

# IESO Regional Electricity Forum Agenda

Northwest Ontario

April 10, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thunder Bay, Ontario

In preparation for the forum, the IESO will host a discussion the day before (on April 9 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm) to provide attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the IESO, including a presentation on Ontario's electricity system and market, and engage in discussion with IESO staff and other participants.

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## Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

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## Welcome and Greetings

9:00 a.m.

Margaret Kelch, Director, IESO Board of Directors  
Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation  
Mayor Bill Mauro, City of Thunder Bay

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## Keynote Address

9:20 a.m.

Leonard Kula, Chief Operating Officer and  
Vice President, Planning, Acquisition and Operations, IESO

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## Emerging Trends in Energy Planning

9:40 a.m.

Roopa Rakshit, Energy Planning Specialist, Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation  
*This session will provide perspectives on emerging trends when it comes to energy planning for northwestern Ontario communities. Ms. Rakshit of OFNTSC will present some of the opportunities and barriers to energy planning and some of the emerging trends that these communities will face.*

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## Local Spotlight

10:00 a.m.

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## Integrating Local Planning Initiatives

10:20 a.m.

Robert Mace, President & CEO, Synergy North  
Learn how this local distribution company is preparing to support local evolving customer needs.

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## Break

10:40 a.m.

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## Aligning Regional and Local Energy Planning – Panel Discussion

11:00 a.m.

*Planning for electricity takes into account many economic and social aspects both at a regional and local level. New technologies, community growth and infrastructure needs play a key role in a changing landscape. This panel discusses specific electricity planning needs and processes with an opportunity to explore elements to better align planning on local, regional and provincial levels.*

- Carrie Aloussis, Senior Manager, Customer, Stakeholder & Community Engagement , IESO (Moderator)
- Ahmed Maria, Director, Transmission Planning, IESO
- Municipality (invited)
- Indigenous Community (invited)

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## Lunch and Networking

12:15 p.m.

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## Planning to Meet the Needs of Ontario’s Electricity System

1:15 p.m.

Chuck Farmer, Director, Resource Planning, IESO

*The IESO plans the electricity needs for the province – both the resources needed, as well as the infrastructure. In this section of the agenda, the IESO will provide an overview of how it currently looks at existing and potential resources for planning Ontario’s electricity system, as well as seek input and perspectives on what is needed to inform future energy planning.*

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## Connected Communities

1:45 p.m.

Susan Harrison, Supervisor, Regional & Community Engagement

*Participate in discussions on community-based approaches to meeting electricity needs in Ontario’s Northwest region. The feedback will be collected and will form part of the IESO’s province-wide report on the challenges and opportunities that communities face in planning their electricity needs.*

*Report Back*

*Share insights and discoveries*

2:45 p.m.

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## Closing Remarks - Continuing the Dialogue

3:15 p.m.

Terry Young, Vice President, Policy, Engagement and Innovation

*IESO plans for future dialogue/discussions and a summary of key observations and themes emerging from the 2018/2019 series of forums.*

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## Adjournment

3:30 p.m.

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