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1. Tax revenue for the MD of Greenview for many years to come. In the neighborhood of 100 million dollars. Many municipalities in southern Alberta are already collecting significant tax revenue from renewables. This number is increasing year over year.
2. Revenue for land owners from projects. A large portion of this would be spent locally.
3. Help keep energy rates from sky rocketing.
4. Sunlight, another energy source to harness and sell.
5. Utilize existing powerlines to input energy into the grid.
6. Many spinoff jobs. Building a project of this size will require contractors for many facets of construction.
7. Many dollars will be spent in our MD communities, Valleyview, Little Smoky and Fox Creek during the construction phase.
8. Permanent jobs to operate the facility will be an employment opportunity for locals or bring new people to the area who in turn will contribute to the local economy.

Consequences of not pursuing additional energy capacity. I believe it was Darcy Allen, energy and utilities policy specialist at the June 6, 2025, information session held at the Multiplex who stated, “we are going to need more electrical energy in the next few years or our rates are going to sky rocket.” I believe this to be true. Natural gas prices have been low for years, if gas prices increase, power will increase. LNG shipments from the coast have now begun, which many believe will lead to higher gas prices. Shipping gas to the coast requires massive electricity. If the MD of Greenview is successful in discouraging this project, they will go to another municipality which will receive the benefits of the project. Importantly the tax revenue this project will generate for the MD of Greenview will be an important factor, if revenue from existing or anticipated revenue streams should diminish or not materialize.

The revenue for the MD will be generated with very little additional cost to the MD and compared to traditional energy, logging, and agriculture in terms of road and infrastructure maintenance.

Does the MD want to discourage 800-900 million dollars in investment, tax revenue, construction jobs/long-term jobs and doing their part in energy security? Many countries are increasing solar capacity as new technology and costs of solar energy have decreased. Most developed countries in the world are increasing solar generation at a rapid rate. According to Wikipedia, Canada is 27th on the list. This shows that solar energy is a viable option in conjunction with traditional energy sources.

The other thing to consider is that solar power will not cover the entire MD. The companies will not be allowed to overbuild grid capacity.

I believe the MD should take a neutral stance in this matter. Leave it to the Alberta Utility Commission (AUC) to decide. They are the ones with expertise in these matters.

The renewables will be the most highly regulated industry in the province. They will have the strictest reclamation requirements. The requirements for security for reclamation will be high.

The bottom line is landowners are free to say no to renewables. The opportunity for landowners to increase their revenue from their land should not be curtailed. The same could be said for revenue for the municipality.

A few years ago, forestry companies in this area were looking to sign long-term lease agreements at a similar length to the solar leases. I looked at signing such a lease; there was no concern about taking land out of agriculture production at that time.

I expect there will be many thousands of acres of bush/farmland still not in production in the MD when this solar project returns to agricultural production full time.

I am trying to take the high road here, but it is a little difficult. It is an emotional matter to me.

It is also a matter of principle, as it should be for all landowners when opposed groups want to tell us what we can and cannot do on our land. What comes next???

The many concerns voiced by those opposed, I believe, are more perceived than actual.

The old political saying, “Throw enough STUFF against the wall, and see what sticks” comes to mind. The opposed groups have not always taken the high road in terms of misleading information.

For example, people signing petitions who know nothing about the project, except for a few catch phrases. It does not take many people to put a negative spin on things. Since the beginning days of the project, there has been a negative campaign.

I have talked to many people who can see the benefits in the proposed project.

The MD council is about the only group I have lobbied to look at the positives of the project.

Thank you for your time

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1. Taking land out of agricultural production. This is an interesting one. During the course of my lifetime, there was no agricultural land in the area of the proposed solar project, or anywhere in that area. It was bush land. In the ensuing years many individuals removed the trees and prepared the land for agricultural production. There are many thousands of acres of privately held land in the MD that have yet to put into production. I have a few hundred acres myself. There is also the potential to increase the agricultural land base in the MD substantially if ever deemed necessary. Most importantly, for the purposes of today's discussion, the project lands are to be used as power generation/ with a joint grazing option. Most importantly the land will be returned to the land owner as the land owner wishes. Agricultural land as we see it today. Bushland should we choose. I have stated, that I want my portion of the project land to be returned to agricultural land.
2. 3 kilometers suggestion. There are multiple projects much closer than 3 kilometers to populated areas in Alberta.
Aesthetics are no worse than a lot of industrial projects. Much more organized.
Glare. I have driven by many solar projects that are very close to major highways with no issue.
Noise. Will be much less than living by an oil patch or highway.
3. Wildlife. Ungulate movement and grazing.
These are always changing as it is. I was 25 yrs old when I saw my first elk. We already have bison, elk and deer farms fenced to prevent movement.
Grizzlies. This is also changed. When I was a kid, they were still trapping them, where I live.
Subsistence hunting is what I was raised on. Now hunting is more for sport, than necessity.
4. Cellular and Internet Connectivity. ?
5. Electromagnetic frequency, health concerns. ?
6. Property value decrease. Another interesting one. If, the concern is taking the land out of production, it should drive up commodity prices, in turn driving up the price of the other land.
7. Water Contamination. This is something for the company and regulatory boards to control. Water use will be minimal, compared to the 300,000 cubic meters per year that Trans Alta is allowed to draw from ground water for its small generating along the Little Smoky. Roughly enough to service 3000 households per year.
8. Noxious weeds. Company to control with grazing, mechanical and spraying. It would not serve the company's interest to have it turn into a weed patch.
9. Land Classification. It meets current guidelines.

10. Lithium?
11. Sale of Development Company. Name change, reorganization, sale, contracts will still apply. Example, South Sturgeon Oil Field has changed hands many times. I won't list the companies ,16 times would be a close guess.
12. Fire: I am sure the company will do all they can to protect their investment.
13. Crime: It is already here. Company to provide security as well as MD having additional revenue to help service all the MD.
14. Construction Waste. What the MD. cannot or does not wish to accommodate, they will use a private industrial company.
15. Reclamation. It is my understanding that the company has to provide a substantial reclamation bond as dictated by the AUC.
16. Local Construction Resources. Not sure if the concern is the Company will be too busy. If so, it will provide opportunity for new companies.
17. Financial Viability of Solar Projects. One can only assume that a company that is investing this amount of money has a viable business plan. If they run into trouble as any other company, the assets will be sold and someone will carry on. I don't believe we should discourage development/progress because of fear of failure. That is not what this MD was built on.
18. Landowner Rights. From my point of view, I am more worried about my neighbors trampling on my rights than the solar company. It was six weeks from the time we sat with company reps until we signed VOLUNTARILY. From the project's first proposal, there were people against it. Why? Because it was new? The MD ran a survey. People opposed even though, they acknowledged knowing nothing about it. The opposed group ran a petition. People from town signed, people I do not believe lived in our area! Trying to influence government to tell us what we can do on our land. It is my belief that any company would rather do business in an area they are welcome. (MD of Greenview) than an area they are receiving opposition. Example, would the AI project be going to the Gateway Development, if they were not welcome? Not sure about AI, but will welcome the development and tax dollars.
19. Community Destruction. This is a stretch to think a company is not yet here, will lead to community destruction. I remember when there was no Little Smoky Road Community. There was no Little Smoky road. As with any community there has been constant change. I remember a time, when I knew virtually every family in the Little Smoky area. Almost every family south of Valleyview. I remember the Fox Creek kids coming to school in Valleyview. Little Smoky area was always a sparsely populated area. Most families trying to homestead but relying on jobs to get by. Mostly oilpatch, logging, road building and a variety of other jobs. This entire dynamic was important to the development of the Little Smoky Community. There

have been ebbs and flows as with any community. The solar project could provide new energy and vitality to the community if allowed.

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Kraft Solar is proposing to invest as much as 800-900 million dollars in projects referred to as Little Smoky Solar. The spinoff business for the MD, Valleyview and surrounding areas will be massive.

Although hard to put an exact figure the MD of Greenvew stands to collect 75-100 million in tax revenue during the 30-40 yr life span of the project. This will be revenue that will help the MD services *and fund community projects*. When the project is in place it will produce electricity with very little operation costs for the life of the project.

The company acknowledges it is not the steadiest form of generation of electricity, it can do it cheaper the current generation options. It does not see completely taking over electrical generation but keeping the overall average cost of electricity a lower rate.

Because of change in energy demands in regards to cooling requirement for building and computer, solar can go towards meeting these demands during the summer months especially.