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# Building Capacity to Participate in the Electricity Sector

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# Overview

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  - Getting involved in regional planning activities
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# Update on Indigenous Relations Activities

- Our goal is to build the capacity of Indigenous people and communities, and create opportunities in support of fair and equitable participation in the electricity sector
  - Guided by Corporate Indigenous Policy launched in 2020
- Over the last year a number of key initiatives have helped to advance this goal
- New opportunities for First Nation participation on the horizon



# Your input is integral to electricity discussions



Importance of climate goals.



Exploring alternatives to traditional infrastructure and technologies.



What support is needed to help build capacity for participation.



Informing how you want to be engaged on new electricity infrastructure needs.



Tools for communities to earn revenue, reduce demand and save money.



Community energy plans helping to outline goals for the future.

# How Can Communities Get Involved

- [Join a Regional Electricity Network](#)
- [Visit IESO Connects](#) - Our online community engagement platform to continue dialogue on important and emerging electricity matters
- A focus on Community Energy Champions:
  - A dedicated resource in the community to participate in engagement webinars and gather community feedback
- Indigenous Relations team will continue to identify new planning engagement activities in your traditional territories

## Join a Network Discussion



# Engaging with Communities to address local electricity needs

- There are 21 planning regions in Ontario
- You play an integral role in the planning process based on each community's unique needs, priorities and characteristics
- Provide input on the following components within the plan:
  - Help to identify future electricity needs
  - Seek input on a variety of options to meet needs
  - Provide feedback on plan recommendations



# Energy Efficiency Programs

Suite of energy efficiency programs available across the province with two new programs targeted directly to First Nation communities:

- **First Nations Commercial Building Retrofit Program** will be available to all grid connected communities (targeted reach of 70 communities)
- **Remote First Nation Energy Efficiency Program** will be available to the soon-to-be connected communities through the Wataynikaneyap Power Project
- Both programs will be launched Q1 2022, but outreach to communities has begun
- *More on energy efficiency programs later this morning*

# Indigenous Energy Support Programs

- Support participation in the energy sector by enabling communities and organizations to develop energy plans and projects, and hire and train energy workers
- Over 110 communities and organizations accessed the program in 2020-21 for \$11.7M in funding
- More than 65 dedicated energy workers funded across the province





# Energy Support Programs Overview

<b>Community Energy Champion Program (CEC)</b>	<b>Indigenous Community Energy Plan (ICEP)</b>	<b>Education and Capacity Building Program (ECB)</b>	<b>Indigenous Energy Projects Program (IEP)</b>
Support communities and organizations to hire a designated energy worker	Support communities and organizations to develop and maintain an updated energy plan	Support communities and organizations to build capacity and job-readiness skills	Support communities and organizations to develop energy projects and partnerships

# Energy Support Programs In Action

- **Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek** (or Sand Point First Nation) is an Ojibway First Nation community of nearly 250 members located on the southeast shores of Lake Nipigon.
- Reserve land was returned to BNA in 2010 following years of displacement. The community and its leadership are pursuing economic development and re-establishing the community for membership return.



**Total ESP Funding Awarded across 3 programs: \$407,075.00**

# Upcoming Opportunities in 2022

- **Regional planning activities:** get involved to learn how the demand for electricity is changing and inform new electricity infrastructure decisions
- **Energy Efficiency:** two new programs launching in 2022 with further opportunities to reduce electricity use and save money
- **Energy Support Programs:** a 2022 intake to hire a dedicated energy worker and support capacity building or projects in your community – IESO will also seek your input on how best to redesign the programs and meet changing needs and upcoming opportunities
- **Generation Procurements:** IESO will host dedicated sessions for Indigenous communities to provide input and learn more about what opportunities this may bring

# Thank You

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