

Memorandum

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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Subject: IESO Business Update – Stakeholder & Community Engagement

This memorandum provides an update on recent IESO engagement initiatives, including updates on regional and community engagement, First Nation and Métis Relations, an update on the IESO Technical Panel business, a new engagement plan for governance and decision making, as well as the details of the upcoming Planning Technical Conference.

Updates on active stakeholder engagement initiatives can be found in the monthly [Engagement Update](#) or on the [Active Engagements webpage](#).

Regional and Community Engagement Update

The IESO continues to focus on broadening and enhancing relationships with municipalities and the communities that they serve throughout the latter half of 2018. Through regional planning initiatives, conferences and other forums, the IESO will leverage the input heard from communities to enhance these engagement efforts and provide opportunities for continuous dialogue among communities on local electricity matters.

Regional planning engagement initiatives

In Q3 2018, the IESO expects to launch engagement efforts for the second regional planning cycle to seek input on the development of an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) in the regions of York, Toronto and Windsor/Essex. It is expected that engagement initiatives will follow in Q4 for Ottawa, Hamilton and potentially Kitchener/Waterloo/Guelph/Cambridge.

As we embark on these engagement efforts the IESO will rely on its engagement principles to integrate the following enhancements in our regional planning engagement efforts:

- Create a dedicated engagement webpage for materials and input to be posted in a transparent manner, including explanations for how the input was considered and how it shaped the next steps or decisions

- Develop an engagement plan that will target the specific areas for input for the development of each IRRP where interested parties can provide input on the opportunities for engagement
- Where necessary, establish an advisory group, to conduct targeted discussions to help inform the broader engagement
- Develop and seek input on an outreach plan to ensure that all interested parties are identified as key inputs into the scope of the engagement initiative
- Provide increased opportunities for input – i.e. webinars, increased web presence, etc.

Community Engagement

Engaging with communities is critical to the success of the IESO's regional and broader planning processes. As such, we are also exploring opportunities to establish regional networks to support the desire to broaden discussions with communities and stakeholders on local and regional electricity matters.

In addition, building on the success of last year's Regional Electricity Forums, the IESO will host a second series of forums with two scheduled in the fall of 2018 (Waterloo – Nov 8; Timmins – Nov 22) and two in the spring of 2019 (in Thunder Bay and Kingston – dates to be determined). This year's agenda will bring together communities to discuss local electricity matters and how their unique characteristics can factor into broader provincial electricity planning. More details about the agenda will be available soon.

First Nation and Métis Relations Update

The IESO will host its second annual First Nation Energy Symposium October 22–24 at the Eaton Chelsea in Toronto. The Symposium will cover a broader range of topics than the 2017 symposium, including discussions on regional and bulk planning, transmission procurement and innovative projects in communities across Canada. The symposium will provide an opportunity for communities to share details of their energy plans and projects. In addition, the IESO is working with the Métis Nation of Ontario to host a similar Métis Energy Symposium in late 2018.

Several staff in Policy, Engagement and Innovation travelled to Wunnumin Lake First Nation, a remote community, north of Thunder Bay, June 26–27th. The Council and community members of Wunnumin lake First Nation were gracious hosts and spoke openly about their needs with respect to energy efficiency in the community, information that will help inform the Indigenous Conservation program.

Technical Panel

The Technical Panel (TP) proposes and reviews amendments to the Market Rules, and as requested, advises the IESO Board of Directors on specific technical issues relating to the operation of the IESO-administered market. Members of the TP are representative of stakeholders in Ontario's electricity sector. A current list of membership can be found on the [Technical Panel Membership webpage](#).

The Technical Panel recently issued a call for nominations for the Consumer and Generator communities. The deadline for applications closed on July 17 with successful candidates to be announced in early September.

The Technical Panel is currently considering market rule amendments regarding capacity exports and demand response auction enhancement.

For more information or to review the Technical Panel materials and schedules, visit the Technical Panel [webpage](#).

IESO Engagement Initiative on Governance and Decision-Making

A new engagement initiative on IESO governance and decision-making commenced in August to explore and potentially propose enhancements to governance/decision-making framework to the IESO Board of Directors. Engagement on this initiative started with facilitated discussions with the Technical Panel, Market Renewal Working Group, Stakeholder Advisory Committee, as well as a meeting for broader stakeholders and market participants. These meetings will be conversations to collect broad feedback.

An Advisory Group will then consider the feedback received through the facilitated meetings to inform IESO recommendations to the IESO Board. The group will be composed of six to ten members and will represent a cross section of constituencies including, but not limited to generators, consumers, related businesses and services. Nominations for the advisory group will be accepted until August 23. The draft Terms of Reference for the advisory group is available on the engagement [webpage](#) and provides the objectives, scope and responsibilities of the group. You can submit a nomination by emailing engagement@ieso.ca.

Planning Technical Conference

The IESO will be holding a Planning Technical conference in Toronto on September 13. The conference, expected to become an annual event, will support greater transparency in the IESO's planning processes. The Market Renewal Project, particularly the Incremental Capacity Auction, has identified that clear, transparent, and timely information about system needs is critical to successfully attracting investment.

The morning session of the Planning Technical conference will provide an opportunity for sector participants to learn about the current adequacy outlook, and how the IESO's electricity planning processes and products will evolve as Ontario moves towards a more competitive electricity market. The afternoon session will focus on transmission planning processes and considerations, including a discussion about competitive transmission procurement processes and a proposed engagement plan to continue the dialogue on transmission procurement. Speakers external to Ontario will be invited to share their experiences with competitive transmission procurement processes in other jurisdictions.