

Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in South Georgian Bay/Muskoka – November 4, 2025

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The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the scoping assessment report. A copy of the report and a recording of the webinar can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by November 18, 2025.

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What additional information should be considered as part of the Scoping Assessment?	The Scoping Assessment should integrate local municipal growth projections, community energy and emissions planning objectives, and recent developments in building electrification. It would be valuable for the IESO to

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	consider updated population and housing forecasts from the District's Growth Strategy and Official Plan Review, as well as planned municipal facility electrification initiatives that may affect future demand profiles.
What additional considerations, informed by local developments, should be taken into account for the areas identified as needing further analysis?	Muskoka and surrounding areas are experiencing rapid housing and tourism growth alongside decarbonization efforts. Local electrification of fleets, heating systems, and wastewater treatment facilities are likely to increase demand beyond historical patterns. There is also growing interest in distributed energy resources (DERs), such as solar generation, battery storage, and potential for community energy hubs—these should be factored into the analysis as non-wires alternatives. While the presentation provided helpful regional context, it did not speak in much detail to Muskoka specifically. Given the area's unique geography, seasonal demand variability, and infrastructure characteristics, it would be beneficial for future engagement sessions to include more Muskoka-specific discussion and data.
What other areas or specific considerations should be examined through regional planning?	- Integration of municipal energy and climate plans with IESO planning timelines. - Grid capacity constraints that may impact housing development approvals or municipal facility upgrades. - Opportunities to pilot non-wires solutions, especially in areas with seasonal demand variability. - The importance of resiliency planning for critical infrastructure (e.g., water/wastewater systems, emergency facilities) given increased climate-related risks.

General Comments/Feedback

The District appreciates the IESO's proactive engagement in regional planning and supports continued collaboration between municipalities, utilities, and the IESO to ensure local growth and sustainability goals are aligned. It would also be valuable to have future sessions or breakout discussions tailored more specifically to Muskoka. The region has distinct energy needs and growth pressures that may not be fully captured through broader South Georgian Bay discussions. Ongoing, locally focused engagement would strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of the planning process. The District encourages ongoing dialogue with municipal energy staff and supports inclusion of climate and energy transition considerations early in the planning process.