

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	MSIFN recommends that the IESO incorporate Indigenous-specific growth, development, and energy planning data into all three demand scenarios. Current scenario inputs rely primarily on municipal and LDC data,

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uncertainty of growth potential while informing near-term infrastructure investments?	yet the IESO notes that “LDCs...serve as conduits for municipalities to communicate growth, development, and electrification plans” (Draft Forecasting Presentation, p.16). This approach risks excluding Indigenous-led housing, infrastructure, and energy projects across Michi Saagiig territory. MSIFN reiterates its November 2025 position that Indigenous Nations must be treated as governments, not stakeholders, and therefore their growth projections must be integrated as distinct scenario inputs. MSIFN requests that the IESO: • Integrate Michi Saagiig community growth projections and planned developments into the Reference and High scenarios. • Include Indigenous-led DERs, battery storage, renewable natural gas, microgrids, and community solar as explicit scenario drivers. • Add sensitivity analyses for cumulative electrification impacts, including EV adoption, heat-pump transitions, and community energy sovereignty initiatives. • Clarify how “potential demand growth that is less certain” (p.19) will be evaluated when Indigenous communities identify future projects not yet formally committed. Given the projected 78% summer load growth and 89% winter load growth over 20 years (pp.20–21), Indigenous-specific data is essential to avoid under-forecasting and misaligned infrastructure investments.
What areas of concern or interest about electricity should be considered as part of the planning process?	MSIFN requests that the IRRP explicitly incorporate the following areas of concern: Rights-Based Considerations MSIFN’s treaty rights, cultural heritage, and stewardship responsibilities must be central to planning. As stated in our November 2025 submission, MSIFN seeks a

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	government-to-government relationship, integration of Indigenous knowledge, and alignment with UNDRIP and the TRC Calls to Action. Environmental Protection & Cumulative Impacts The IRRP must assess cumulative impacts on lands, waters, species, and harvesting areas. The Engagement Plan notes the region’s reliance on 230 kV and 115 kV circuits (Engagement Plan, p.4), which may require expansion—raising potential impacts on Michi Saagiig territory. Energy Sovereignty & Indigenous Participation MSIFN is actively investing in battery storage, renewable natural gas, and renewable energy generation. The IRRP must evaluate opportunities for Indigenous-led DERs, NWAs, and conservation initiatives. Economic Reconciliation MSIFN reiterates its November 2025 position that Indigenous Nations must share in the economic benefits of infrastructure built on their territories. Hydro One’s 50% equity model for large transmission lines (Waasigan, St. Clair, Chatham–Lakeshore) should be adapted for: • Transmission upgrades (e.g., M6E/M7E) • Station capacity upgrades (Everett TS, Alliston TS, Midhurst TS, Wallace TS) • DER procurements • Battery storage deployments • Energy efficiency programs targeting First Nation-owned enterprises MSIFN also encourages exploring majority Indigenous ownership and leveraging federal funding to reduce ratepayer costs. Climate Resilience & System Security The IRRP must address extreme weather impacts on supply security and restoration needs (Appendix, p.31), including how Indigenous communities will be involved in identifying:

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	• Load restoration needs • Load supply security needs • Asset replacement priorities
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?	MSIFN appreciates the structure of the Engagement Plan but requests significant enhancements to ensure meaningful, rights-based participation. Information Needs MSIFN requests: • Early access to station-level demand data, historical trends, and assumptions. • Clear documentation of how Indigenous input is incorporated into demand forecasting, needs assessment, and options evaluation. • Detailed descriptions of NWA, DERs, and eDSM opportunities available to Indigenous communities. • Transparent criteria for including “large load projects” (Draft Forecasting Presentation, p.19), including how Indigenous-led projects will be assessed. Engagement Improvements MSIFN requests: • Dedicated Indigenous-specific engagement sessions at each IRRP milestone. • Technical workshops with MSIFN staff to review data, assumptions, and proposed solutions. • Co-development commitments for any options affecting Indigenous lands, rights, or interests. • Early review of the draft IRRP in Q3 2026, consistent with MSIFN’s November 2025 request.

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	• Early engagement with the Technical Working Group, noting that the TWG currently lacks Indigenous representation. MSIFN also requests flexibility in engagement timelines, as the current schedule (Engagement Plan, pp.11–13) may not align with Indigenous governance processes.

General Comments/Feedback

MSIFN appreciates the IESO’s acknowledgement of Indigenous Nations within the South Georgian Bay/Muskoka region (Draft Forecasting Presentation, p.2). However, meaningful participation requires:

- Government-to-government engagement
- Indigenous representation on the Technical Working Group
- Integration of Indigenous knowledge keepers in route selection, impact assessments, and monitoring
- Economic reconciliation through equity participation and revenue sharing
- Early and ongoing bilateral engagement

MSIFN reiterates the November 2025 request for a formal government-to-government consultation framework and a scheduled bilateral meeting with the IESO to discuss these comments.

MSIFN remains committed to collaborative, rights-respecting solutions that support reliable, clean energy while advancing prosperity for Michi Saagiig communities.