

Municipal Meeting Invitation to Discuss Electricity Planning in the West of Thunder Bay Area

Please forward this invitation to other staff in your municipality that you feel should attend this meeting.

I am writing to invite you to a meeting specifically for municipalities to discuss the development of a 20-year electricity plan for the West of Thunder Bay area. This Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) will look at the near-, medium- and long-term electricity needs of the area and provide solutions and options to meet these needs. The Working Group developing the plan includes Atikokan Hydro, Fort Frances Power Corporation, Kenora Hydro, Sioux Lookout Hydro, Thunder Bay Hydro, Hydro One Networks and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

Your attendance at the meeting will provide valuable input into the development of the plan and help identify local priorities that need to be considered. Discussion topics will include the scope of the plan, the electricity forecast for the area and the methodology used to develop it, and the findings to date. Another important topic is the establishment of a Local Advisory Committee for the plan, the purpose of the committee and the nominations process.

Three identical meetings are being held across the region at the following locations, dates and times. **Please RSVP your attendance by email to Jennifer.Link@ieso.ca or by telephone at 416-506-2810 by June 17, 2015, indicating which meeting you will be attending.**

Dryden (Participants: IESO, Sioux Lookout Hydro, Hydro One Distribution)

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Best Western Plus Dryden Hotel and Conference Centre (Sunset Ballroom), 349 Government St., Dryden, ON

Fort Frances (Participants: IESO, Fort Frances Power Corp., Atikokan Hydro, Hydro One Distribution)

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Cultural Centre, Shaw Road, Stratton, ON (From Highway 11, turn left on Shaw Road – the building is just before you get to Stratton. For a map, visit: manitoumounds.com)

Kenora (Participants: IESO, Kenora Hydro, Hydro One Distribution)

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Travelodge Kenora, 800 Highway 17 East, Kenora, ON

As background, this IRRP is being developed for the electricity planning area bordered to the south and west by the United States and Manitoba borders, and extends north to include Kenora, Dryden and Sioux Lookout, and east as far as (but not including) the City of Thunder Bay. A scoping assessment report was posted in January to the IESO website outlining the terms of reference and timeline for the development of the plan and a link to the report was sent to all municipalities in the area. Information on the IRRP for the West of Thunder Bay area, including the scoping assessment document, can be found at www.ieso.ca/West-of-Thunder-Bay.

We look forward to meeting with you shortly.

Regards,

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