

Physical Infrastructure



Powering Opportunity: Indigenous Leadership in Saskatchewan's Energy Future



SaskPower is working with Indigenous communities to support long-term energy security and create economic opportunities through partnerships in renewable energy development. These partnerships support diversification of electricity-generating sources and advance Indigenous economic reconciliation by creating long-term revenue streams, job opportunities and capacity-building initiatives.

The Awasis Solar Energy Facility, located on reserve land and 95 per cent owned by Cowessess First Nation, demonstrates how these partnerships create lasting benefits. The project generates lease revenues, equity returns and local employment, while also providing training and knowledge sharing opportunities that support long-term community capacity. Additional examples include the Southern Springs Solar and Rose Valley Wind Energy Projects, where MSquared, an Indigenous-owned company representing 10 First Nations, holds a majority stake in each development.

This approach grew even stronger on December 5, 2025, with the signing of the Power Purchase Agreement for the Mino Giizis ("Good Sun") Solar Energy Project near Lajord. Selected through a procurement process led by the First Nations Power Authority, the 100-megawatt facility is expected to begin operations in 2028. It will be co-owned equally by Neoen and the Anishinabek Power Alliance, which represents four Treaty 4 First Nations: Zagime Anishinabek Nation, Kinistin Saulteaux First Nation, Cote First Nation and The Key First Nation. The facility is expected to supply enough electricity for about 30,000 homes under a 25-year agreement, contributing to grid diversity and strengthening resilience during periods of environmental variability. Local benefits include employment for approximately 350 construction workers and new training pathways for Indigenous workers.

Why It Matters

These partnerships highlight a growing model of Indigenous leadership in Saskatchewan's energy landscape. Projects like Mino Giizis create long-term revenue, meaningful ownership and a direct role for First Nations in shaping the province's energy future. Through a development approach grounded in respect for the land and community values, these partnerships demonstrate how energy development can advance sustainable growth while strengthening community driven leadership. Rooted in the spirit of Treaty and economic reconciliation, these initiatives also show how collaboration can support both resilient communities and a resilient energy system.

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