

A more solar METRO Region

Sycamore Energy

Sycamore Energy Inc. was founded in 2012 after merging with Global Wind Group Inc. (est. 2008) and is Manitoba's largest installer of ground and roof mounted solar arrays.

Sycamore Energy Inc. team of 40 employees has over 30 years of residential, commercial and agricultural experience in the areas of solar photovoltaics, electrical, structural, design, and sales. Sycamore's leadership is dedicated to finding creative solutions and has been focused on delivering exceptional value to the customer seeking to offset or eliminate their exposure to rising grid-tied energy prices. Sycamore is the parent company for several related operating entities including Sycamore Electric Inc. and Solar Manitoba.

Sycamore Energy Inc. believes in working towards a clean, sustainable and independent energy future by providing access to electricity generated from renewables. Sycamore Energy delivers quality renewable energy solutions so that their partners, customers, and investors may

achieve their sustainability, economic development, and financial goals.

Residential solar power

Enjoy a snug, energy efficient home while basking in the warmth of electricity generated by your own solar system: yes, it's possible. If you're interested in going solar, most homeowners will decide to mount the panels on their roof. Simply cover half a roof in photovoltaic panels, and you can generate 7,500 kWh annually. That is a substantial contribution to meet the average home's electricity needs.

Commercial and agricultural solar power

The financial viability of your farm or business is threatened by rising energy prices. Why continue to pay ever rising rates when you can invest in generating your own electricity? With grid-tied systems available, batteries are no longer required, and you can expect an excellent return on investment from a solar array. Every unit of solar installed is one less unit of grid energy needing to be purchased. Some customers install a full net-zero system, which completely eliminates their bills after the first year of operation.



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Many homes and businesses in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region have wisely decided to invest their money in owning their generation.

**Question today
Imagine tomorrow
Create for the future**

WSP is proud to partner with our clients to deliver innovative and sustainable engineering solutions.

As a future-focused organization, we design and deliver projects that shape societies and connect communities, creating places where our friends, families and neighbours can thrive.



Manitoba businesses team up to protect water with #20BY2020

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We can all agree that access to fresh, clean water is essential if we are to maintain and grow our economy. Water related economic development in Manitoba is estimated to contribute over \$4 billion dollars per year through fishing, tourism and agriculture, making it clear that many businesses in our province have a special connection to water.

We know that deteriorating water quality poses a significant environmental, social and economic threat here in Manitoba and across the globe. Although, there are many efforts underway by NGO's, all levels of government and the public, there is a significant opportunity for business and industry to team up and make meaningful impact to address this threat.

In 2009, local leaders launched the Lake Friendly Initiative which obtained official mark status, a status only available to public authorities with a significant degree of care and control. Based on science, they identified best practice across a variety of sectors.

Local leaders have been getting their municipal operations in order by examining solutions related to best practice. They are now throwing out a challenge to all business owners. Over the next couple of months, they will be launching #20BY2020. This is a friendly competition for 20 Manitoba businesses to join the action in protecting our freshwater resources by World Water Day 2020.

"This province-wide pilot project will guide 20 Manitoba businesses to evaluate how they use water in their operations," explained Rick Gamble, Mayor of Dunnottar and Chair of Lake Friendly. "We'll be looking at water consumption, wastewater and storm water retention with the goal of the businesses to be awarded Entry Blue Ready

status." He added, "Lake Friendly is a trusted official mark. Participation in this project shows Manitoba's businesses are doing what matters to protect water and our economy."

Entry Blue Ready Certification supports the Province of Manitoba's Made-in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan. It includes action to:

- protect water from nutrients, contaminants and other threats;
- conserve and value water;
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move to renewable energy; and
- build resiliency into our natural and built environments.

Elected leaders recognize that through partnerships with business and industry, they can mount a coordinated community approach.

President and CEO of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, Chuck Davidson agrees. "We are pleased to be working with Lake Friendly and support the #20BY2020 project," he said. "Business and industry have a long history of stepping up and showing leadership. We are confident they will do the same for freshwater protection. This is such an important project. We need to act today to help preserve the health of our province's water for future generations."

Darrell Brown, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce echoed Davidson's positive endorsement. "Extending this project to all businesses in Manitoba allows Indigenous business owners an opportunity to be a part of a team approach. We want to promote best practices in stewarding our land, water and resources."

Whether you are a business, school, local government or resident, there is room on this team for everyone. Go to lakefriendly.ca to find out how you can participate.

#20BY2020

20 Manitoba businesses becoming **ENTRY BLUE READY** ✓

Businesses taking the first step to protect Manitoba's environment & economy by World Water Day 2020

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