

# Feedback Form

## GTA North Regional Electricity Planning - July 8, 2025

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**The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the draft needs and options screening webinar. A copy of the presentation and webinar can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).**

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by July 29, 2025.**

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Your perspectives on high level wire and non-wire options screening.	I understand the screened out options i.e. wind or solar as stand alone. Am glad that you say will consider them in combination with wire options.

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Additional info that should be considered in the assessment of these options.	
Perspectives on reducing reliance on York Energy Center, including if transmission is the alternative option.	<p>Given Provincial goal of GHG reduction a plan should be developed which eliminates need for electricity generation at YEC. The land mass of YEC should be redeployed to host BESS. (This has started with YEC being awarded 120MW BESS in 2024.) I don't know if the generator asset can be retrofitted, perhaps partially to support BESS but obviously that should be assessed.</p> <p>Its my understanding that electricity source for the 120MW BESS is the Holland Junction. Additional electricity for the additional BESS could be Holland Junction; the capacity of the latter could be increased with the option of upgrading the current corridor feeding the Junction.</p> <p>I acknowledge that I don't know what the technical maximum opportunity is for BESS on the YEC site. But as this land in the Holland March has been industrialized I believe its use should be maximized. I say this with the underlying assumption that its environmental impact on the specialty crop area will be no greater than current state.</p>
Information that should be provided in future engagements to help understand perspectives and insights.	Would a massive increase in rooftop solar, with BESS capacity make a difference?

## General Comments/Feedback

I don't believe there is adequate effort to have the possibilities of energy conservation incorporated into our built structures. The renovations savings, the retrofit incentives are too small given the upfront capital costs. And, I am not aware of any effort to get our new 1.5 million homes built with those energy conservation features incorporated; the Ontario Building Code is way behind. As of today you are going to have new homeowners in 2035 applying for incentives to retrofit their homes built in 2026...that is very wasteful.