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**Subject:** Regional Electricity Planning Update for the Renfrew Region

Regional electricity planning activities have begun for the Renfrew region. A webinar is scheduled for July 21 at 1:00 pm to provide an overview of the electricity planning process, the needs that have been identified for this area, and to seek input on the draft Scoping Assessment report to determine the most appropriate planning approach going forward to meet the needs.

A draft copy of the report will be shared for review in advance of the webinar and written comments will be invited until August 4.

**Please click [here](#) to register to participate in the webinar.**

The Renfrew region is defined on electrical infrastructure boundaries. For regional planning purposes, the Renfrew region is made up of 18 municipalities including the towns of Arnprior, Deep River, Laurentian Hills, Petawawa and Renfrew. As well as the townships of Admaston/Bromley, Bonnechere Valley, Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Greater Madawaska, Head, Clara and Maria, Horton, Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, Laurentian Valley, Madawaska Valley, McNab/Braeside, North Algona Wilberforce and Whitewater Region; as well as the City of Pembroke.

This region also includes the First Nations communities of Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, Algonquins of Ontario (AOO Consultation Office), and Huron Wendat.

The first cycle of planning in this region concluded in March 2016 with the publication of a [Needs Assessment](#) conducted by the local transmitter (Hydro One), which determined that no regional coordination would be required at that time as no near- or mid-term needs were identified.

For this next planning cycle (which happens every five years), it has been determined that more comprehensive planning is needed. As such, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will work with electricity sector partners (transmitters and local distribution companies), stakeholders, communities and other interested parties to help define the specific needs and explore possible solutions to meet those needs for the region.

The IESO has launched a new engagement initiative to keep communities and interested parties updated on the ongoing planning activities and provide opportunities to give input. The Scoping Assessment Report is the first step of this engagement process and your feedback will be important to help shape the electricity planning activities that will be undertaken in your region.

All interested parties are invited to participate including, but not limited to, local municipalities, Indigenous communities, businesses, stakeholders and members of the general public. Visit the [engagement webpage](#) for more information.

To view relevant documents and learn more about the Renfrew planning region, please visit [Renfrew \(ieso.ca\)](#)

For more information about the regional planning process, please visit [How the Process Works \(ieso.ca\)](#)

We hope that you can join us on July 21.

Regards,  
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