

# Feedback Form

## Eastern Ontario Bulk Planning Update Webinar

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The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback following the May 27, 2026, presentation of the draft recommendations for Eastern Ontario Bulk Plan. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions are available on the engagement web page.

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by June 17, 2026.**

## Eastern Ontario Bulk Plan - Feedback

The May 27 2026, webinar focused on the draft Eastern Ontario Bulk Plan recommendations as presented. With the plan objectives and scope established, we are seeking feedback on clarity, understanding, and considerations important to note as the plan moves toward finalization.

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<p>What additional data or context would help provide more clarity and for consideration in the final report?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the needs of the communities between the Lennox TS and Ottawa? Are those needs expected to grow at same rate as Ottawa and Belleville?</li> <li>- How is increased generation accommodated over the longer term? We recognize that major investments in generation are outside the timing of this Plan, however suggest that the large transmission investments considered through this plan should be timed, sized and staged to consider where new generating capacity is ultimately proposed, to make the best use of the assets.</li> </ul>
<p>What questions or concerns do you have about the draft recommendations that the IESO might consider in future planning activities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 2 – when will we know whether this is required?</li> <li>- What are the opportunities for communities between Lennox TS and Ottawa to benefit from potential investment in transmission infrastructure?</li> </ul>
<p>What additional data or local considerations should the IESO be aware of in finalizing the draft recommendations, or for future planning?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The existing 500 kv transmission corridor bisects the southeastern part of the Town – comprising two lines running parallel to each other. Some of the land on which this is situated is owned by Hydro One Networks, some owned by the Town and some owned privately, apparently subject to an easement.</li> <li>- The transmission corridor abuts the Town’s business park</li> <li>- The Town is in the process of finalizing a new Official Plan, through which we are proposing to designate 19 ha (46 acres) of land to Employment to accommodate our projected needs. The objective of the Town’s planning process is to ultimately enable the availability of shovel ready employment lands to become available for investment. These lands were carefully selected as they abut existing employment lands, immediate and efficient access to services (new water tower and nearby</li> </ul>

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	<p>wastewater treatment plant) and are very close to major transportation corridors that allow for goods movement with minimal impact on residential neighbourhoods. The Town would be very concerned with a transmission corridor expansion that requires land acquisition in the proposed business park:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Given the Bulk Study's timing envelope, it may be many years before these lands are ever needed for that purpose. In the meantime, if these lands are "reserved" and effectively frozen, that would inhibit the Town's business and industrial development in an area very well suited for it.</li> <li>2) expanding the existing corridor will further "sterilize" land on either side rendering it difficult and potentially impossible to develop.</li> <li>3) If the designated lands can no longer be marketed for development, we would need to designate additional lands at cost and time, which would freeze economic development in the interim. Based on the geography of the Town within its current boundaries, any alternative location would likely be more expensive to service and develop in the long run.</li> </ol> <p>Our recommendation is that any capacity upgrades within the 500 kv corridor be accommodated within the existing right-of-way.</p>

### General Comments/Feedback

The Town welcomes the opportunity to discuss the above with IESO at your earliest convenience, and arrive at a mutually agreeable solution that preserves economic certainty for the Town.