



# The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Rodney Ontario N0L 2C0

October 6, 2022

Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

Re Long-Term RFP Community Engagement

At the Regular Meeting of Council on October 6, 2022 the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2022- 354**

**Moved: Councillor Cammaert**

**Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham**

That West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to submit the following comments to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) re Long-Term RFP Community Engagement:

Whereas in 2018, when the Green Energy Act was repealed by the current Provincial Government, the purpose of repealing the act was stated by then Energy Minister Rickford as "...restoring planning decisions to Municipalities, ensuring local voices have the final say on energy projects in their communities".

And Whereas in follow-up to this change in the Green Energy act, as the Municipality of West Elgin revises its Official Plan, we are taking steps to clarify our stance on renewable energy installations within our community.

And Whereas the Municipality of West Elgin currently has an interim control bylaw in place to put a hold on any renewable energy projects, until our Official Plan research and revisions are complete.

Now Therefore it must be clear in the IESO guidance documents that a Support Resolution from the Municipality where the development is proposed, is a mandatory requirement to be awarded a contract.

And Furthermore local planning decisions must be adhered to, for any potential energy development to be successful. The guidance documents are not clear whether a Municipal Support Resolution is mandatory for a contract to be awarded.

And Furthermore Local Indigenous communities, that is those whose Treaty Lands a development is being proposed, must be consulted and must be in support of the development. Indigenous Financial Support from communities located hundreds of kilometers away, is not acceptable.

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And that this resolution be sent to MP Rob Flack.

**Carried**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jana Nethercott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jana Nethercott  
Clerk

cc: R. Flack, MPP - [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

# Feedback Form

## Long-Term RFP Community Engagement: September 20, 2022

### Feedback Provided by:

Name: Jana Nethercott

Title: Clerk

Organization: Municipality of West Elgin

Email: [REDACTED]

Date: October 6, 2022

To promote transparency, feedback submitted will be posted on the Long-Term RFP Community Engagement Webpage unless otherwise requested by the sender.

Following the Long-Term RFP Community Engagement discussion session held on September 20, 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback as outlined during the presentation from municipalities. A copy of the presentation as well as a recording of the session that includes an overview of the feedback request, can be accessed from the [engagement webpage](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by **October 7, 2022**.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

# Proposed Community Engagement Requirements

Topic	Feedback
<p>Are there any suggested modifications to be considered in the draft Community Engagement Requirements – which can be found in the "<a href="#">Draft E-LT1 Prescribed Form: Community Engagement Requirements</a>"? This document, along with all the other draft prescribed forms are now available on the <a href="#">IESO's Long-Term RFP and Expedited Process</a> webpage. Please refer to slide 14 of the September 20 <a href="#">presentation</a> for more details.</p> <p>Does this approach present any opportunities or challenges to municipalities?</p>	<p>Challenges as there is no clear guidance</p>

# Proposed Municipal Council Support Resolution

Topic	Feedback
<p>Are there any updates or modifications to be considered in the draft Municipal Council Support Resolution – which can be found in the “<a href="#">Draft E-LT1 Prescribed Form: Evidence of Municipal Support</a>”? This document, along with all the other draft prescribed forms are now available on the <a href="#">IESO’s Long-Term RFP and Expedited Process</a> webpage. Please refer to slides 12, 13 of the September 20 <a href="#">presentation</a> for more details.</p> <p>Does this approach present any opportunities or challenges to municipalities?</p> <p>How does the timing and concept of a support resolution align with other existing municipal decision-making processes?</p>	<p><b>It must be clear in the IESO guidance documents that a Support Resolution from the Municipality where the development is proposed, is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT to be awarded a contract.</b></p> <p>In 2018, when the Green Energy Act was repealed by the current Provincial Government, the purpose of repealing the act was stated by then Energy Minister Rickford as “...restoring planning decisions to Municipalities, ensuring local voices have the final say on energy projects in their communities”. In follow-up to this change in the Green Energy act, as the Municipality of West Elgin revises its Official Plan, we are taking steps to clarify our stance on renewable energy installations within our community. We currently have an interim control bylaw in place to put a hold on any renewable energy projects, until our Official Plan research and revisions are complete. Our local planning decisions MUST be adhered to, for any potential energy development to be successful. The guidance documents are not clear whether a Municipal Support Resolution is mandatory for a contract to be awarded.</p>

## Guidance Materials for Municipalities

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<p>What other specific information can the IESO include in the guidance municipalities may require? Please refer to slides 20 - 23 of the September 20 <a href="#">presentation</a> for more details.</p> <p>How can this information be best delivered to municipal audiences?</p> <p>What information do municipalities need as they process requests from proponents and/or inform constituents within your communities?</p>	<p><b>Indigenous Support – Local Indigenous communities, that is, those on whose Treaty Lands a development is being proposed, must be consulted, and MUST BE IN SUPPORT of the development. Indigenous Financial Support from communities located hundreds of kilometers away, is not acceptable.</b></p>

## General Comments/Feedback: