

Feedback Form

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

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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	While it is helpful for IESO and LDC's to have a good understanding of the active developments that South Georgian Bay/Muskoka (SGB/M) municipalities have in the approvals pipeline, long term forecasting should also be

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uncertainty of growth potential while informing near-term infrastructure investments?	informed by both population and employment forecasts (in Official Plans) as well as assumed development yields of all designated lands within each municipality. This will ensure that the IESO is capturing and planning for the electricity needs of all planned growth, not just the applications in process. Furthermore, exceptional projects should also be accounted for. In Simcoe County, County staff are aware of the following such project: 1) Honda Expansion (while temporarily paused, preparation for the eventual expansion is underway). 2) Lake Simcoe Regional Airport certification, airport expansion, and employment uses on surrounding lands. 3) Orbit GO Station and surrounding Transit Oriented Community 4) Hospital Development/Expansions in Collingwood, Alliston, Midland, Orillia, Barrie, and planned in Innisfil 5) Infrastructure Expansion projects by local municipalities (Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansions, new pumping stations, etc.) 6) CFB Borden is expanding the number of activities and development on the base. Please reach out to CFB Borden to discuss. 7) The Canadian Forces is planning an Over-The-Horizon Radar site in Clearview Township. Electricity demands for this facility are unknown, but need to be considered in IESO forecasting. 8) Future employment land development along Provincial Highways (i.e. Highway 425/Bradford Bypass and the Forbes Road interchange of Highway 400).
What areas of concern or interest about electricity should be considered as part of the planning process?	Lack of provincial land use regulation/assessment criteria for Data Centres and Battery Storage is an area of concern. The Provincial Growth Strategy for South Simcoe and associated electricity demands is an area of concern that needs to be factored into the IESO planning process. This growth is above any municipal planning documents. From a municipal perspective, it would be very helpful if the IESO and relevant LDC's would return to regularly scheduled liaison meetings with upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities so all parties have a good understanding of needs, capacities and respective planning efforts.
What information is important to provide throughout the engagement? Does the proposed Engagement Plan provide sufficient scope and opportunities for	Regular communication of the current stage of the process is helpful. The Engagement Plan would benefit from discussions with the Provincial government.

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input? What other engagement activities or methods should be considered?	

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