

Indigenous Conservation Programming: Report and Recommendations

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Background

- The IESO prepared a Report on options to improve conservation programs, and access to programs, for First Nations and Métis including communities served by independent power authorities (IPAs)
- The Report is in response to a Long Term Energy Plan [Directive](#) to the IESO Supporting Indigenous Capacity and Leadership and is intended to inform the Conservation First Framework Mid-Term Review
- The Report was released publically on March 29, 2018 and includes recommendations that were developed in response to feedback received from First Nations and Métis representatives through regional, community and Council meetings, the Indigenous Community Energy Symposium, a public webinar and other activities

Purpose of Today's Webinar

- To introduce the report *Indigenous Conservation Programming: A New Approach* and to review its recommendations along with preliminary implementation details
- The report is available [here](#)



Final Report - Feedback Received

- Feedback was summarized in the following three categories:

Programs

- Availability, Funding, Effectiveness, Promotion

Capacity Building

- Resources, Knowledge Transfer, Education Materials

Partnerships

- Program and Funding Coordination

Final Report - Recommendations

- In response to feedback received through the development of the report, recommendations were developed taking into consideration key elements of the Conservation First Framework
 - The Conservation First Framework is in place from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2020
 - The framework provides guidance, rules and a set budget for the implementation of electricity conservation programs in Ontario
 - The IESO has oversight of the framework, program approval, and support activities

Report Recommendations: Programs

- Change the program delivery model, through the Conservation First Framework, to improve access to programming for on-reserve First Nations communities, regardless of location in the province or connection to the system
 - Programs for Independent Power Authority (IPA) communities and other communities not connected to the IESO-controlled grid
 - Programs for communities served by LDCs that currently have access to province-wide Save on Energy programs only
- Develop targeted promotions of Save on Energy programs for First Nations and Métis peoples
 - Support program delivery with promotions that connect with the values of First Nations and Métis peoples

Report Recommendations: Capacity Building

- Offer First Nations and Métis energy management support services that provide training, program information and technical expertise
 - Regional training forums, 1-800 number and email for technical support
 - Available to both on-reserve and off-reserve
- Develop qualified vendors lists for those experienced working with First Nations and Métis.
 - Includes category of work required for delivering relevant programs for First Nations and Métis
 - Listing by area of expertise and region
- Launch an online portal for First Nations and Métis to share energy related information such as educational and marketing materials
 - Tips on reducing energy in homes and businesses, case studies, stories on energy conservation and materials for school curriculum

Report Recommendations: Partnerships

- Launch a Joint Advisory Committee consisting of First Nations, Métis and energy leader to develop a plan for energy conservation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction in Indigenous communities
 - Potential partnerships with LDCs, natural gas utilities, the Green Ontario Fund, Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Education
 - Share knowledge and resources with focus on broader community needs for First Nations and Métis
- Coordinate with Green Ontario Fund to establish funding and programs that support First Nations and Métis to reduce reliance on greenhouse gas emitting fuels
 - Identify opportunities to collaborate on coordinated program offerings

Implementation and Next Steps

- The report recommendations will be implemented throughout 2018
- The release of this report marks the beginning of a long-term process where the IESO will continue discussions with First Nations and Métis representatives
- Details related to the implementation of the report recommendations will be made available through various IESO communication channels such as:
 - Direct emails e.g. IESO Bulletin, Conservation E-Blast
 - IESO website
 - Aboriginal Energy Working Group