



Ontario's Leadership in Clean Renewable Energy It's Our Choice

Ontario has established itself as a renewable energy leader, creating thousands of jobs and a growing clean energy economy. It is critical that the Ontario government continues to build upon this success. Let your candidates know that you support Ontario's continuing leadership under the Green Energy Act.

Renewable Energy is Now a Cost-Effective Way to Produce Electricity

Unlike other sources, the cost of renewable energy is falling rapidly. Ontario has taken a forward-looking approach to replace its aging power systems with increasingly affordable renewable energy.

Ontario Has Taken a Leadership Position

In 2009, to attract investment and jobs in the emerging renewable energy industry, Ontario passed the Green Energy and Economy Act. It also introduced a Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program – an established price that is paid for renewable power. Germany, France, Japan, China and many other countries use FIT programs to successfully develop their renewable energy industries.



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Ontario's Leadership Recognized

Ontario's FIT is internationally recognized as North America's most successful renewable energy program. We are the first jurisdiction on the continent to establish such effective renewable energy incentives. Campaigns are underway in 45 US states for FIT programs in their jurisdictions as a result of Ontario's initiative.

Our Renewable Energy Program is Working

The FIT program allows **everyone**, from citizens and small businesses to hydro companies and commercial developers to build and own their projects.

The FIT program results to date are impressive:

- Attracting \$21 billion in investment
- 20,000 new jobs
- 26,000 farmers and homeowners developing and owning small solar projects
- 58 new manufacturing facilities
- 1,000+ community-based and aboriginal projects
- One of the world's largest solar plants, in Sarnia (80MW).

About FIT Program Rates

The 80.2¢/kWh rate is misunderstood. It is **only** paid for electricity from small solar projects (microFIT – under 10kWh), typically to homeowners, farmers and small businesses. Lower FIT rates are paid for larger commercial scale wind and solar generation projects.

FIT rates are scheduled for periodic and significant reductions as the costs of solar and wind technology drop.

The FIT program adds only about \$1.50 to the average monthly household electricity bill, while the microFIT portion of the program represents **less than a fraction of 1¢**.



Ontario Citizens' Coalition for
Clean Affordable Energy

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We are a citizens' coalition comprised of small business people, community power organizations, farmers, workers, manufacturers, developers and homeowners who care about how energy impacts our economy, our jobs, our health and our future.

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