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LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION PARTNERS WITH COMMUNITY POWER TO MOVE CLOSER TO POWERING ITS COMMUNITIES ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

Edmonton – The Little Red River Cree Nation (LRRCN) is one step closer to powering and heating its communities with 100 per cent renewable energy. This week, on behalf of LRRCN, Chief Conroy Sewepagaham entered into a partnership with Community Power, a social enterprise that co-develops and implements custom energy and housing management solutions for First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities.

“Our Nation envisions a future where footprint on ᑭᓴᓴᓴ ᐱᓄᓄ, kimamano, our Mother Earth, is zero. The partnership we formed today with Community Power will help us meet this main goal of our Climate Change mitigation strategy,” Chief Sewepagaham says. “Collaborating with Community Power to determine the steps we need to make to run on 100 per cent renewable energy will get us closer to achieving energy sovereignty, helping bring down energy costs for our citizens and allowing us to rely on our own resources.”

The partnership’s main focus will be studying the technical and financial feasibility of implementing renewable energy in the LRRCN communities of Fox Lake, Garden River and John D’or Prairie. The feasibility study will help outline how the Nation could generate and provide its own energy with minimal negative impacts on the environment.

“Our team is excited to begin this journey with LRRCN to collaboratively co-develop a holistic, results-based renewable energy action plan. Our goal is to support LRRCN to reduce fossil fuel reliance and energy costs, increase clean energy opportunities, and create economic development opportunities for their communities,” says Karim Abraham, Chiefs Executive Officer of Community Power

LRRCN citizens pay one of the highest rates of energy distribution fees in Alberta. Out of every dollar spent on energy in their three communities, 75 cents go towards distribution charges. Community Power will also support LRRCN to bring down energy and heating costs.

Assembly of First Nations Alberta Regional Chief Marlene Poitras congratulates the nation on the formation of this new partnership.

“This is another brilliant example of First Nations in our region leading the charge in sustainability and renewable electricity. The project and partnership with Community Power will not only help the Little Red River Cree Nation citizens reduce their carbon footprint but also support their path towards energy sovereignty and reduction in utility fees.”

To learn more about Community Power and their work with Indigenous communities, please visit their website at www.communitypower.ca.

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About Community Power

Community Power is a division of Kambo Energy Group, a social enterprise that delivers turn-key energy solutions for residential communities and commercial buildings. Across all of its divisions and programs, Kambo Energy Group places people at the centre, equipping and empowering them to make smart, safe, affordable energy choices.

Community Power partners with Indigenous communities to co-develop and implement custom energy and housing management solutions. Partners communities are supported with all the energy efficiency expertise, technical knowledge, information management and community-based training to deliver meaningful impact to their communities. Since its inception 10 years ago, Community Power has served over 60 Indigenous communities, has secured over \$3.5 million in funding over the last four years, and has delivered over 30 custom projects and programs over the last six years.

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