

Local Librarian Wins Energy Survey Draw!

Drayton Valley, Alberta. May 2020 - Ms. Verna Wicks is the lucky winner of the Energy Survey Prize Draw which ran from April 20 to May 18th, 2020. Our local librarian is a familiar face in town. She hosts various fun programs at the Drayton Valley Library and continues to do so virtually through the library's social media channels.

Ms. Wicks won Chamber Cash worth \$50 that can be spent at any one of the 38 participating local businesses in Drayton Valley. Her name was drawn at random by Councillor Nancy Dodds in her role as the Sustainability Committee Chair and witnessed by Councillor Amila Gammana.

"On behalf of the Sustainability Committee, I would like to congratulate Ms. Verna Wicks on winning the prize draw," said Councillor Nancy Dodds. "For all the other respondents who completed the survey, we thank you for your time and thoughtful comments which will help shape the energy future for Drayton Valley."

The energy survey was conducted to fulfill two objectives.

- The first objective is to publicize the findings from Drayton Valley's Energy and Emissions 2015-2018 Report. This report is now available on the Town's website and provides a data-driven overview of how the community as a whole use energy.
- The second objective is to get a snapshot of residents' opinions and ideas about the current energy situation and what energy technologies, initiatives, and programs they would like to see in Drayton Valley in the future. The community's feedback along with engagement with local agencies and other partners will be integrated into the development of the Local Energy Stewardship Plan for Drayton Valley.

The Local Energy Stewardship Plan will define Drayton Valley's priorities around energy by optimizing our energy production and conservation opportunities to drive economic development, improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs, and enhance quality of life for local residents. Community feedback is essential to ensure that the recommended actions align with what the community wants, and a shared goal will help to increase the effectiveness of energy stewardship efforts.

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While we could never get never get all the responses that we would like, the responses we did receive have been quite illuminating. For instance, it is good to know that most respondents agree that energy stewardship is somewhat important, and that cost savings and economic development are top motivation towards becoming better energy stewards. There is a lot of interest for energy efficiency and waste management programs but less so for renewables. An analysis of the survey results will be available as a “What We Heard Report” on the Town’s website.

If you missed the survey but would still like to provide inputs to the Local Energy Stewardship Plan, please get in touch with the Energy Program Coordinator at energy@draytonvalley.ca. We look forward to sharing a draft version of the Local Energy Stewardship Plan for public comments this summer.

