

Turning Sun Solar - Development Phase

Permitting

The Turning Sun Solar Project achieved a fully permitted status in December 2025, having obtained all required provincial, federal, and municipal approvals. This represents an important milestone, enabling the Project to transition into the construction phase and begin mobilizing equipment and crews to bring the Project to life.

Municipal

Development Permit

With the valuable guidance and collaboration of the Rural Municipality of Estevan No.5 (RM of Estevan), the Turning Sun Solar Project has successfully received formal approval for its Discretionary Use and Development Permit (the Permit).

The Permit follows the established regulations and requirements stipulated under Zoning Bylaw No. 5-2014 and included comprehensive Project specific details related to:

- Design and Equipment
- Planned construction processes and associated timeline
- Planned Access Routes and Road Improvements
- Weed Management Plan
- Emergency Response Plan
- Decommissioning and Reclamation
- All obtained and completed approvals, permits, plans, and assessments

Following a detailed evaluation and public meeting, the RM of Estevan provided formal approval of the Discretionary Use for the Turning Sun Solar Facility on December 10, 2025, issuing the accompanying permits.

Turning Sun Solar remains committed to continued collaboration with the RM of Estevan Council and staff to ensure the Project's design and construction activities align with municipal regulations, meet local expectations, and reflect the best interests of the community.

Provincial

Environmental Impact Statement

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Turning Sun Solar Project outlined key elements related to the potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of the Project, along with proposed mitigation strategies to address identified effects.

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. Turning Sun Solar is committed to implementing monitoring programs and follow up studies and adaptive management strategies to address unforeseen environmental effects of the Project.

On June 26, 2025, the Minister of Environment (MOE) issued formal approval for the Project to proceed with development following MOE, Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment Review Panel (SEARP), and a 30-day public review period.

Please refer to the following links for:

- EIS Report: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/126152>
- MOE Decision: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/126497>

Federal

NAVCanada

The Project received approval from NAV Canada as part of the Land Use Application process, confirming that the proposed development complies with applicable aviation safety and airspace requirements.

Transport Canada

As part of the Aeronautical Assessment Form review, Transport Canada determined that the Project satisfies all applicable aviation safety and regulatory requirements and issued its approval accordingly.

Reports

Turning Sun Solar has obtained a variety of permits and approvals from federal, provincial, and municipal agencies. Turning Sun Solar has engaged independent experienced consultants to conduct the necessary environmental and technical assessments. Please see below for completed and downloadable reports:

- Noise Impact Assessment: [Download PDF here.](#)
- Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Report: [Download PDF here.](#)
- Weed Management Plan: [Download PDF here.](#)

Engagement and Consultation

Community connection and strong stakeholder relationships are at the forefront of the Turning Sun Project Team's values and core beliefs. We aspire to build strong and lasting relationships with all local stakeholders involved in this Project.

Quarterly Newsletter Updates

Turning Sun Solar is committed to providing quarterly newsletter updates during the construction phase to highlight Project progress, key milestones, employment opportunities and details on upcoming community sessions and workshops.

Please see below for downloadable Newsletters. These newsletters will continue to be posted on the Turning Sun Solar Project website and can be emailed and paper mailed out to stakeholders upon request.

- Newsletter 1 – August 2024: [Download PDF here.](#)
- Newsletter 2 – November 2024: [Download PDF here.](#)
- Newsletter 3 – March 2025: [Download PDF Here.](#)
- Newsletter 4 – August 2025: [Download PDF Here.](#)
- Newsletter 5 – January 2026: [Download PDF Here.](#)

If you would like to receive Project updates via email or paper mail, please submit your contact information via this [form](#).

Turning Sun Solar is committed to protecting your privacy. The contact information collected will not be publicly shared.

Community Open House Process

The Turning Sun Project Team hosted two Community Open Houses on September 5th, 2024, and April 9th, 2025, at the Southeast College Estevan Campus. These drop-in style events provided public access to Project-related information and a platform to engage with the Project Team in-person

We extend our thanks and appreciation for your time spent engaging with our Project Team and for providing us an opportunity to discuss the details of the Turning Sun Solar Project with you. The feedback received to date has been invaluable.

Job Fairs

Turning Sun Solar is committed to hosting a minimum of two job fairs in the RM of Estevan to provide community members with the opportunity to connect directly with our Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) team and learn more about the roles and employment opportunities that will arise throughout the Project's construction phase.

In partnership with Barton Malow, Turning Sun Solar was pleased to host two job fairs in Estevan on September 24, 2025, at the Royal Canadian Legion, and on March 11, 2026, at the Southeast College Estevan Campus. We extend our sincere appreciation for the time spent engaging with our Project Team as we work to ensure community members have meaningful access to employment opportunities and the ability to actively contribute to the success of the Project.