

# Feedback Form

## Long-Term RFP Community Engagement- Municipal Discussion Session- April 19, 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**.**

Topic	Feedback
What questions do you have related to Ontario's emerging electricity needs? What more do you need to know about the procurement process?	Will new capacity be created through Northeastern Ontario? There is land availability and water sources to create hydro electric plants, but not transmission capacity to move the power to the users in Southern Ontario.
How can the IESO support municipalities to ensure timelines associated with the procurement process are achieved?	Communications providing best practices for dealing with permitting, planning and consultation.

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<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>	<p>Work with provincial government to provide a framework and operating guidelines for the development of projects, including restrictions for certain types of lands.</p> <p>Contact people for municipal staff to reach out to for advice or guidance.</p> <p>Training sessions such as the one today to provide clarity about the process and planning.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Barriers: Municipalities who wish to keep their community the way it is: no new visible infrastructure (windmills).</p> <p>Opportunities: Some municipalities will look at the program as a way to create new revenue streams on vacant lands. IESO can perhaps communicate best practices found around the province and showcase good examples to ensure that municipalities are aware of the opportunities available to them and how others are benefiting.</p>

## General Comments/Feedback

I would prefer that the provincial government implement restrictions on the available land uses as they did in the FIT program to eliminate the risk that good farmland required for food production does not get built on and tied up for the next twenty years. Even in Northern Ontario over that time period, some land that is not available for food production today will become viable farmland over that time.

In provincial border areas of the Northeast and Northwest, is there a possibility of importing power created in Northwestern Quebec or Manitoba to reduce transmission requirements and increase the amount of available power in Ontario without new construction?

For remote areas of the province, could small hydro production be used to provide power to First Nation communities and even mine sites to reduce the need for long transmission lines with very few end users?