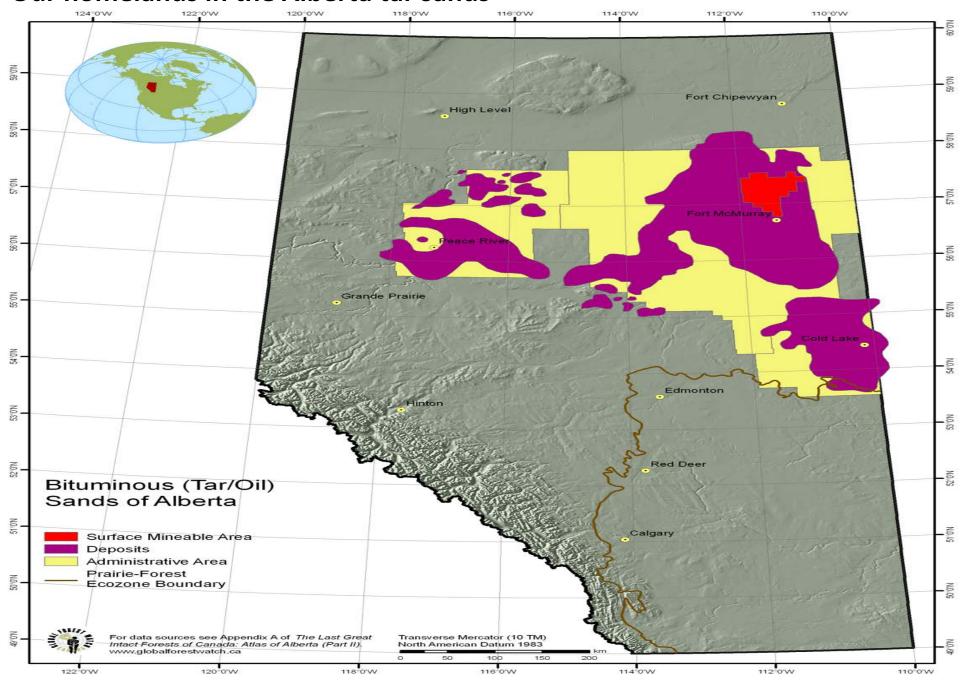
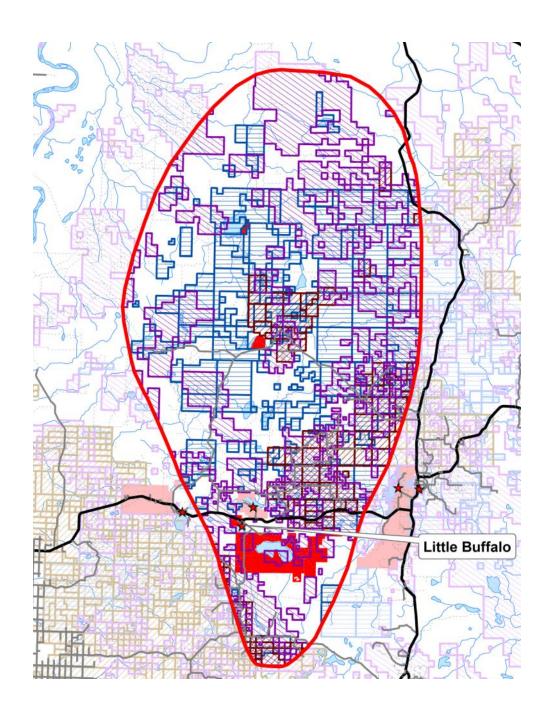
Lubicon Community Based Solar





Our homelands in the Alberta tar sands





Potential future development

Almost 70 percent of Lubicon territory has been leased for future development

More than 2600 oil & gas wells.

Almost 1400 km² of leases have been granted for in situ oil sands development on Lubicon lands.

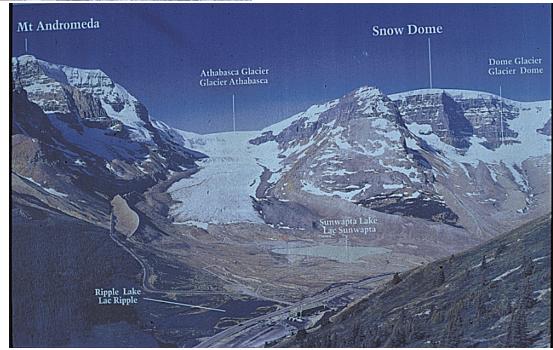






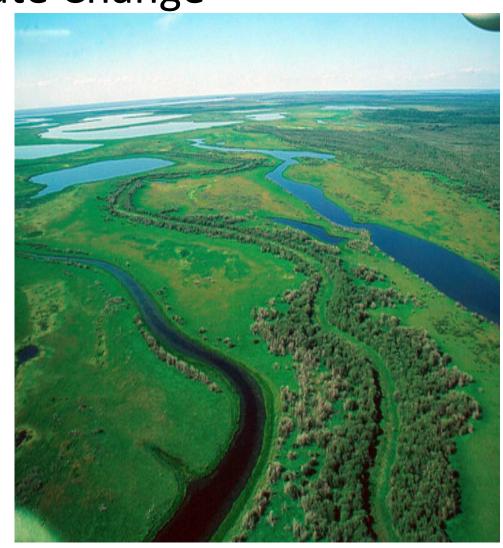




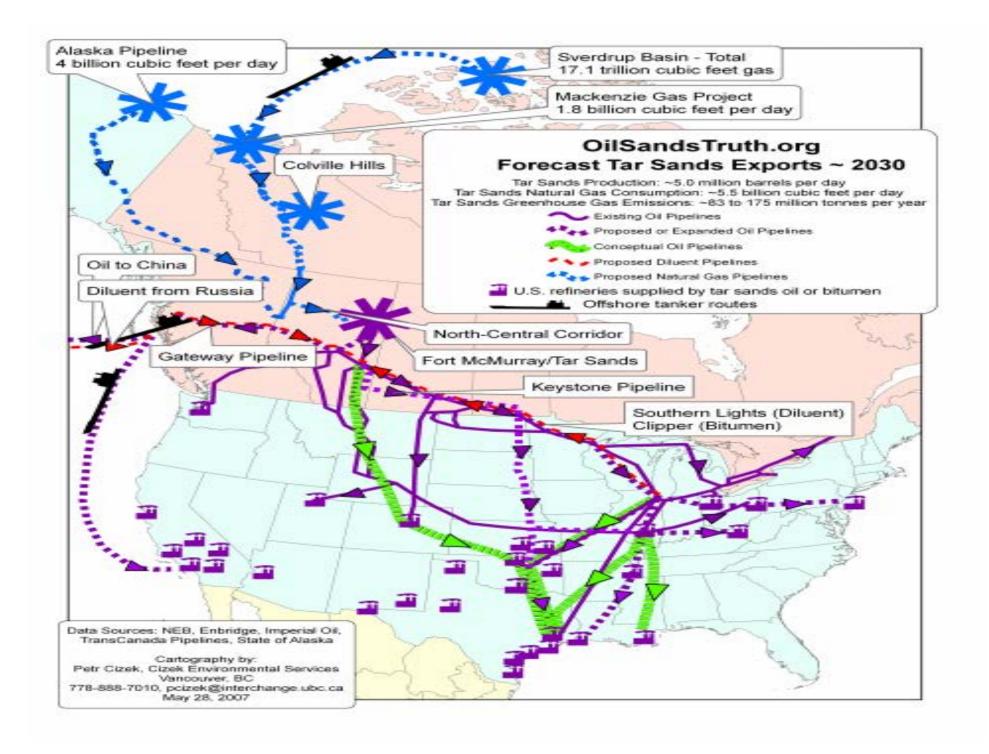


Tar Sands, the Boreal Forest & Climate Change

- Tar Sands expansion will fragment and uproot the Boreal forest
- this is one of the last remaining intact northern forests in the world and the world's largest terrestrial carbon sink.
- It will drive out remaining wildlife if fully exploited, causing possible extinction of: migratory birds & water fowl, various fish populations, and large & small game
- The area available for tar sands leasing is over 141,000 sq km, an area that is larger than all of England





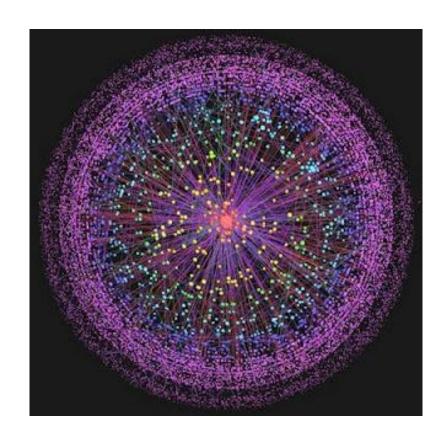






From an Indigenous perspective:

Our Indigenous World View and Philosophy is much more in alignment with renewable energy as opposed to fossil fuel extraction



Returning to Zero-Waste Communities



T'sou-ke First Nation

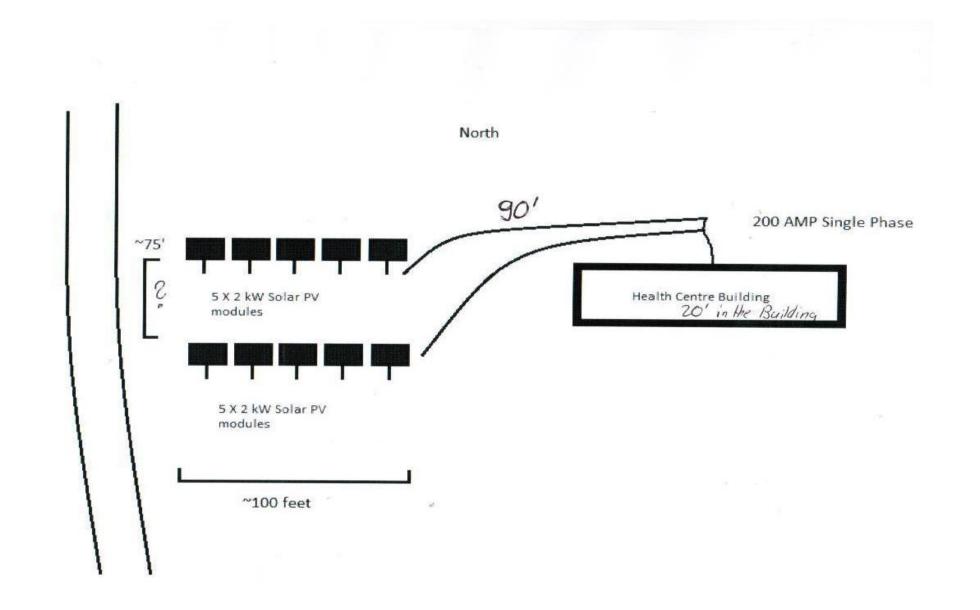


Objectives:

- Reduce dependency on fossil fuels.
- The opportunity to First Nations to fully embrace energy sources that honor their sacred connection to the land.
- Freedom from crippling energy costs in communities suffering from energy inefficiency and expensive propane & diesel costs.
- Engaging the community about their vision of what their energy future looks like and action to make those visions realized.
- Provide a tangle solution in addressing climate change.



Research & Design Phase

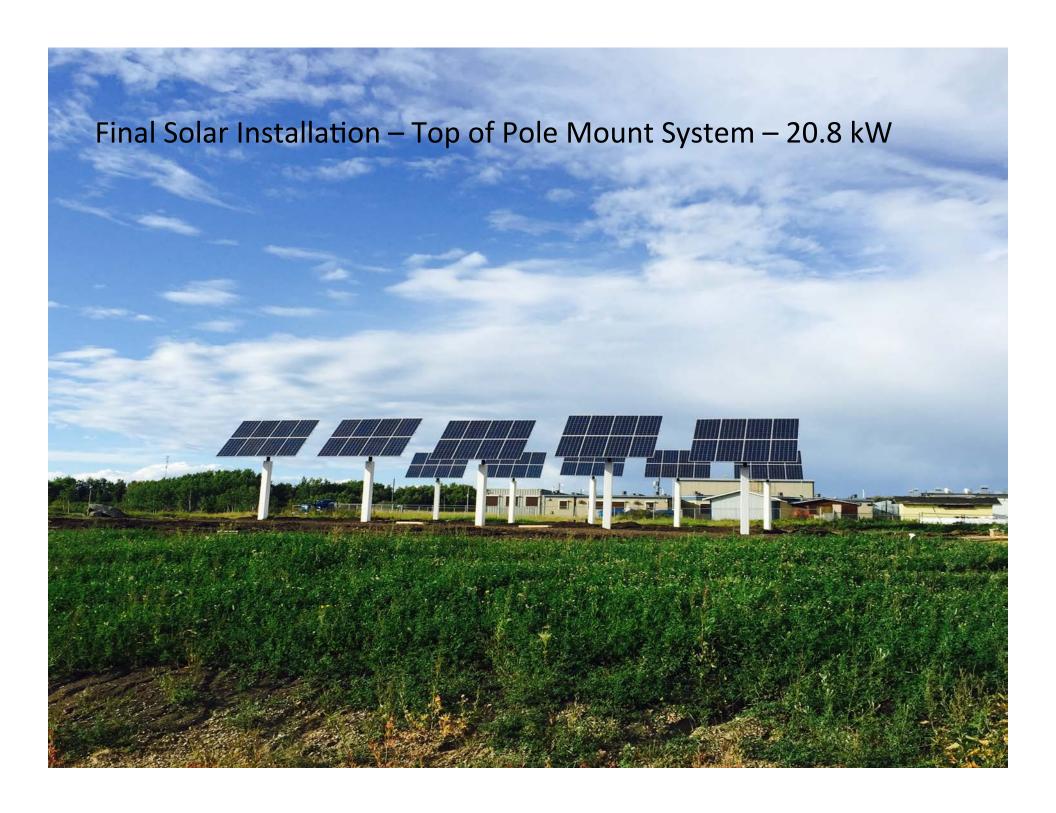
















Challenges to building renewables in the north:

- Logistical challenges more expensive, harder to get equipment to site, need to be prepared with all required tools which are hundreds of kilometres away in case it is overlooked.
- Less local expertise need to bring in contractors from afar, increases cost of project.
- Benefits: Community members get trained and are ready for the next one!
- Ensuring you work with legit solar installers and master electricians to ensure that your application for the microgeneration application is approved and connected to the grid!



Ay hai - Thank you.

~ Melina Laboucan-Massimo www.lubiconsolar.ca