

# Feedback Form

## Long-Term RFP Community Engagement: September 20, 2022

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Following the Long-Term RFP Community Engagement discussion session held on September 20, 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback as outlined during the presentation from municipalities. 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 **October 7, 2022**.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

# Proposed Community Engagement Requirements

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<p>Are there any suggested modifications to be considered in the draft Community Engagement Requirements – which can be found in the “<a href="#">Draft E-LT1 Prescribed Form: Community Engagement Requirements</a>”? This document, along with all the other draft prescribed forms are now available on the <a href="#">IESO’s Long-Term RFP and Expedited Process</a> webpage. Please refer to slide 14 of the September 20 <a href="#">presentation</a> for more details.</p> <p>Does this approach present any opportunities or challenges to municipalities?</p>	<p>AMO appreciates that an accessible notice of public community meeting needs to be posted on the Project Website and hope that the proponents adequately advertise this meeting. As well, that the notice will be delivered to each owner of Property located in adjacent to the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Project Site.</p> <p>It will be important that IESO ensure these notices are accessible and are delivered on time, given the short timeframe of this procurement.</p> <p>Key will be to ensure the consultation is meaningful and that the meeting is advertised to the appropriate audience.</p>

# Proposed Municipal Council Support Resolution

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<p>Are there any updates or modifications to be considered in the draft Municipal Council Support Resolution – which can be found in the “<a href="#">Draft E-LT1 Prescribed Form: Evidence of Municipal Support</a>”? This document, along with all the other draft prescribed forms are now available on the <a href="#">IESO’s Long-Term RFP and Expedited Process</a> webpage. Please refer to slides 12, 13 of the September 20 <a href="#">presentation</a> for more details.</p>	<p>Municipal support is a key component of moving a proponent’s project forward. As such, municipal governments must be informed of the type of project, location, technology, and any other information necessary to ensure the municipality can make the most informed choice given their local needs and circumstances.</p> <p>The approach proposed by the IESO does present challenges as the timeframe to gather municipal support for the rated criteria starts right after the municipal election (October 24<sup>th</sup>). Councils will be undertaking orientation in November/December 2022, which may make it difficult for fulsome conversations to occur with respect to the proposed resolutions.</p>
<p>Does this approach present any opportunities or challenges to municipalities?</p>	<p>That said the concept of a support resolution aligns with other existing municipal decision-making process and will provide Councils with an opportunity to look at the types of technology and projects and make an informed (and binding) decision.</p>
<p>How does the timing and concept of a support resolution align with other existing municipal decision-making processes?</p>	<p>Proclaiming support for the construction and operation of the LT Reliability Project within a truncated timeframe may not provide enough time for all of the information to be presented and questions answered at the Council table. While it is understood that the resolution does not supersede any applicable permits or approvals required for the project in the future, it may put municipalities in a difficult position should challenges with those permits or approvals arise in the future.</p> <p>The alternative of providing a blanket letter of support that indicates a municipality is in favour of a project (without any details), must not bind the municipality to acceptance of the project without further details. The alternative of allowing for a formal delegation of the issuance of a Municipal Support Confirmation Letter (project-specific) to the Chief Administrative Officer, or equivalent, is appreciated.</p> <p>It is important that Councils and the public be educated on the need for these projects and the types of technology is necessary to prepare for the process and the proponents that are beginning to reach out.</p>

# Guidance Materials for Municipalities

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<p>What other specific information can the IESO include in the guidance municipalities may require? Please refer to slides 20 - 23 of the September 20 <a href="#">presentation</a> for more details.</p>	<p>More education is needed to provide context for the project and targeted messaging to reflect the scope of regional needs across the province.</p>
<p>How can this information be best delivered to municipal audiences?</p>	<p>Webinars and presentations to Councils and residents would be a helpful method to deliver information, whether jointly with AMO or separate/apart from.</p>
<p>What information do municipalities need as they process requests from proponents and/or inform constituents within your communities?</p>	<p>Regular information and Q&amp;A sessions for municipalities with projects underway would be helpful, particularly in late 2022 and early 2023.</p> <p>Councils should be encouraged to explore the types of technology of projects the IESO has deemed possible, and have a mechanism to communicate to prospective proponents and the IESO whether a particular generating source would be welcomed in the community.</p> <p>Accessible information for municipal websites/social media to help educate residents is essential.</p>

## General Comments/Feedback:

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) represents most of the 444 municipal governments in Ontario. We appreciate the ability to further 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 continue to caution that the consultation on municipal council resolutions is taking place during a municipal election. As such, the IESO must be steadfast in its communications to ensure newly formed Councils are brought up to speed.

We also recognize the importance of meeting procurement timelines. That is why the IESO must continue to stress the need for municipalities and prospective proponents to collaborate in a meaningful way, as many communities have already identified climate change and decarbonization goals that proponents should be aware of early on in this process.