

# MINO GIIZIS

## SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY



## Project Information Package

NEOEN



Neoen is the leading French Independent Power Producer developing, financing, constructing and operating renewable energy power plants. Neoen is a long-term owner-operator, specializing in wind, solar and energy storage, with an experienced staff of 360 employees and a presence in 17 countries worldwide. As of today, Neoen has 8.2 GW of assets under operation and/or late-stage construction. In April 2023, Neoen started the construction of the Fox Coulee Project (75MWac / 93MWp), its first project in Starland County, Alberta.

## GLOBALLY

The company is headquartered in Paris, France, and has two Canadian offices in Toronto and Calgary. We operate across renewable energy technologies including solar, wind, and storage in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Australia. Neoen's total capacity in operation and under construction is over 8 GW and we are aiming for 10 GW by the end of 2030.



## LOCALLY

Neoen started its activity in Canada in 2022 and has a current active presence in 3 provinces with offices in Calgary and Toronto. In Ontario, Neoen has been awarded a 20-year capacity contract by the IESO for a 400 MW BESS project and is also developing a large portfolio of solar, wind and BESS projects for future IESO procurements. In Calgary, Neoen has an operating solar farm of 93 MWdc and is developing a large portfolio of solar and BESS projects. We are also developing a portfolio of projects in Saskatchewan as well for future SaskPower procurements and other opportunities.

**Mino Giizis Solar Energy Facility Community Open House**

Join us to learn more about the project, ask questions, and share your feedback.

- **Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025
- **Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Kronau Curling Rink  
[11 Main St., Kronau, SK S0G 2T0]

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Neoen Lajord Solar Limited (Neoen) is proposing to develop a standalone 100-megawatt alternating current (MWac) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, known as the Mino Giizis Solar Energy Facility, formerly the Lajord Solar Energy Project. Mino Giizis means “Good Sun” in Ojibwe language.

Mino Giizis Solar Energy Facility is located on privately-owned land within the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128, 30-minutes south of the City of Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Project is being developed under the First Nations Power Authority (FNPA) “100 MW Solar Generation Facility” power procurement, in partnership with SaskPower. This Project will bring investment and local benefits, including employment, lease payments and capital spending in the local economy.

### **FNPA RFP (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL)**

In June 2024 SaskPower signed an agreement with First Nations Power Authority (FNPA) to find a proponent to develop, own and operate a 100 megawatts (MW) solar generation facility to be located in south-central Saskatchewan. SaskPower will buy the power generated from this facility through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement. FNPA will seek an independent power producer (IPP) with at least 30% First Nations ownership to design, construct, own and operate the 100 MW solar facility.

A two-stage competitive procurement process was led by FNPA in partnership with SaskPower. Stage one involved a Request for Supplier Qualifications (RFSQ), followed by a Request for Proposals (RFP) for shortlisted proponents. The successful proponent is expected to sign a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement with SaskPower. The IPP will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals for the development, construction and operation of the facility.



Neoen produces clean energy from renewable sources such as sunlight and wind using mature, tried and tested technologies. We are also leaders in energy storage.



## OUR PARTNERS



**Zagime  
Anishinabek  
First Nations**



**COTE FIRST NATION**



### About the Anishinabek Power Alliance

The Anishinabek Power Alliance is a partnership among four Treaty 4 Nations — Zagime Anishinabek Nation, Kinistin Saulteaux First Nation, Cote First Nation (366), and The Key First Nation — with political participation by the Yorkton Tribal Council. Together, the Alliance is co-owning and developing the Mino Giizis Solar Energy Facility. Through this partnership, the Alliance holds equity in the Project and will benefit from dividends, employment, training, and other opportunities throughout the 25-year contract with SaskPower.

Given the tight RFP timelines, Neoen engaged an established partnership that had previously collaborated under an earlier SaskPower RFP for this FNPA procurement.

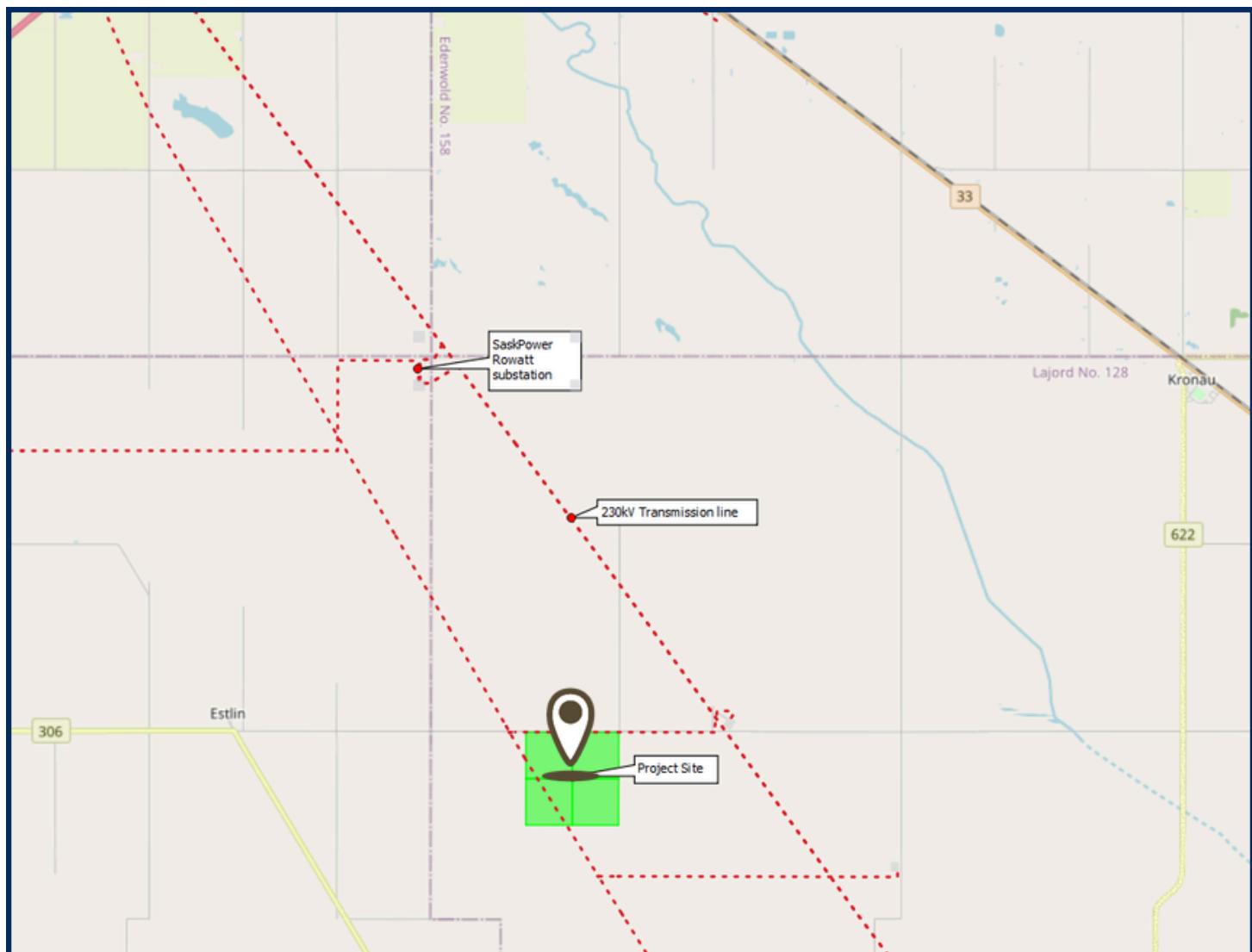
Neoen is committed to maximizing Indigenous employment and supplier opportunities through the life of the Mino Giizis Solar Energy Facility Project.

Interested in learning more? Contact **Eva** at [eva.tsai@neoen.com](mailto:eva.tsai@neoen.com)

## PROJECT LOCATION



The proposed Project is located within Treaty 4 Territory, home of many Indigenous nations. The specific land location is Section 8-15 -18 W2 in the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128, approximately 25 km southeast of Regina, as shown below.



## PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Local Employment:** The Project aims to maximize local and Indigenous employment during construction. The Project will create up to **350 full-time jobs** during peak construction, creating opportunities for local and Indigenous individuals and businesses. During operations, the Project will provide up to five permanent full-time jobs.
- **Local Economic Boost:** Local businesses will experience increased activity due to the **spin-off opportunities** created by the Project during development, construction, and operations.
- **Property Taxes:** The Project will pay **annual property taxes** to the Rural Municipality, resulting in financial benefits to the community.
- **Clean Energy Generation:** The Project will generate the equivalent amount of emissions-free electricity as what would be needed to power about **30,000 four-person homes** in Saskatchewan.



Neoen is committed to making a positive social impact for the communities in which we work. We strive to be a good neighbour, and work closely with the community to identify areas of opportunity and concern. We are committed to Indigenous participation in the Project. Our community engagement will continue throughout the Project phases, including construction and operation.

## POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPLIER OPPORTUNITIES

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

Administration  
Security  
Waste Recycling

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SUBCONTRACTOR**  
Electricians  
Electricity installation  
Electrical Trade Assistants

#### CIVIL AND MECHANICAL SUBCONTRACTOR

<b>[Plant Operator Roles]</b>	<b>[Labour Roles]</b>
Loader	Concreters
Excavator	Pipelayers
Grader	General Labour
Roller	
Dump Truck	
Watercarts	
Forklift and/or	
Telehandler	
Trucks	
Pile Driver	

#### SUBSTATION SUBCONTRACTOR

Civil  
Administration  
General Labour  
Electricity installation  
Electrical Trade Assistants

### SUPPLIER OPPORTUNITIES

Good and services we expect to be procured with a planned start date of **Q1 2027**.

Cleaners  
Computer  
Concreters  
Fuel  
Accommodation  
Quarry Products  
Network Support  
Concrete Supply  
Crane (Minor Lifts)

Material Testing  
Small Equipment Hire  
Food and Catering Service Freight  
Mechanical Fitter/Maintenance  
Safety Products (Local)  
Transport (Minor)  
Waste Management (Solid)  
Waste Management (Liquid)  
Water (Potable)

Water (Construction)  
Septic Pump Out Services  
Fencing and Gates  
Earthworks Plant  
(Wet and Dry Hire)  
Operation & Maintenance  
Facility Construction  
Welding & Engineering Fabrication  
(Site Services)



People interested in working on the project can register at the local band office or email **Eva Tsai** at [eva.tsai@neoen.com](mailto:eva.tsai@neoen.com).

Hiring fairs and outreaches will take place during the pre-construction period to identify interested persons.

## PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE

### SOLAR PV MODULES

Bifacial PV modules have been proposed for installation at the Project. A bifacial module is a double-sided module that transforms sunlight into electrical energy on both its top and bottom sides. They are different from mono-facial modules which only use one side for solar energy production. Bifacial modules are capable of producing more power per module and typically have higher efficiency than mono-facial modules, resulting in less land usage for the same or greater power output. Local weather conditions in Saskatchewan are well suited to bifacial technology as there is substantial snow cover on the ground, which will boost production during the winter months. One of the benefits of using bifacial modules in Saskatchewan is that sunlight is reflected from the surface of snow-covered land, which can generate electricity from the underside of the panel.

### GROUND MOUNTING SYSTEMS

The Proponent intends to install the PV modules on single-axis tracker systems which follow the path of the sun to produce additional electricity.

### INVERTER/TRANSFORMER STATIONS

Inverters are electrical devices that change direct current (dc) to alternating current (ac). Transformers are electrical equipment that increase or decrease the voltage of electricity. The Project will use inverter/transformer stations to change the dc electricity from the solar PV modules to ac electricity and increase the voltage.

### INTERCONNECTION

The Proponent proposes connecting the Project to the Saskatchewan electrical grid through the existing Rowatt substation located approximately 6km from the Project site. SaskPower will be responsible for any required interconnection facilities.

### OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

The inverter/transformer stations in the Project will be connected through 34.5 kV underground collector lines that connect to the Project substation. The Project substation will contain one high voltage transformer. In order to transport materials during the construction stage and to access the Project equipment for regular maintenance during operations, the Project will require the construction of new access paths, and where possible, the upgrade of existing roads in the area to minimize disturbance.

## PROJECT STUDIES

### Environment

The Project is being designed to avoid permanent impacts to grasslands and to minimize impacts to wetlands, sensitive species, the environment and heritage resources. We are developing the project in full compliance with the requirements of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (SKENV) and SaskPower.

Neoen is completing seasonal environmental field surveys:

- **Wildlife** (birds, bats, sensitive species)
- **Vegetation** (habitat mapping and native grasslands)
- **Wetlands** (mapping and delineation)



Initial desktop screening indicates that the proposed Project area is favorable for solar energy development and is not heritage sensitive. Results of all environmental studies are being used to design the project layout to avoid or minimize impacts to the environment. They will also be used to engage with the SKENV and for the Project permitting process.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

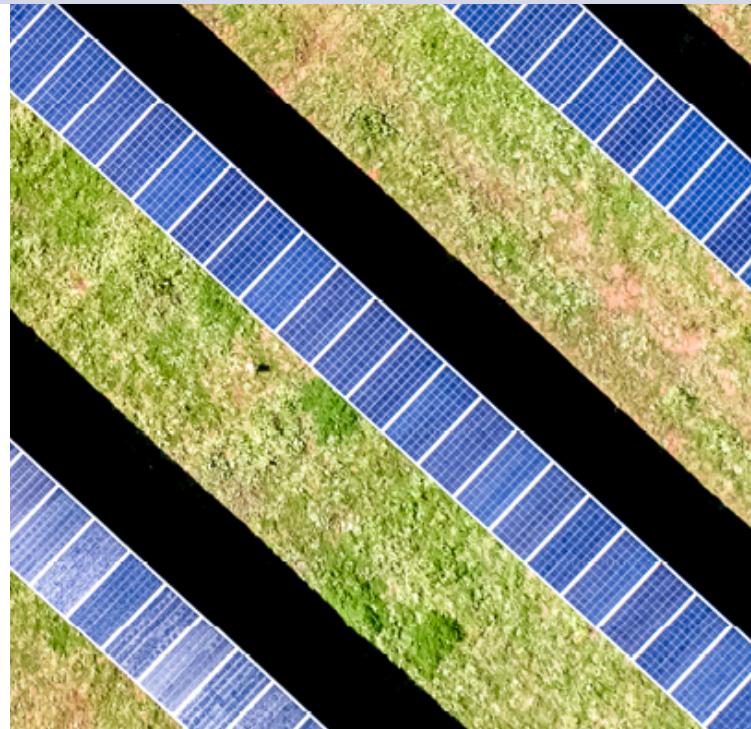
**Notification to Landowners and Indigenous Nations**  
October 2025

**Community Open House**  
November 2025

**Permitting**  
Late Fall 2025 - Fall 2026

**Construction Commencement**  
Early Spring 2027

**Commercial Operations**  
November 2028



### MINO GIIZIS SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

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Light refreshments will be available.

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