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## **CETC Awarded Alberta Community Partnership Grant**

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The Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) was awarded \$350,000 from the Government of Alberta today as part of the Alberta Community Partnership Grant.

“The Alberta Community Partnership Grant exists to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building activities, including project implementation costs,” according to the Government of Alberta’s Municipal Affairs website.

“We are encouraged by this demonstration of confidence by the province in the CETC,” says Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean.

“The Clean Energy and Technology Center - which is scheduled to open the fall of 2015- will serve to spark research and clean energy development in rural Alberta. The CETC will be a facility with the ability to impact all points of business by providing research opportunities, labour training in bio related fields, business incubation and connections to funding opportunities for business development. The CETC will help build a more resilient community by assisting with long term growth diversification of our economy,” says McLean.

“I believe that this facility will be the catalyst that ushers in a new era for the Town of Drayton Valley. The CETC will open up unique possibilities in the Oil and Gas industry, Health Care, Bio Energy, Pharmaceutical and others. With the entrepreneurial spirit in Drayton Valley there is no limit to the opportunities and benefits for the Town” says CETC Committee Chair Dean Shular.

The CETC works to unleash the full potential of clean energy by creating opportunities for state of the art bio-business research and the development of clean energy technologies. The Centre is a place to come together through education, research and business development—where people will innovate, energize ideas, and build lasting partnerships, for a better future.

The Clean Energy Technology Centre will use the \$350,000 as operational funds to support program development and staffing.

“We are grateful for the support of our MLA Diana McQueen, for her continued support of the CETC,” says McLean.

### **CT Scanner for Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation**

The grant funds were presented at a ceremony at the Town of Drayton Valley Civic Centre in conjunction with another grant funding presentation to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation for funding for the CT Scanner.

The addition of a CT Scanner will assist in saving lives and reducing costs to the local health care system. “Members of our medical staff and the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation have been effective advocates for this important piece of medical equipment to benefit our community,” says McLean.

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