

Indigenous Conservation Programming Report: IESO response to feedback

The Minister of Energy issued a [direction](#) to the IESO on October 25, 2017 to prepare a report on options to improve conservation programs, and access to programs, for First Nations and Métis, including communities served by Independent Power Authorities. This report will include an assessment of existing programs offered under the Conservation First Framework (CFF) and the Demand Side Management (DSM) Framework, as well as energy support programs.

On December 19, 2017, the IESO held a webinar to review summarized feedback from engagements with representatives from First Nations communities and Métis related to Conservation programming and to gather input to form recommendations to improve Conservation programming for First Nations and Métis in Ontario.

The IESO appreciates the input received during the webinar, as well as written feedback submitted to engagement@ieso.ca. This document provides responses to the written feedback submitted to the IESO as part of this engagement.

Related materials, including the Indigenous Conservation Programming Report, are available on the IESO website at <http://www.ieso.ca/en/sector-participants/engagement-initiatives/engagements/indigenous-conservation-programming-report>.

A list of the parties who have provided feedback, along with their questions and comments, can be found on the aforementioned webpage.

IESO Response to [Union Gas Feedback](#):

The feedback received through community, regional and Council meetings was consistent on the need to develop partnerships to develop comprehensive program offerings with streamlined administrative processes.

Through the report, the IESO recommends the creation of a Joint Advisory Committee as an opportunity to collaborate and to potentially develop partnerships with Ministries, agencies, utilities and other organizations that are focused on the broader community needs for First Nations and Métis in Ontario. Through this committee the IESO will explore opportunities to collaborate on program delivery, community events, educational initiatives while sharing knowledge and resources to support programming for First Nations and Métis in Ontario.