

Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in Toronto – April 16, 2024

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Following the Toronto Region electricity planning engagement webinar held on April 16, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the draft electricity demand forecast scenarios and Engagement Plan. 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 May 7, 2024.

Topic	Feedback
What additional information, if any, should be incorporated in the proposed electricity demand scenarios? What are some of your key developments, projects or initiatives that should be considered in developing an electricity demand forecast for the Toronto region?	No comments at this time.
What local issues and concerns should be considered in the electricity planning?	<> Resiliency of the grid in the face of increased probability of impacts from severe weather. Extra capacity of wires/equipment if re-routing of supply is required around a break. Redundancy in where power can be sourced from in each neighbourhood. <> Near term reduction in supply called from and speedy phase out of the Portlands Energy Centre. <> Aggressive encouragement of conservation. <> Program to achieve solar installations on 25% of homes/buildings in 2 years and 50% in 4 years. <> Need to align GHG emissions with Transform TO targets.
What information is important to provide to participants throughout this engagement?	Definitely communicate issues (where alternatives need to be evaluated) and risks (where there is potential for results not to be achieved) on various initiatives.
Does the proposed Engagement Plan provide sufficient scope and opportunities for input?	No comments at this time

General Comments/Feedback

My comments focus around process more than the big initiatives. <> I suggest that some of the proposals that will not be fully funded are funded as pilots so that experience can be gained and future risks can be avoided. Focusing on just a couple of solutions is never a good idea and suggests all or nothing thinking. As an example pilot, I understand there is significant potential for electricity from offshore wind. <> A planning cycle of five years needs to also take into account being flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances and I have not heard how the planning process intends to be flexible. <> I was reminded of how a town in Quebec brought in a locomotive to generate power for a community during the 1998 ice storm and I have not heard what plans have been put in place to provide emergency power in Toronto. More specifically what is IESO's Emergency Management plan for electricity interruptions and has it ever been tested?