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The Multi-Municipal Energy Working group wishes to submit the following feedback regarding matters related to the IESO LTI RFP Process.

**Expansion of Existing Projects**

Expansion or changes to projects should be treated similar to the initial proposal process.

- Municipal Support should be required for changes to increase capacity or to extend contract terms of existing projects.
- Confirmation should be provided to the municipality that an existing project is fully compliant with all terms of its Renewable Energy Approval.
- Noise emissions from revised project shall meet current standards for noise emissions.

**Municipal Support**

The current information requirements are insufficient.

- Currently, only the type of project, maximum project capacity and project are required to be provided.
- Municipalities should be provided detailed Information such as site plans, setbacks, noise emissions, fire safety and emergency plans.
- Proposals should include a statement of benefits to the community.
- There should be the ability to withdraw municipal support when new information becomes available

**Community Engagement**

Proper community engagement practises should be required.

- Proper written notice to should be provided to adjoining landowners and the community to a specified radius limit.
- In-person meetings should be a requirement to eliminate barriers related to internet connectivity issues.
- A full project description should be made available and if details are not available, or if changes are made to proposals, additional public meetings should be required.
- The community engagement should require that the benefits to community are included in the presentation and materials.
- Community engagement should take place prior to presentation to municipal consideration of the project.
- There should be an opportunity for direct community feedback to IESO.

## **Indigenous Support**

Indigenous involvement is important.

- Projects cannot proceed without local Indigenous support.
- Applies to local community within the traditional lands of the Indigenous community.
- Investment by other native groups only permitted when local community supports project.

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group will continue to stay current on the IESO Long-Term Request for Proposal and offer feedback when relevant to the mandates of the MMEWG.

Regards,

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