

Feedback Form

Energy Webinar for Communities #2 Municipal Feedback – January 17, 2024

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Following the Energy Webinar for Communities held on January 17, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions are available on the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by February 7, 2024.

Transmitter Selection Framework

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How do you want to be involved in developing the Transmitter Selection Framework?	Please keep us informed through the process
Would you want to participate in upcoming targeted sessions? If so please indicate topics of interest.	Yes. Currently several new transmission projects are either being constructed and/or in the planning stages in Chatham-Kent. A targeted session might be of value for both the Municipality and IESO
What additional input or feedback do you think the IESO should consider as it embarks on this initiative?	The approval processes for transmission projects vs generation projects vary significantly, which can be somewhat confusing for local governments. Transmission projects require EAs, Leave to construct and other permits, but no municipal support resolutions are required and are exempt undertaking under the Planning Act; whereas, generation projects currently require both of these, plus either an EA or REA approval.

Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals

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How do you want to be involved as part of the IESO's engagement on the procurement design?	We would like to continue to be involved in the procurement engagement.
How can the IESO streamline relevant processes (i.e., community engagement, municipal support) to the benefit of Proponents and municipalities?	While the IESO is suggesting earlier engagement with proponents on LT2, has any thought been given to limiting municipal engagement until after the deliverability test results are completed? A significant amount of municipal time and resources are being spent engaging with proponents up-front during E-LT1 and LT1 to later find out their projects were not deliverable. Also, would the IESO consider including a required standardized community benefit payment to local municipalities as a condition for an MSR for hosting projects as part of the RFP procurement, rather than municipalities having to negotiate with individual proponents? A standardized formula could possibly be developed based on name plate capacity, etc.
Based on your experience in past IESO procurements, what feedback can you provide with respect to Municipal Support	We support the requirement for MSRs. However, the timing that they be required before proposal submission might be problematic for local Councils. The MSR would need to be

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Resolutions, including around the removal of municipal rated criteria points?	given prior to all the project details being known in advance of local planning approvals and REA approvals. At this point, we are under the assumption that renewables are not contemplated to be exempt undertakings under the Planning Act as they previously were? Assuming this, it will require local councils to grant two separate approvals – the MSR initially and then local planning approvals.
What are some key considerations around the treatment of proposed projects in prime agricultural areas?	Fundamentally, clarity on provincial priorities would be helpful from a provincial policy perspective i.e. are electricity projects a higher priority than the preservation of prime agricultural land? Otherwise, we have competing priorities and local municipalities will need to make a decision on the higher priority from a land use perspective. The previous restrictions on large-scale ground mount solar on Class 1, 2 and 3 agricultural lands, essentially prohibited any projects in Chatham-Kent since the entire municipality is predominantly prime agricultural.
How can the IESO better support municipalities to make decisions about proposed projects?	If the IESO were willing, we believe a presentation to our local Council would be beneficial on the need for future generation and the key role the municipalities play.

General Comments/Feedback

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