

Feedback Form

Energy Webinar for Indigenous Communities Feedback Form – January 17, 2024

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Following the Energy Webinar for Communities held on January 17, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions can be accessed from the [engagement webpage](#).

Please submit feedback to indigenousrelations@ieso.ca by February 7, 2024.

Transmitter Selection Framework (TSF)

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How best can the IESO keep you informed of the TSF development work, and solicit your input on matters relevant to your community's interests?	Please inform our elected Chief, First Nation Manager/CEO (Band Administrator), and designated Consultation/Communications Relations officer(s) identified by the Chief or executive office that supports the Chief and Council. Please continue to notify our Consultation@kettlepoint.org email as well as Kimberly.bressette@kettlepoint.org (Chief), verna.george@kettlepoint.org (CEO/CAO/FN Manager), jordan.george@kettlepoint.org (Communications/Consultation Specialist)
Are you interested in participating in the focused engagement sessions and/or 1:1 meetings with the IESO to share your community's feedback and perspectives?	Yes. Please reach out to Jordan.george@kettlepoint.org or at 519 786-2125 (ext. 132). KSPFN's consultancy group, Three Fires (TFG) is undergoing executive change and more information about new management will be made available at earliest possible time.
For future transmission projects, how should the IESO think about valuing Indigenous participation? Which Indigenous participation models (e.g., equity partnership, training and employment, capacity funding, etc.) have you seen or experienced as effective for other projects, and why?	All the participation models listed here have to be fused into a workable package. Long term relationship agreements that recognize regions where FN participation is essential and which First Nation Bands have first opportunity to participate would be very helpful. Past partnerships and IESO vision of FN partnering should be a point of discussion and implementation on new projects. Experiences of proponents and First Nations in past IESO rounds for project developments. Honestly, there have been some missed opportunities in terms of partnerships with both the IESO, and with proponents seeking IESO developed projects, learning about these will help Kettle and Stony Point FN develop a responsive and coordinated system for evaluating potential projects and sure projects in our regions. Working to support regional development tables and local capacity development must continue and FNs who are missing opportunities need to understand what is hampering their progression into Energy industries.
What do you believe has worked well and what hasn't worked well regarding your experience working with	Lack of recognition of importance of IESO and of electricity impacts generally on First Nations has made it difficult to create broad understanding among leadership. However the current administration is eager to correct consultation

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transmitters and/or partnering on electricity projects in Ontario?	gaps and breaks in communications among FNs partners and even internally on the First Nation local level. The inability of First Nations to share info among each other is hampering the realization of many projects and inability of some FNs to pursue the process of negotiating these opportunities is happening due to lack of "capacity" to push these types of EC Dev forward. However, the involvement of First Nations in new rounds of IESO development across SW Ontario can grow if some FNs take on leadership roles when necessary.

Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals

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What factors should the IESO consider to make it easier for Indigenous communities to be involved?	Engagement of Council and of executive administration as well as designated consultation and economic development staff who are serious about analyzing and moving yardstick forward.
What else should be considered as part of the rated criteria with regards to increasing and bolstering Indigenous participation?	Reaching out to First Nations to keep them informed on the projects, instead of hearing about them from proponents who want to be awarded projects. And ensuring that the regional treaty partners are made aware and given chance to enter into partnerships with proponents and IESO knowledge keepers.
How can the IESO better support Indigenous communities to make decisions about proposed projects?	The CEC and Education capacity benefit are good starts. But the work of informing FNs on upcoming projects and IESO work is still majorly needed. The use of IESO capacity funding is sometimes being used for superfluous funding to prop up consultants that move in to take advantage of legitimate First Nation government. Overtime these scenarios can damage FN ability to negotiate and to understand due to what might be called consultant complacency, and with support of some elected officials and not others can sometimes lead to severe gridlock and inability to move forward in program development and in energy planning and investment planning in terms of economic development strategy connected to IESO led projects.

General Comments/Feedback

Miigwetch for continued First Nations engagement and Kettle & Stony Point look forward to future work with IESO and with our regional treaty partners (Walpole, Aamjiwnaang, COTT, Caldwell) as well as with proponents who are players in energy industry in SW Ontario.

I look forward to more information on new rounds and on IESO development generally. And of course next years annual IESO conference.