

Feedback Form

Transmitter Selection Framework, Municipal Focused Session – May 14, 2024

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Following the municipal focused Transmitter Selection Framework session held on May 14, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking insights and feedback. A copy of the presentation as well as a recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by June 11, 2024.

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Are there aspects to the transmission planning process that you need to know in more detail, specifically, in terms of opportunities to be informed and/or participate in the development of transmission plans?	In my opinion, rural residents of unorganized townships are completely left out of the planning and approval process. The Waasigan line project is a classic example where the correct local stakeholders in the area north of Thunder Bay were not engaged during the development of the Terms of Reference and affected landowners and concerned residents were forced to organize themselves too late in the process to have a meaningful impact

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	resulting in the continued path to forced expropriation of several family homes. The process also did not have the foresight to examine how a new transmission line could enable mining project development north of Thunder Bay due to incorrect stakeholder involvement. With the current planned route there is no simple method to establish a load tap connection to the north of the city by a private mining company due to the number of private properties involved. As an example, the route of the recent East-West tie line was routed north of the municipality of Shuniah which then enabled Clean Air Metals to consider a simple load connection for their potential mining project.
Based on your experiences, what are your key considerations to develop the Transmission Selection Framework?	Determine a method to engage unorganized rural residents and mining/forestry companies.
Do you have feedback regarding the proposed procurement design recommendations and features?	No
Do you have feedback regarding the proposed transmission project eligibility considerations?	No

General Comments/Feedback

Involve rural unorganized residents and mining/forestry industry stakeholders in all transmission line project discussions in Northern Ontario. Municipalities really have little useful input to give regarding development of transmission lines across crown lands or unorganized townships.