

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?	I suggest that municipality's Community Climate Action Plans and targets be taken into consideration, and more generally, the electrification of natural gas systems with the goal of GHG reductions. The recommendations from

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	these plans will take 15-20 years to implement but are already being incorporated into asset management plans. The targets will only be realized if the electrical capacity is available.
What additional considerations, informed by local developments, should be taken into account for the areas identified as needing further analysis?	Regarding developments, it seems to me that the allocation of power by LECs takes place too late in the process. For example, we were told by our LEC, (EPCOR), that allocation of power for one of our large private/public developments will only happen at the time of request for connection, and if there wasn't capacity, it could take up to 5 years for Hydro One to upgrade the distribution system without any clarity on who would need to pay for this. To get to the point of development when we are ready to make a request for connection, several years of design, zoning bylaw amendments, and planning applications will have already taken place. A 5-year delay and cost uncertainty at this stage could make a viable development project unviable.
What other areas or specific considerations should be examined through regional planning?	It's unclear to me if Provincial population growth targets have been incorporated into the regional electricity planning. Also, as we are currently undertaking a District Energy Business Case to determine if a district energy system is feasible for our community, I think large climate change action driven projects should be examined and considered in the planning process.

General Comments/Feedback

As part of this planning process, it's not clear to me how or if our community's needs were identified/estimated. Did our LEC provide this information?