

Feedback and IESO Responses

Bulk Planning Update Webinar South and Central Bulk Planning

On December 12, 2025, the IESO hosted a public webinar to provide updates for Eastern Ontario and South and Central Bulk Plans. The following is a summary of the feedback the IESO received for the South and Central Bulk Plan. The IESO received written submissions from:

- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

The presentation and recording of the webinar, along with the IESO's responses to feedback are available on the [South and Central Bulk Planning webpage](#).

Note on Feedback Summary and IESO Responses

The IESO appreciates receiving feedback from participants about our work. The IESO responses to the feedback about the South and Central Bulk Plan are organized by topic.

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Topic	IESO Response to Feedback
<p data-bbox="181 163 535 199">Environmental Impacts</p> <p data-bbox="181 237 695 430">Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) inquired as to how the marine archaeology will be considered regarding the proposed HVDC Lake Ontario line.</p> <p data-bbox="181 468 711 1136">The MSIFN have identified the potential impacts on unceded lands under Lake Ontario as a matter of primary importance and asked that any underwater, near-shore, or shoreline-adjacent transmission routing (e.g., intertie crossings, submarine cables, or shoreline landing stations) planned to traverse the bed of Lake Ontario, south of Williams Treaties First Nation’s territory are planned and discussed in partnership with the Williams Treaties nations at the earliest stages and before the IESO makes any final recommendations. The Michi Saagiig Nations have asserted title over these waters.</p>	<p data-bbox="743 163 1515 678">The IESO remains committed to ongoing, meaningful dialogue with communities to help shape long-term planning in regions across Ontario, as their input is appreciated in helping shape an inclusive and collaborative planning process. The IESO recognizes the importance of early and meaningful engagement and values the insights, perspectives offered by Indigenous communities. Input into draft recommendations for the South and Central Ontario Bulk Plan can be provided to the IESO by continuing to provide written feedback in response to engagement sessions or posted documents, or by requesting a dedicated one-on-one meeting with the Indigenous Engagement Team.</p> <p data-bbox="743 716 1515 947">While environmental requirements are outside the scope of the South and Central Ontario Bulk Plan, the successful proponent selected to develop, construct and operate the Toronto Third Line will be responsible for obtaining all required permits and approvals, including completing any required Environmental Assessment.</p> <p data-bbox="743 984 1515 1535">Where an Environmental Assessment is required, Indigenous consultation will be undertaken as part of that process and may be triggered by other applicable regulatory processes. The relevant Crown entity is responsible for consultation, but may delegate certain aspects of the Duty to Consult in respect of any transmission project that is recommended by the South and Central Ontario Bulk Plan to the respective project proponent. Where aspects of the duty are delegated, the proponent will be responsible for conducting an Environmental Assessment as part of the project development process. If the project meets criteria under the Impact Assessment Act, a federal impact assessment may be triggered.</p>

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<p>Transmission Projects Cumulative Impacts</p> <p>Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) inquired about who would be responsible for assessing the cumulative impacts of these collective transmission projects, along with the generation enabled by their expansion and the ongoing transmission line projects in the region (e.g., Durham Kawartha Power Line)</p> <p>Final Report</p> <p>Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) requests to review the South and Central Bulk Plan in draft form prior to its release in order to provide further comments back to the IESO.</p>	<p>For transmission projects that fall within Ontario’s approved Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities, the project proponent (for example, Hydro One or another eligible transmitter) is responsible for carrying out the Class EA planning process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and the approved Class EA document. That process includes environmental analysis, consultation with Indigenous communities and other potentially affected parties, consideration of alternatives, and the identification of mitigation/reporting measures.</p> <p>The IESO remains committed to ongoing, meaningful dialogue with communities to help shape long-term planning in regions across Ontario, as your input is appreciated in helping shape an inclusive and collaborative planning process. The IESO can share an overview of the draft recommendations that considers the highest reliability performance, system operability, resilience, and system benefits.</p>