

# Feedback Form

## Long-Term RFP Community Engagement- Municipal Discussion Session- April 12, 2022

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Following the Long-Term RFP Community Engagement Municipal Breakout Discussion webinar held on April 12, 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback as outlined during the presentation. A copy of the presentation as well as a recording of the session that includes an overview of the feedback request, can be accessed from the [engagement webpage](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by **May 10, 2022**.**

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What questions do you have related to Ontario's emerging electricity needs? What more do you need to know about the procurement process?	How will the electricity supply support economic development planning for municipalities? How will the procurement process ensure that innovation and local energy solutions are supported and encouraged? How will municipalities be engaged throughout the process (both those within the project's boundaries and adjacent to them?)

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How can the IESO support municipalities to ensure timelines associated with the procurement process are achieved?	Continued education and information sessions about the importance of and timelines of the procurement process; particularly during and after the municipal elections (October 2022). Information should be available online as well as staff resources dedicated to answer questions as they arise. The IESO should also communicate to communities through regional municipal conferences, including the AMO Conference in August 2022.
<p>What information will municipalities need to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• external inquiries (e.g. from potential proponents)</li> <li>• internal decision making processes (e.g. permitting)</li> </ul> <p>What is the best way to deliver this information?</p>	Municipalities will need resources and support from the IESO for both external inquiries and internal decision-making processes. One size fits all solutions will not work, and so would encourage the IESO to deliver this information through various ways (website, information sessions, in-person meetings, etc.) Specific assistance teams that municipalities can rely on if they do not have the in-house expertise could also be considered.
What are some of the barriers/opportunities that proponents may encounter in gaining municipal support? What are some strategies to foster the opportunities and/or reduce barriers?	Insufficient time provided to consider the project; lack of/minimal consultation prior to asking for municipal support; not leveraging the economic development and planning staff in the community to ensure the proponent's project is well integrated, where possible. This is why consistent communication throughout the process with Council and staff is critical. The IESO should develop proactive assistance teams and create mechanisms whereby proponents and municipalities can reach out if either party is finding the process difficult.

## General Comments/Feedback

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) represents most of the 444 municipal governments in Ontario. We appreciate the ability to comment on the Long-Term RFP as the IESO works to meet Ontario's growing electricity needs. These projects are of paramount importance, and municipal governments are invested in electrification and want to support innovation. We caution that this process is taking place in a year that holds a municipal election. As such, the IESO should ensure its communications strategy includes educating current Councils until the municipal election, as well as new Councils (mid-October onwards) to ensure the procurement timelines are met and successful. Finally, the IESO should continue pressing the importance of collaboration between municipalities and proponents, as many communities have already identified climate change and decarbonization goals that the proponents' projects could complement.