



THE TOWN OF STRATFORD RESOLUTION

SC002-2021 – Switch (PACE) Program Bylaw – 2nd Reading

Motion Carried

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Motion Lost

Motion Withdrawn

Council Chambers

Town Hall

March 10, 2021

Committee

Sustainability Committee

Moved by Councillor

Darren MacDougall

Seconded by Councillor

Derek Smith

WHEREAS Council adopted a Community Energy Plan which includes targets to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS Stratford ran a pilot program (SPEAR – Stratford’s Program for Energy Audits and Renewables) to make it easier for residents and businesses to reduce energy use through efficiency improvements and increase renewable energy production, based on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) concept, whereby funds are advanced to property owners to cover the capital cost of improvements which are paid back from savings in electricity and fuel costs; and

WHEREAS Stratford has joined with the City of Charlottetown and the Town of Wolfville in Nova Scotia, and the PACE Atlantic Community Interest Corporation, to develop an application to FCM for loan and grant funding to offer a PACE program to the residents and businesses of these communities; and

WHEREAS the program in Stratford and Charlottetown will be branded as the Switch Program for promotional purposes; and

WHEREAS the Switch Program Bylaw was read and approved a 1st time at the January 13, 2021 Council meeting; and

WHEREAS the following changes were made to the bylaw after first reading:

- the definition of Council added as new clause 4.1 (f) as follows: “Council” means the Municipal Council for the Town;
- clause 5.4 (b) was amended to change the words “Must Strive” to “must strive” and “property owner” to “Owner of the Qualifying Property;”
- clause 6.6 (e) was amended by inserting the word “the” in front of the word “charge;”
- sub-section 7.3 was amended by removing the words “The Charge is collectable in the same manner as other Town levies and charges.”

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Switch Program Bylaw, Bylaw Number 52 as amended, be hereby read and approved a second time.

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee as discussed at a meeting held on November 4, 2020 and from the Committee of the Whole Council as discussed at a meeting held on December 21, 2020.