

Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in the GTA East Region – September 14, 2026

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Following the GTA East regional planning webinar held on September 14, 2026, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the detailed options analysis and draft recommendations to meet the needs. A copy of the presentation as well as recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by October 5, 2026.

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What feedback do you have on the draft recommendations?	Although it is encouraging to see a combination of recommendations that includes eDSM in the draft, the type of dispatchable resource has not been specified. Greater

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	clarity is needed on this aspect, as the resource could range from a low-carbon solution to a large natural gas-fired electricity generation facility, which would significantly increase grid emissions and may be inconsistent with long-term decarbonization objectives.
What information needs to be considered regarding the draft recommendations?	In reviewing the draft recommendations, additional consideration should be given to the specific type of dispatchable resource being proposed, as this has not yet been clearly defined. Greater clarity is needed because the emissions and sustainability impacts can vary significantly depending on the technology selected. Furthermore, the analysis should consider a broader range of innovative, low-carbon energy solutions beyond the New Station + eDSM + Dispatchable Resource or BESS pathway. Potential opportunities may include offshore wind development in Lake Ontario, utilization of waste heat from nearby nuclear generating stations for district energy applications, floating solar installations, and other emerging technologies that could help meet growing electricity demand while supporting long-term decarbonization objectives. These options may warrant further consideration, particularly given that land availability was identified as a constraint for conventional ground-mounted solar and onshore wind development. Technologies such as offshore wind and floating solar could provide additional renewable energy capacity while minimizing competition for limited land resources.
How can the IESO continue to engage with communities and stakeholders as the recommendations are implemented, or to help prepare for the next planning cycle.	The IESO should continue to engage with municipalities, Indigenous communities, utilities, businesses, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders through regular consultation sessions, workshops, and transparent public reporting on the progress of implemented recommendations. Ongoing engagement should provide opportunities for stakeholders to review planning assumptions, assess emerging technologies, and identify local priorities and concerns. To help prepare for the next planning cycle, the IESO should seek feedback on a broader range of energy solutions and scenarios, including innovative low-carbon options such as offshore wind development in Lake Ontario, utilization of waste heat from nearby nuclear generating stations for district energy

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	applications, floating solar installations, energy storage, and other emerging technologies. Early and continuous stakeholder involvement will help ensure that future plans reflect community priorities, support decarbonization objectives, and remain adaptable to evolving energy demands, technological advancements, and policy requirements. The IESO should also provide greater transparency regarding the technologies being considered to meet future capacity needs, particularly where dispatchable resources are proposed, so that stakeholders can better understand the potential emissions, cost, and reliability implications of different options. Importantly, the IESO should clearly communicate how stakeholder feedback was considered and incorporated into the final recommendations, including providing the rationale where specific suggestions were not adopted. This level of transparency would help build trust, demonstrate accountability, and enable communities and stakeholders to provide more informed and constructive input during future planning cycles.

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