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## REGIONAL PLANNING:

# Your Community's Energy Future Starts With You



**Get involved in regional electricity planning  
and help your community thrive**

# Local People, Local Solutions

**Your community is unique. No one knows it better than the people who live there. That's why the IESO wants to hear from you when developing its long-range regional electricity plans.**

Regional electricity plans take a 20-year outlook on every region in the province. The planning process connects communities with the IESO to discuss anticipated electricity needs and the options available to support these needs from an electricity planning perspective.



## **Here's how regional planning works:**

Regional electricity system planning is a process for identifying local electricity needs and recommending solutions to meet those needs, to ensure a reliable electricity supply for communities across the province. At least every five years, the IESO, in partnership with the transmitter and local hydro companies, looks at the future needs of each of Ontario's 21 electricity planning regions.

As part of this process, the IESO welcomes, considers and responds to all feedback from stakeholders, including communities. In many cases, the outcome of the regional planning process is an Integrated Regional Resource Plan, a comprehensive plan that sets out recommendations to meet future electricity needs for your area.

# How You Can Get Involved

In partnership with the transmitter and local distribution companies, the IESO engages with a cross-section of representatives, including Indigenous communities, business groups, municipalities, associations and consumers, to understand the factors that influence electricity needs at the local level. These might include:

- Capacity of existing electricity infrastructure
- Future growth plans
- Local energy projects
- Electric vehicle adoption
- Changes in housing, population, commercial and industrial development
- Long-term land use plans
- Energy-efficiency opportunities



By sharing information about emerging and long-term electricity requirements, regional planning can support local goals and contribute to the growth and development of your community.

To find out more about electricity planning in your community, contact [communityengagement@ieso.ca](mailto:communityengagement@ieso.ca) or subscribe to receive information specific to your planning region at [ieso.ca/subscribe](https://ieso.ca/subscribe).

# About the IESO

**The IESO is the electricity system planner and operator for the province of Ontario.** It manages the supply and flow of electricity to every home, business and community province-wide, coordinating on a minute-by-minute basis with electricity generators, transmitters and local hydro companies to ensure the entire system operates reliably and cost-effectively.

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