

Power group beaming over provincial solar grant

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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Power Association has been awarded a \$66,000 grant from the province.

The local power group recently received the grant through the Community Energy Partnership Program to investigate the feasibility of a community-owned solar power project.

"This grant is a key milestone for our community power association and allows us to start looking seriously at the technical and financial merits of a community-owned solar power generation facility within Whitchurch-Stouffville," said Harry French, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Power Association in a press release.

The proposed solar project, which the group said would gener-

ate enough power to meet daylight energy needs of about 500 homes, is still pending an agreement with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to be installed on the roof of the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex.

MEETING AND A MOVIE

"Community energy co-operatives have proven popular in Europe and the U.S. over the years and are now providing opportuni-

ties for local residents throughout Ontario to invest directly in their energy future. Decisions we make today affect the quality of life and environment for our children and grandchildren," said Mr. French in the release.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Power Association is hosting an information meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park.

The group will also be showcasing the film *Clean Bin Project* in which two people have a friendly competition to see who can swear off consumerism and produce the least landfill garbage in an entire year.

Admission is by donation.

For more information, contact Audrey O'Handley at maclist@gmail.com or 416-402-7474 or go to <http://wscpa.ca>

'Link' to our community

The Stouffville Sun-Tribune is seeking new members for its Community Links panel.

What is Links?

For the past eight years, a cross-section of your neighbours have met with community leaders and staffers at The Sun-Tribune.

Over some coffee and treats we talk about our town. We share opinions and experiences.

Some members have written guest columns for the paper. Others have teamed up on projects.

The guest speakers can be anyone from the mayor and police chief, to the food bank co-ordinator and the service club president.

We hope it's win-win-win for all parties involved.

Friendships have been forged. Networking takes place at every meeting.

We don't do this to write stories, but to learn more about what makes Whitchurch-Stouffville tick.

Our new panel has begun meeting this fall. But we need a few more members.

We're looking for a mix of residents, gender-wise as well as geographically and ethnically.

We want newcomers as well as longtime Whitchurch-Stouffvillians on board. We want people who are passionate about this town. People who want to share and learn.

Our next meeting takes place Monday night. It should be casual but informative.

If you're interested, contact editor Jim Mason at jmason@yrmg.com or 905-640-2612 ext. 23.

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