



77% of Canadians Believe Government Funding for Alternative Energy Research Should Increase – Choose this as #1 option for government action

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Poll shows Canadians view alternative energy research as vital to reduction of energy prices

(Ottawa and Kingston, ON) — The BIOCAP Canada Foundation, a multi-stakeholder research coordinator and funder, and GPC Research have released a national poll showing Canadians prefer increased funding for alternative energy research to combat high energy prices.

An overwhelming 77% of respondents chose increased funding for alternative energy research as a response to increasing energy prices. More respondents identified alternative energy research than any other strategy, including lower gas taxes or increased funding for public transportation. The poll also showed 53% of Canadians believe finding new sources of energy should be a higher priority for the government than keeping prices down.

“Canadians believe the best strategy for achieving long-term energy price stability is to develop alternative sources of energy, and that increased funding for research is the way to achieve this,” said David Layzell, CEO of BIOCAP. “Canadians seem to be most interested in long-term price stability and minimizing environmental consequences, rather than a ‘quick-fix’ that won’t yield long-term results.”

“As energy costs have risen, we have seen more interest in alternative energy sources. Alternative energies, such as biomass, reduce our reliance on non-renewable fossil fuels, and tend to be more price-stable and better for the environment,” said Dr. Susan Wood, Associate Research Director at BIOCAP. Biomass is a form of renewable energy that includes residual forestry and agricultural materials, as well as municipal waste products. “Although biomass and other alternative fuel sources are currently viable energy sources, more research is necessary to make them widely available.”

BIOCAP Canada Foundation is a national, not-for-profit research foundation that is harnessing Canada’s research capacity to find economically and environmentally sustainable solutions to climate change, clean energy, and rural economic development.

GPC Research is located in Ottawa, Ontario and provides public opinion research services to a variety of clients across North America

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