

Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in Sudbury/Algoma – July 16, 2026

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Following the Sudbury/Algoma electricity planning engagement webinar held on July 16, 2026, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking your feedback on the draft electricity demand forecast scenarios and the proposed engagement plan. A copy of the presentation and the recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by July 31, 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 uncertainty of growth potential while informing near-term infrastructure investments?	The forecast should include the realistic long-term development potential of Greater Sudbury, including projects that are planned or being actively pursued but are not yet sufficiently advanced to enter the formal connection queue. Through The Birmingham Group, I am developing the approximately 180-acre Kingsway Entertainment District. In addition to the casino

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	development underway, the district is planned to accommodate industrial and logistics facilities, hotels, restaurants, commercial uses, recreational facilities and other employment-generating development. We are currently pursuing industrial facilities of approximately 50,000 to 80,000 square feet each, advancing a gas station and restaurant development, and considering additional hospitality, commercial, recreational and mixed-use projects (including BassPro and IKEA). Future phases could generate substantial additional electricity demand. Specific power requirements will depend on the ultimate occupants and building designs. However, this development activity—and the increasing electrification of buildings, vehicles and industrial equipment—should be reflected in the regional high-growth scenario.
What areas of concern or interest about electricity should be considered as part of the planning process?	My principal concern is having sufficient, reliable electricity available when development opportunities arise. Businesses cannot make major investment and location decisions without confidence that power can be delivered within a commercially reasonable timeframe and at a predictable cost. If infrastructure planning waits until every project is fully committed, Greater Sudbury risks losing investment because the required capacity cannot be provided when it is needed. The plan should maintain sufficient capacity and flexibility to support future industrial, commercial, residential and institutional growth, including major projects that cannot yet be identified with certainty. Electricity infrastructure should enable economic development rather than become a constraint on it.
What information is important to provide throughout the engagement?	It would be helpful to provide clear, location-specific information regarding: Available electrical capacity in Greater Sudbury's major growth areas. Where and when capacity constraints are anticipated. Typical connection timelines and the factors that could delay a major project. Planned infrastructure improvements and expected completion dates. How proposed developments that are not yet firm commitments are incorporated into the forecast. The growth thresholds that would trigger additional infrastructure investment. This information would help developers evaluate sites, plan projects and

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	provide prospective tenants and employers with greater certainty.
Does the proposed Engagement Plan provide sufficient scope and opportunities for input?	Yes, the proposed Engagement Plan provides a reasonable opportunity for input. However, continued direct engagement with the City, utilities, developers, major employers, mining companies, institutions, Indigenous communities and owners of employment lands will be important. There should also be a confidential process for developers and businesses to provide information about prospective projects, anticipated electricity requirements and timing without disclosing commercially sensitive details.

General Comments/Feedback

Greater Sudbury has significant potential for growth in mining, critical minerals, industrial development, housing, commercial development and related supply-chain activity. From my own experience developing the Kingsway Entertainment District and pursuing new industrial and commercial users, electricity availability is an important part of investment and site-selection decisions. Major electrical infrastructure also has long planning and construction lead times. I encourage the IESO to plan ahead of demonstrated demand and ensure that Greater Sudbury has sufficient capacity, reliability and flexibility to accommodate realistic long-term growth. A proposed employer should not choose another community because Greater Sudbury cannot provide the necessary power within the project's required timeframe. Reliable electrical capacity should be a competitive advantage for Greater Sudbury—not a limitation on its growth.