ceremony was held at Southeast College to provide awards to deserving students, including two Indigenous student awards through Iyuhána Solar. Lydia Bruyere Hanson & Malora Liska, students enrolled in Southeast College's Mental Health and Addictions Counselling Diploma program at the Estevan Campus, each received the Iyuhána Indigenous Bursary.

Through the lyuhána Solar Project, youth in the region and aspiring industry professionals will be provided enhanced and expanded pathways to learning while reducing funding barriers.

#### **Contact Us**

lyuhána Solar is committed to providing quarterly newsletter updates during development and construction. The newsletter will cover Project progress, key milestones, employment opportunities, opportunities for sharing concerns, and information regarding the second Community Open House, job fairs, community sessions and workshops. These newsletters will be posted on the <u>lyuhána Solar</u> <u>Project website</u> (iyuhanasolar.com) and can be mailed out to stakeholders upon request.

Additionally, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document has been prepared and can be found on the Project website <u>here</u> (bit.ly/48Jk7dS). The FAQ will continue to be updated as we progress through Project development, construction, and operations. The FAQ document can be mailed out to stakeholders upon request.

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## Next Steps – Community Engagement

Iyuhána Solar will continue striving to provide access to Project-related information, a chance to speak with the Project Team in-person, and provide valued stakeholders the opportunity to influence the Project by providing input and feedback.

Continued engagement is important to the lyuhána Project Team. If you would like to receive Project updates via email, please submit your contact information via the lyuhána Solar Distribution List (accessed here: bit.ly/3AGNReJ). If you prefer paper mail, please fill out this form and mail it to:

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