

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)

Topic	Feedback
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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website updates; webinars; engagement sessions; IESO representative appointed to the community group to provide updates via email, meetings and be available to answer questions; When the IESO knows of a development or project that is planned within the traditional territory an information letter should be sent to the FN, ASAP prior to RFP not after projects or development work has started or is awarded.
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: it will offer better insight and keep communication open; email contact provided on behalf of the community is at the front of this feedback form
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?	Any transmission projects that are crossing the First Nations traditional territory should be first and foremost with the free informed consent of the First Nation, which than should be developed in partnership with the FN should they want to partner or develop themselves, having said that the decision making should be by the FN when any activity is planned on the territory. The Ministry should be looking for a larger percentage equity ownership before award of a project if said project is on FN traditional territory there should be a minimum 51% equity ownership. Government should be willing to financially assist the FN to true partnership at this level
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?	In the past we cannot give any example of what works well, First Nations owners of the lands have been continuously walked over in the transmission projects, because we don't have the capacity to build transmission lines and developers need our support. The E/W tie line was an attempt of a partnership but due to costs the First Nations DID NOT end up becoming a true partner as originally planned. In the future we should see the future plans Marko Cervoic mentioned plans for the future these should be shared with the First Nations within their territory

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?	There should be a set aside pot of resources for indigenous communities to apply for these resources should be a percentage of all transmission lines and any other electrical generation projects no matter where they are
What else should be considered as part of the rated criteria with regards to increasing and bolstering Indigenous participation?	The level of partnership or ownership of the project should move forward to the front of award . Indigenous communities would be more receptive to assisting government to move forward with the long term plan of getting electrified, however, the Ontario government needs to address the outstanding land claims. In order to have a true nation to nation dialogue in meeting these targets
How can the IESO better support Indigenous communities to make decisions about proposed projects?	Financial resources in order to participate, and time with the proponents to ensure that the cultural values of the area for development is paramount. FN have consultation protocols that must be recognized by any proposed projects. We would like to see the proposed long term plan on where development is going to happen. For projects that have 51% or more of indigenous ownership there needs to be indigenous adders in some form be it a higher rate or a return of taxes to the First Nation or the indigenous owner.

General Comments/Feedback

The IESO continues to provide reports back to the Minister from the feedback from these and various other consultations, a copy of that report should be made available to organizations that have participated in these webinars and or engagement sessions upon request by the participating organization and or First Nation.