

Feedback Form

Community Webinar for Indigenous Communities Feedback Form – July 30, 2024

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Following the Long-term Two RFP Webinar for Communities held on July 30, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to indigenousrelations@ieso.ca by **August 23, 2024.**

Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals

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<p>What factors should the IESO consider to make it easier for Indigenous communities to be involved?</p>	<p>Work with Grand Council Treaty #3 (GCT3) to facilitate engagements with communities in Treaty #3 to allow the opportunity for full participation and to provide input. Communicate and coordinate information sharing with Treaty #3 communities that have Community Energy Champions (CEC) or similar. Ensure meaningful engagement is recurring throughout the duration of energy related projects, and First Nation communities in Treaty #3 stay informed on updates as they come. Open communication and engagement early on will ensure Treaty #3 communities have full involvement. Make the information presented at the Indigenous Virtual Information Sessions as easy as possible to understand. Sometimes it feels as if we need a degree in an energy related field to understand the IESO topics. If you want “meaningful” comments and recommendations, then you need to empower your audience with knowledge that they can comprehend and understand. Using more examples and tying them to the northwestern Ontario would be a great start. IESO should become more educated in Manito Aki Inakonigaawin (MAI). The Territorial Planning Unit of GCT3 puts on MAI education sessions and would welcome government and proponents to learn more about MAI.</p>
<p>What else should be considered as part of the rated criteria with regards to increasing and bolstering Indigenous participation?</p>	<p>GCT3 has not reviewed IESO’s policy on “Rated Criteria Points based on the Proponent Indigenous Participation Level.” Please send GCT3 a copy of this so that we can review appropriately. Rated Criteria should not be based on a “proximity model” (i.e. Local to the project) where IESO is the decision maker on what First Nation communities should be involved in the project or which communities will receive the most “points.” Also, energy proponents should do their due diligence and be educated in MAI. They should meet with GCT3 prior to any project starting in Treaty #3. GCT3 is currently working on an “Applications Portal” where governments, proponents and organizations will be required to fill out an application form and submit to GCT3 for any proposed project or activity that is to occur within Treaty #3 territory. GCT3 will review the form,</p>

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	<p>discuss with First Nation communities, and provide feedback to the government, proponent or organization who submitted the application. When the "Applications Portal" is finalized, GCT3 will inform via a press release.</p>
<p>How can the IESO better support Indigenous communities to make decisions about proposed projects?</p>	<p>Ensure that IESO is following Manito Aki Inaakonigewin (MAI) at all times regarding any work or potential development in Treaty #3. Through consultation GCT3 will ensure the Anishinaabe in Treaty #3's right to meaningful engagement is being followed, and any potential effects on the environment are considered. Following MAI creates a meaningful and beneficial relationship between proponents and the Anishinaabe in Treaty #3. IESO questionnaires and surveys are not considered to be proper consultation with First Nation communities in Treaty #3. Proper consultation is meeting with First Nation community leadership and First Nation governments to discuss projects, activities, policy changes, etc... or any other initiatives that may affect First Nation communities in Treaty #3. There needs to be greater transparency on all proposed projects potentially occurring in Treaty #3. All First Nation communities in Treaty #3 need to know the exact location of where a potential project or activity is being considered BEFORE the project or activity starts in any way. There is overlapping traditional territory in Treaty #3, and as such, all communities need to know about potential projects. IESO should therefore think of ideas on how to make this LT2 RFP process as transparent as possible (i.e. IESO and / or proponent engaging with GCT3 early and often; online maps of where the potential projects are proposed to occur, etc...). IESO needs to contact GCT3's Economic Development department and Territorial Planning Unit for any projects and / or activities in Treaty #3. GCT3 has a four directional governance structure in place with mechanisms to deal with projects in Treaty #3.</p>