Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in the South Georgian Bay/Muskoka Region – July 27, 2026

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To promote transparency, feedback submitted will be posted on the South Georgian Bay/Muskoka engagement webpage unless otherwise requested by the sender. No objections from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the scoping assessment report. A copy of the report and a narrated video presentation can be accessed from the engagement web page.

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by **August 10, 2026.**

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What additional information, if any, should be incorporated in the proposed scenarios? How can the proposed scenarios best capture the range and	BWG's confirmed industrial demand should anchor the Reference scenario, not the High scenario. The RTG parcel-level capacity schedule submitted to Hydro One (Dec 2024, rev. May 2025) shows cumulative OPA 15 demand of 21

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uncertainty of growth potential while informing near-term infrastructure investments?	MW (2026), 41 MW (2027), 102.5 MW (2028), 162.5 MW (2029) and 204.5 MW (2030). This demand meets the IESO's stated large-load maturity criteria: signed Hydro One Initial Estimates (March 11, 2026, for Highlight Motor Group and Gala Developments, 25 MW Phase 1), submitted capacity schedules, active applications, and a Council-adopted Industrial Land Strategy (EDO-2026-03, June 2026) that phases ~2,200 acres of employment land to power availability. Additional datasets for the forecast, may be shared concurrently with Hydro One and Alectra as the primary conduits upon request: the Town's 38-project non-residential pipeline (4.54M sq ft by 2030; 14.45M sq ft by 2035); Alectra-territory growth (~339,000 sq m ICI and ~4,900 homes over 10 years); the provincial housing pledge (6,500 units by 2031); and the adopted Growth Management Plan (83,470 residents / 30,900 jobs by 2051). Scenario design requests: treat signed-estimate loads as firm in the Reference case; use the High scenario for full Industrial Land Strategy build-out; publish station-level (Holland TS / Brown Hill TS) granularity; and reflect the Bradford Bypass (early-2030s completion) and the provincially designated Strategic Settlement Employment Area. We request written confirmation at the Q4 2026 needs milestone that these inputs are reflected.
What areas of concern or interest about electricity should be considered as part of the planning process?	(1) Need timing: Holland TS (169 MW operational limit) is expected to be fully subscribed by ~2027 against the RTG ramp above (staff interpretation of Hydro One planning data; we request the needs assessment confirm or correct this). BWG's need date is 2027, not 2030+. (2) First-mover cost allocation: Hydro One's signed March 2026 estimates require ~$38M up front to connect just 25 MW (Highlight: $14.4M contribution + $1.8M deposit + $470K design fees; Gala/Augend: $18.5M + $2.4M + $607K), with the DCF crediting Hydro One only ~11% of cost — $1.2–1.5M per MW before excluded costs, at ±50% accuracy. This is unfinanceable for developers and, per the Mayor's assessment, will likely scuttle both flagship deals.

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	Scaled to 204.5 MW, this allocation model strands hundreds of millions in private investment. (3) Wires timing and risk: the Northern York TS 3 solution (~$150M, ~200 MW, $63.15M developer share) has slipped to 2030–31, with EA, easement and land-acquisition risks; the staged 44 kV works (+30 MW ~$21M; +30 MW ~$22M) cover barely half of 2028 demand. (4) Regional context: the 2025 GTA North IRRP found the Northern York station-capacity need immediate; nine municipalities (430,000+ residents) are escalating through the Northern York Region Coalition; the York Energy Centre expiry (2035) adds an identified ~400 MW shortfall. (5) Non-wires bridge: we ask that BWG be the region's priority NWA case — evaluating the Council-approved municipal land-lease BESS (Option to Lease to Alectra Energy Solutions, Jan 2025) for LT2, behind-the-meter BESS/solar at constrained parcels, and targeted eDSM — credited as bridge capacity in the options phase, not only long-term options.
What information is important to provide throughout the engagement? Does the proposed Engagement Plan provide sufficient scope and opportunities for input? What other engagement activities or methods should be considered?	The municipal meetings at each milestone are valuable and should continue; the January survey and July forecast sessions worked well. Requested enhancements: (1) standing technical engagement for BWG with the TWG between public milestones, given the 'Very High' growth classification in both seasons; (2) circulation of LDC methodology slides (as raised in the July 22 session); (3) publication of station-level headroom data (a capacity transparency map) so municipalities and site selectors can direct investment to where capacity exists; (4) a joint IESO–Hydro One/Alectra–municipal working session before the Q4 2026 needs milestone to reconcile the Town's demand datasets with LDC submissions; (5) coordination with the Northern York Region Coalition municipalities whose loads share the Holland/Armitage/Brown Hill stations across the SGBM and GTA North planning seams; and (6) feedback windows longer than two weeks where materials are distributed the morning of the session.

General Comments/Feedback

BWG appreciates that the draft forecast names economic development at Bradford West Gwillimbury as a primary growth driver and rates the Town's growth 'Very High' in both seasons. The demand is real and signed; the grid solution exists; the current cost allocation and 2030–31 timing make it unbuildable. The specific relief sought: a 2027-dated needs finding for the Holland TS / BWG supply gap at the Q4 2026 milestone; expedited options analysis and Regional Infrastructure Plan treatment of Northern York TS 3 and the staged 44 kV works so the wires solution enters rate-funded plans at the earliest date; and non-wires alternatives evaluated as bridge capacity for 2027–2030. More than $500M in confirmed investment and 2,000–3,000 direct jobs depend on the sequencing of this IRRP. A 2-page business case with the supporting evidence accompanies this form; full documentation (RTG schedule, signed estimates, 38-project analysis, Industrial Land Strategy) is available on request. Please note: figures reflect Town staff interpretation of available data, including ballpark-stage utility estimates, and should be verified against primary sources. The Town requests this submission be posted publicly.