

Feedback Form

Long Lead-Time Request for Proposals (LLT RFP) – Municipal Feedback

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Following the November 12, 2025, Long Lead-Time RFP webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback. The presentations and webinar recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by December 3, 2025.

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Topic	Feedback
How can the IESO better support municipalities to make decisions about proposed projects?	Do not require municipalities to issue support resolutions in advance of the completion of applicable local planning approvals and public engagement processes.
How can the IESO better support municipalities to ensure that any necessary support confirmations are issued in advance of periods when municipal resources may be constrained due to upcoming elections?	Same comment as above.
Are there additional engagement considerations that the IESO should be aware of for long lead time projects?	Same comment as above.

General Comments/Feedback

RE: 9.4.5 Report COR-2025-039 Request for Municipal Support Confirmation – IESO LT2(e-1) RFP – 3972 Sideroad 20 S – Solar Farm

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on September 17, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-293: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That report COR-2025-039 entitled Request for Municipal Support Confirmation – IESO LT2(e-1) RFP – 3972 Sideroad 20 S – Solar Farm be received for information; and,

Whereas issuance of a Municipal Support Resolution prior to a decision being made on applicable Planning Act approvals may prejudice the Township in its decision on such Planning Act matters;

And Whereas the Township does not wish to contribute to any losses the proponent or landowner may experience, whether real or perceived, in advancing a project where Planning Act and other subsequent approvals are not guaranteed;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council declines issuance of a Municipal Support Resolution for LT2 (e-1) RFP, where a 'solar farm' is not permitted on the subject lands in accordance with the County of Wellington's Official Plan and the Township's Zoning By-law 023-18, as amended; and

That Council direct staff to send a letter to the IESO highlighting the issues with the process of requesting municipal support prior to local planning process taking place.

CARRIED

Further, to the above resolution, the Township would like to express its concerns with the current requirement for Municipal Support Confirmation as part of proponents' submissions under the IESO's Request for Proposal LT2 (RFP) process.

While the Township understands and appreciates the IESO's intent to ensure that renewable energy projects have local municipal support, the timing of a local support resolution creates risks for municipalities, whether real or perceived, by asking that municipalities provide any type of support resolution in advance of the completion of applicable local planning approvals and public engagement processes.

First, there is a monetary risk. Despite the draft wording provided by the IESO for the municipal support confirmation, municipalities may face financial liabilities, administrative costs, or potential legal challenges if a project advances with municipal support but later fails to obtain necessary planning approvals. This can place undue burden on limited municipal resources.

Second, and equally important, there is a risk to public perception and trust. When a municipal council passes a resolution of support before a public process has taken place, it may create the impression, perceived or otherwise, that the outcome of future planning applications has been predetermined. This undermines the transparency, fairness, and integrity of the municipal planning process and can erode public confidence in both municipal decision-making and renewable energy development more broadly.

For these reasons, the Township strongly recommends that the IESO revise its RFP framework to align the timing of Municipal Support Confirmation with the conclusion of municipal planning and public engagement processes. This would allow municipalities to provide support in a manner that is transparent, defensible, and reflective of community input, while also ensuring that proponents proceed with a clear and reliable pathway to local approvals.

The Township respectfully requests that the IESO consider amending its process to mitigate these risks and better support municipalities in fulfilling their statutory obligations and responsibilities to the public.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.