

Feedback Form

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

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FEEDBACK:

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- Furthermore, it is important that any potential project investment analysis proposal includes a policy to actively incorporate and take ownership and responsibility for ESG + I reporting practices that legitimately safeguard the environment and Indigenous Treaty Rights whilst contributing to community development and building local capacity.

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to the grid. Secondly, to ensure communities 'save on energy' could netmetering be included in a tie-in power generation agreement?

Finally, in referring to IESO's intention to '**develop a competitive transmitter selection framework to support new transmission development and provide new opportunities to communities and transmitters**' I would like an opportunity for MCFN to engage with IESO to further explore how as an entity, MCFN itself might be able to qualify as an independent utility operator. This takes into account a pending transmission line upgrade and necessity for a local sub-station in Missanabie.

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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 [mailto:](mailto: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?	Through information engagement sessions where questions can be raised and feedback/surveys done to gauge community reaction

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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. It is an imperative that the community of Missanabie Cree First Nation can participate in focused energy development information sessions that directly impact on their territories.
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?	Any potential energy development project needs to be approved and supported by MCFN at all stages through adherence to the community's vision, traditional core values, and Indigenous stewardship and knowledge of the land. Furthermore, it is important that any potential project investment analysis proposal includes a policy to actively incorporate and take ownership and responsibility for ESG + I reporting practices that legitimately safeguard the environment and Indigenous Treaty Rights whilst contributing to community development and building local capacity.
What do you believe has worked well and what hasn't worked well regarding your experience working with transmitters and/or partnering on electricity projects in Ontario?	To date, issues with establishing the costs and criteria for technical feasibility studies, CIA's and regulatory processes

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?	Personal face-to-face presentations and perhaps look at setaside projects specifically reserved for First Nation Communities to bid on.
What else should be considered as part of the rated criteria with regards to increasing and bolstering Indigenous participation?	Funding that provides flexibility especially for First Nations whose development is minimal and just starting out.

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How can the IESO better support Indigenous communities to make decisions about proposed projects?	IESO is well-placed to judge project feasibility and where areas can be improved or revisited to strengthen a proposal.

General Comments/Feedback

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