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## A Note from Utilia Amaral, Vice-Chair, CanSIA Board of Directors



Good morning!

It is beginning to look like 2015 will be the year that Government policy on Climate Change finally begins to drive solar forward in Canada. (Read about the three factors why this may happen in [Sunday's article in the Globe and Mail](#)).

The dialogue on climate change is changing. Ontario is currently undertaking major consultations on the province's Climate Change Action Plan and Strategy and will be hosting the Climate Summit of the Americas in July. Alberta is expected to release its new Climate Change Framework for consultation imminently. Both provinces and their new policies hold great potential for solar.

All of CanSIA's Board of Directors are working to ensure that CanSIA communicates the value of solar for Governments to meet their climate change and carbon emissions displacement policy objectives effectively.

Please read on for some other policy, regulatory and market updates from the CanSIA Executive Team:

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Kindest regards,

Utilia Amaral

## Could Ontario's Climate Change policy be as impactful as the Green Energy Act?

Throughout February and March, Ontario's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change are travelling around the province asking Ontarians for feedback on their [Climate Change Discussion Paper](#) which was released earlier this year. Informed by these consultations, the province will then be working toward releasing a Strategy and Action Plan before the UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris in December.

Carbon-pricing and sustainability in the built environment and the electricity sector are among the areas where policies are expected to be released. CanSIA is working to ensure that the potential of solar to assist the province meet its policy objectives in these areas are well-understood as these policies are formed. CanSIA will be working with its Ontario PV Caucus to review positions and supporting evidence in advance of the March 29th submission deadline.

In addition, CanSIA invites you to [join business leaders across Ontario to become a signatory to a letter to Premier Wynne expressing their support for Carbon-Pricing in Ontario.](#)

Visit [the Department's website](#) for further information on the consultation.

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## CBSA preliminarily determines estimated duties

The Canada Border and Services Agency (CBSA) has issued its preliminary estimate of margins of dumping, margins of subsidy and provisional duties by exporter with respect to PV modules and laminates produced in China and imported into Canada as part of its ongoing investigation into allegations of product dumping ([view the table here](#)).

Pursuant to Canada's Special Import Measures Act, duties will be eligible on the goods subject to the CBSA investigations starting from today, however, the final duty may change between now and the final determination to be issued on July 3rd.

For further information, visit [the CITT website](#) and read the [coverage in the media](#). CanSIA will continue to keep members advised of developments as they become publically available.

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## 1 GW = 1 Mt of Annual Emissions Displaced in Alberta

Alberta's Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Diana McQueen, directly requested that CanSIA present the potential of solar PV to displace emissions in Alberta's electricity sector. [CanSIA analysis found that 1 GW of solar would contribute 1 Mt per year toward the province's target of 50 Mt per year by 2020.](#) Watch this space for further developments.

*Flashback:* Did you miss the January briefing on the political scene in Alberta? View the [presentation delivered by IMPACT Consulting](#) to CanSIA's Alberta Working Group to catch-up.

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## Ontario's Final Large Renewable Procurement Materials Posted

Consistent with the revised LRP timelines, the IESO has posted the final LRP I RFP on their website. The documents include the final LRP I RFP document, the final LRP I Contract, an updated procurement schedule and new Prescribed Forms. A blackline of the changes (from draft to final) has also been posted. CanSIA will undergo a detailed review, in conjunction with our Working Groups and Advisors. The documents may [be viewed here](#).

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### Program Snapshot: Banff's Municipal Feed-In Tariff

After recent town council approval, Banff is now the first municipality in Canada to implement a feed-in tariff (or its "solar PV production incentive"). The incentive program will help eco-conscious individuals install solar panels on private homes and businesses in a more financially sustainable way.

It was approved unanimously on February 23, 2015 and will ensure that Banff residents and businesses get a fair rate of return for investing in clean energy production. By participating in the program, not only can a small residence cut its yearly energy bill in half - based on an average of \$1,160 for 2015 to 2022 - but earn an extra \$0.329 for every kWh produced.



### Program Snapshot: Yukon's Net-Metering and Feed-In Tariff Hybrid

The Energy Branch of the Yukon Government offers a Micro-Generation program that facilitates and incentivises grid-tied renewable energy systems for Yukoners and businesses. Electricity consumption displaced by the micro-generator saves the owner approximate \$0.13/kWh. For surplus generation, the program offers an incentive of \$0.21/kWh for export to the grid (metered with dual-register meter) or \$0.30/kWh in diesel generation communities.

The Territory also offers a capital rebate of 20% of the cost of renewable energy systems components for both on-grid and off-grid systems and a similar incentive for solar-heating systems.

[You can read more about it here.](#)

Visit [the Department's website](#) for further information.

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