

### Community Energy Planning: Getting to Implementation in Canada



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### Agenda

- Welcome, introductions and opening remarks
- An overview of the project and community energy plan implementation in Canada
- Part I Building the case for community energy planning
- Part II Implementing community energy plans and projects in resource-constrained communities



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# Overview of the Getting to Implementation Initiative

Commencement Research National Engagement & Framework Pilot & Promotion National Report on CEP Implementation National Report on Policies Supporting CEP Implementation National workshop series Community Energy Implementation Framework Apply Framework to three test communities Practical case studies developed for test communities Training modules developed to aid with delivering Framework

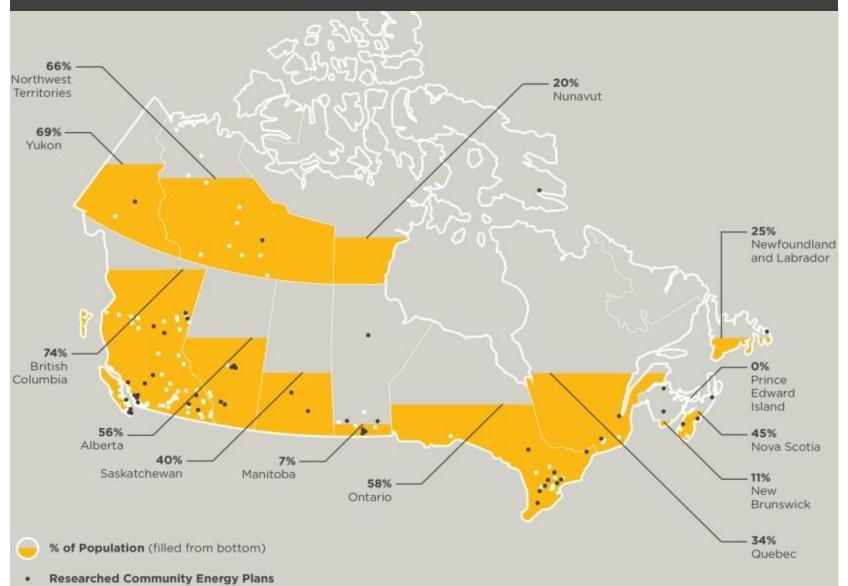
Framework made publicly available with training support

#### What is a Community Energy Plan?

A CEP is a tool that helps define community priorities around energy with a view to:

- Driving economic development
- Managing future risks and enhancing resilience
- Improving energy efficiency
- Cutting emissions

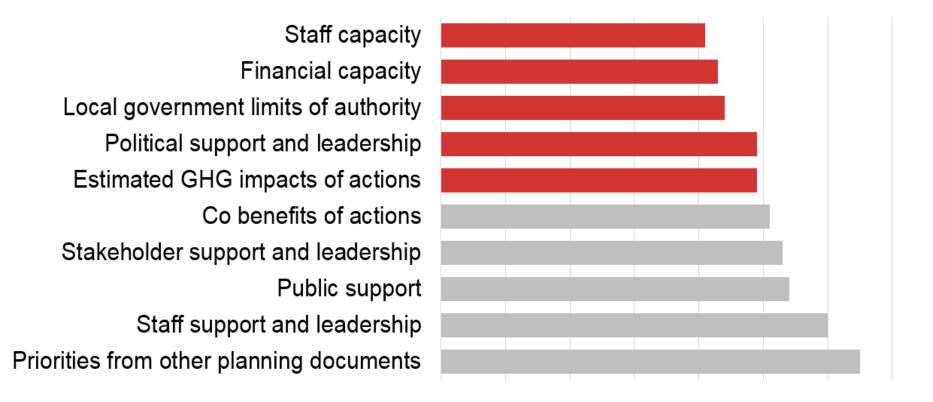
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Other Community Energy Plans

# National Report on CEP Implementation

- Define what a CEP is
- Snapshot of CEP implementation in Canada
- Describe success factors and barriers for CEP implementation
- Provide key considerations for the development of the Community Energy Implementation Framework



Source: National Report on Community Energy Plan Implementation

### **Building Capacity for Implementation**

Working within the local government's limits of authority

- Focus on partnerships
   Early, sustained engagement is key –
   engage broadly!
- Identify points of commonality between the CEP objectives and community stakeholders
- Focus on actions being supported by utilities, provincial government and others stakeholders

Planning department Electric utility Provincial government Real estate developers Gas utility Engineering department Finance department Federal government Non-governmental organizations Private sector Higher education institutions Other local governments Real estate agents School boards Health department 2 10

# Building Political and Staff Support

- Identify key messages for different audiences
- Tracking and monitoring progress using key performance indicators
- Use data to tell a story

# Improving the Clarity of the CEP

- Make the plan "SMART" (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound)
- Tie timelines and accountability to actions
- Integrate energy into existing plans and processes
- Use decision making tools (e.g. energy maps)

# National Report on Policies Supporting CEP Implementation

- Examines the role provincial governments have to play with regard to implementing
   CEPs
- Snapshot of legislation, regulations policies and programs supporting CEP implementation in Canada



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