

Feedback Form

Energy Webinar for Indigenous Communities Feedback Form – January 17, 2024

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Following the Energy Webinar for Communities held on January 17, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions can be accessed from the [engagement webpage](#).

Please submit feedback to indigenousrelations@ieso.ca by February 7, 2024.

Transmitter Selection Framework (TSF)

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How best can the IESO keep you informed of the TSF development work, and solicit your input on matters relevant to your community's interests?	Keeping the community informed of developments via email and follow up calls if no response of matters of interest to the community is important
Are you interested in participating in the focused engagement sessions and/or 1:1 meetings with the IESO to share your community's feedback and perspectives?	yes
For future transmission projects, how should the IESO think about valuing Indigenous participation? Which Indigenous participation models (e.g., equity partnership, training and employment, capacity funding, etc.) have you seen or experienced as effective for other projects, and why?	It is important that the communities be involved and can participate in equity models which help the First Nations to become financially independent. Capacity funding is important as the communities do not have enough money to support staff in a lot of cases, so individuals are doing the work of 3 people just to try to keep things moving forward.
What do you believe has worked well and what hasn't worked well regarding your experience working with transmitters and/or partnering on electricity projects in Ontario?	The equity model that HONI has is a good fit for first nations as these projects are large and the nations cannot support large debt for years during development. Financial support via contribution agreements are also a priority to staff the projects accordingly

Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals

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What factors should the IESO consider to make it easier for Indigenous communities to be involved?	Make sure that you have the indigenous communities at the table. There needs to be more representation at the board level or on committees that bring the communities perspectives to the table.

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What else should be considered as part of the rated criteria with regards to increasing and bolstering Indigenous participation?	It would be good to see rate considerations for the nations as part of an incentive for participation ie a percentage savings on communities billing for example.
How can the IESO better support Indigenous communities to make decisions about proposed projects?	Involve the communities and ensure that simple straight forward language is used to ensure that everyone is properly informed to make decisions.

General Comments/Feedback

The LT2 is exciting, but our concern is that we need the capacity on the grid to be able to hook up the project. We can build all we want but with no where to sell the power through a grid hook up it is pointless. We need the line upgraded not reconditioned from McKay to Third Line TS to be able to bid on the RFP. Confirmation of this upgrade project being designated as a go, is important to Batchewana First Nation. BFN we will partner to build this line and will bid the RFP for the wind projects waiting to be built. We have a min of 300MW waiting to be built but cannot move them forward without a hook up.