

IESO Regional Electricity Forum Agenda

November 23, 2017
London Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London, ON
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Southwest
Ontario

Registration/Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Welcome and Greetings

9:00

- David Mayberry, County Warden, Oxford County
- Chuck Farmer, Director, Stakeholder and Public Affairs, Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

The Evolving Provincial Electricity System

Ontario's Evolving Electricity Sector: Keynote Address

9:15

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

Electricity is evolving from a centralized generation and delivery model with a few key players to a decentralized system where consumers and communities are seeking greater self-sufficiency and engagement in electricity decisions. The keynote address will identify these key changes and explore what they mean for customers, communities and stakeholders.

Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan and the IESO's Implementation Plan

9:35

- Samir Adkar, Manager, Network and Microgrid Policy, Ministry of Energy
- Chuck Farmer, Director, Stakeholder and Public Affairs, IESO

The Ministry of Energy will share highlights of the newly released Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) which sets the policy framework for Ontario's energy sector. The IESO will discuss the draft LTEP Implementation Plan and outline how customers, communities and stakeholders can get involved.

The Power to Connect: Advancing Customer-Driven Solutions – How empowered customers and changing technologies will advance the make-up of traditional local distribution companies

10:05

- Vinay Sharma, Chair, Electricity Distributors Association & President and CEO, London Hydro

Vinay will discuss how the changing electricity landscape is encouraging local distribution company transformation to become more customer-centric and how consumers are at the forefront of this change.

Break

10:35

The Local Perspective: Planning for Today and Tomorrow – Panel Discussion

11:00

- Moderator: Chuck Farmer, Director, Stakeholder and Public Affairs, IESO
- Greig Cameron, Vice President, Engineering & IT, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.
- Bob Chow, Director, Transmission Integration, IESO
- Nicola Presutti, Senior Manager, Control Room Operations, IESO
- Robert Reinmuller, Director, System Planning, Hydro One Networks

Learn how electricity operations and planning for the provincial system, as well as regional and community needs are shaping the system for the future.

Lunch and Networking

12:00 p.m.

The Local Perspective

The Local Evolving Electricity System: Keynote Address

1:00

- Ray Tracey, President & CEO, Essex Power Corporation

Hear about Essex Powerlines experience within the evolving electricity sector. What does provincial electricity policy mean at the local level, what are they hearing from their customers, how are they demonstrating innovation, and what are they doing to prepare for the future?

Spotlight on Local Innovation

1:30

- David Mayberry, County Warden, Oxford County

David will discuss Oxford County's decision and approach to promoting renewable energy and how political level leadership set the tone.

Break

2:10

Engagement at the Local Level: Panel Discussion

2:30

- Moderator: Robert Doyle, Section Head, Customer and Stakeholder Relations, IESO
- Paul Martin, Director, Business Operations, Facilities Management, Western University
- Kithio Mwanzia, President & CEO, Guelph Chamber of Commerce
- Jamie Skimming, Manager, Air Quality, City of London

A discussion about how electricity can be harnessed to support the growth, resiliency and vibrancy of communities and businesses across Ontario. How do we keep the electricity conversation going? What should the discussion look like at the local level? Who should lead these discussions?

Forum Wrap-Up

3:30

- Margaret Kelch, Director, IESO Board of Directors

A summary of key observations and themes emerging from the forum and a discussion of next steps.

Adjournment

4:00