



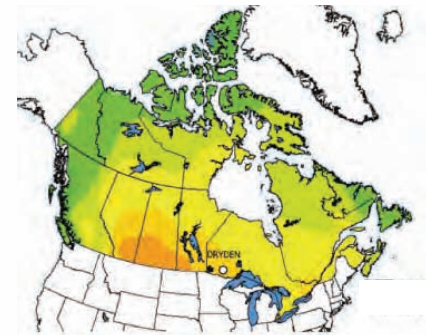
Solar and Biomass – Why Alternative Energy Companies Turn to Ontario's Northwest

As an alternative energy company executive looking for new opportunities, you will appreciate Dryden's solar photovoltaic potential and central position in Ontario's Northwest wood-basket. Dryden offers you the solar potential, wood supply access – and more.

Solar Photovoltaic Potential

The Greater Dryden Area has the second-highest photovoltaic potential in Canada – higher than that of the Federal Republic of Germany, the world's leading photovoltaic producer of electricity. And our cooler climate reduces line loss and helps power modules run more efficiently.

Dryden's High Photovoltaic Potential



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Currently, the Dryden Development Corporation is seeking partners in the establishment of two 10 Megawatt solar photovoltaic generation facilities in the City of Dryden. In preparation for investment the City of Dryden and Dryden Development Corporation in partnership have:

- obtained Council's approval to move forward with attracting investment directly related to solar park development
- Completed the process to amend the City of Dryden's Official Plan allowing for solar development
- Submitted two 10 Mw Connection Impact Assessment (CIA) applications to Hydro One for consideration as a proactive step to access Ontario's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (RESOP)

Dryden's Solar Park – The area known as Hatch's field is located on the north side of Swanson's Creek bordered by Leach Road and Trans-Canada Highway #17. The 200-acre property, owned by the City of Dryden, is partially treed and gently slopes to the south. Connection to the Dryden Transformer Station (TS) can be easily made and is less than 100 metres from the site. The Dryden TS has the capacity to accept an additional 22.3 Mw.

Labour Force Experience

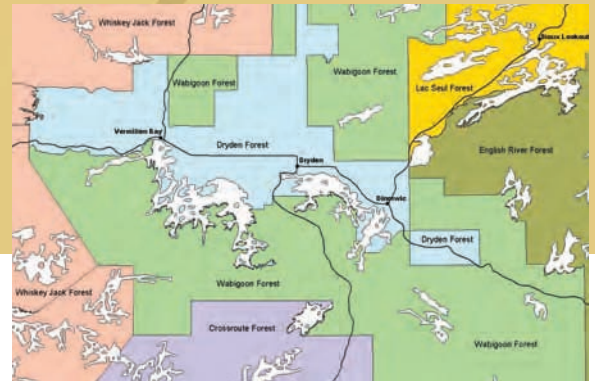
- Total workers with experience: 4,235
- Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities: 250
- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations: 750
- Business, finance and administration occupations: 640
- Management occupations: 415

A Friendly, Supportive Community

Dryden is a safe, full-service community with health, educational and recreational facilities. Consider Dryden for your alternative energy project – and then call Vicki Kurz, Economic Development Manager, at (807) 223-4100 today to learn more!



Forest Management Unit
Map for Dryden Area



<http://exploredryden.ca/photos/custom/Maps/Forestry%20Managment%20Unit%20Map.pdf/>

Quick Facts

- Population of the City of Dryden and Greater Dryden Area is 22,200, with a regional trading area of 35,000
- Goods and services spending exceeds \$250,000,000 annually
- About 6,000 vehicles travel through Dryden every day
- Rail, truck, courier and warehouse services are available
- Highway 502 provides an easy-access, north-south link to the U.S. Midwest, and beyond
- Dryden Regional Airport, with CANPASS, hosts daily scheduled and charter air service
- About one-third of the population is between 25 and 44 years of age – and the median family income is about \$77,439
- A solid economic base in tourism, renewable energy and resource-based sectors in the region's financial, accounting, real estate, healthcare and transportation hub

Dryden in Profile

Dryden's high labour-force productivity reflects workforce skill, loyalty and motivation. Its low business costs are based on affordable taxes, no development fees and its well-established infrastructure and services. Dryden's reliable access to local, northern and global markets is supported by well-connected road, air and communication networks.

Biomass Generation Potential

Low-cost access to abundant fibre sources in renewable, sustainable forests, plus the transportation routes and infrastructure to deliver the fibre to the mill – two good reasons to consider establishing a biomass facility in the Dryden area.

Additionally, Dryden can tap power locally – or transmit it to other locations in the area. Our skilled workforce can harvest, deliver and renew fibre – and build and operate a plant. Dryden, Ontario is located in a progressive part of Canada that encourages alternative and non-traditional uses of forest biomass.

Access to resources

Dryden is ideally situated in the centre of Ontario's Northwest wood-basket. Our proximity to premium quality second growth fibre and residual forest biomass from no less than nine forest licenses makes Dryden an attractive place for the manufacturing of bio-based products. We have access to the economic sources of renewable, sustainable and currently underutilized forest fibre, the required transportation routes and infrastructure to deliver fibre to the mill, plus the municipally owned land and infrastructure required.

Why Locate Your Bio-Mass Facility in Dryden

1. Access to economic sources of renewable, sustainable and currently underutilized forest fibre – available through the Sustainable Forest License cooperative already in place.
2. Transportation routes and infrastructure required to deliver fibre to the mill.
3. The municipal owned land and infrastructure required.
4. Existing Hydro infrastructure allowing us to use the power locally or transmit it to other places within the region.
5. A community that welcomes and endorses the development of a carbon neutral, renewable energy solution.
6. An existing, available and well-trained workforce to harvest, deliver and renew the fibre.
7. An existing, available and well-trained workforce to build and operate the plant.
8. All in an environment where the provincial government actively encourages alternative and non-traditional uses of forest biomass.