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### Dawson Creek 2005 Energy Aware Award - Executive Summary

The municipality of Dawson Creek has recently completed a baseline energy study for municipal operation as a first step in a larger process designed to identify, understand, and address energy issues throughout the community. In general, overall targets and specific solutions will be informed by rigorous analysis, and the municipality will be considering changes in operating practice, infrastructure, and policy as potential ways of addressing identified energy issues.

Some of the specific opportunities that are currently being pursued are: updating data management systems to account for energy concerns, developing a vehicle purchasing policy, retrofitting existing buildings, examining the costs and benefits of green power purchases, installing solar hot water system on city hall, and having staff and council begin a dialogue of how energy related environmental concerns should fit in relation to traditional decision making processes.

Although this project is just beginning, the City feels compelled to apply for an Energy Aware Award because we are excited about the possibilities and are looking forward to building upon a successful and innovative approach that the municipal operations baseline laid the groundwork for.

Respectfully submitted,

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