

Atura Power

Nanticoke Energy Storage

Public & Indigenous Community Engagement Plan

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1. Introduction

The Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is implementing procurement processes to secure new electricity resources that could be in service by 2027. Atura Power has qualified in IESO’s Long-Term 1 (LT1) procurement process and will be submitting a proposal for the Nanticoke Energy Storage system which will be able to store and output up to 449 megawatts (MW) of electricity for up to four hours to Ontario’s power grid. The proposed project will be located directly north of the former Nanticoke Generation Station in Haldimand County, Ont. This plan responds to IESO’s procurement process Request for Proposal (RFP) requirements for a *Public & Indigenous Community Engagement Plan* as part of Atura Power’s proposal submission.

The plan covers engagement that will be undertaken as part of the LT1 RFP process. It describes the engagement process and activities Atura Power intends to follow to ensure that Indigenous communities, local landowners, and municipal representatives are engaged early in the planning process. Importantly, the plan contains the IESO requirements for engagement, as presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1: IESO LT1 RFP Engagement Requirements

Requirement	Description of IESO LT1 Engagement Requirements	Public & Indigenous Community Engagement Plan Section Reference
Project Webpage	Includes posting of the following information until completion of the LT1 RFP process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, name plate capacity, technology, legal name of proponent and contact information, a map showing the boundaries of the project site, location of the connection point and location of the connection line, and description of public engagement activities • Notice of the public community meeting at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting • A copy or summary of the minutes of the public community meeting 	Section 2.1
Notice of a Public Community Meeting	Delivered to adjacent property owners, local municipalities, and Indigenous communities on whose lands the project site is located, if applicable, and posted on the project webpage at least 15 days prior to the public community meeting.	Sections 2.2.1 and 2.3
Public Community Meeting	One public community meeting with members of the public at large (in person or virtually) prior to the proposal submission deadline.	Section 2.2.2

The plan also identifies other engagement activities beyond the IESO requirements such as meetings with Indigenous communities and municipal representatives as Atura Power recognises the importance of building relationships and initiating early communication with all potentially interested parties. The plan describes those anticipated to be engaged over the course of the process as well as the engagement methods, activities, and anticipated schedule that will be followed to support engagement as part of IESO procurement process.

2. Engagement Methods and Activities

The engagement methods and activities associated with implementing this engagement plan will apply to Indigenous communities, local landowners, and municipal representatives, as per the IESO's public and Indigenous community engagement requirements, specifically:

- Owners of property located adjacent to the boundaries of the properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the project site;
- Local municipalities with authority over property, located in whole or in part, within what constitutes the project site; and
- Indigenous communities on whose lands the project site is located, in whole or in part.

In addition to the participants stipulated by the IESO requirements, it is anticipated that interested members of the public may also participate in the engagement process.

2.1 Project Webpage

A project webpage will be established to create a central repository for the members of the public and Indigenous communities to access project documents, notices, and other relevant project information. The webpage will include resources detailing the IESO's definition of the province's need for new electricity resources; project details such as name plate capacity, electricity storage technology and a map showing the boundaries of the project site, location of the connection point and the connection line; a project timeline; and contact information for interested parties to reach out to the project team. As such, it will be an important resource for the communication of project information.

As per the IESO's public and Indigenous community engagement requirements, a description of public engagement activities and opportunities for the public must also be provided on the project webpage. The notice of the public community meeting will be posted on the webpage at least 15 days prior to the meeting. A copy of this plan detailing the public engagement activities will also be posted on the project webpage at least 15 days prior to the day of the public community meeting and remain posted until the IESO announces the selected proposals. Meeting materials, including a summary of the minutes describing the discussions during the public community meeting and other related events, will be posted to the project webpage following these events.

2.2 Public Community Engagement

The following describes the engagement activities that will be undertaken with members of the local community, including landowners, members of the public, businesses, and municipal representatives.

2.2.1 Notification to Landowners

Landowners adjacent to the proposed project site as well as the chief administrative officer of Haldimand County, will be notified by letter of the proposed project with an invitation to attend a

virtual public community meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information on how to access the virtual meeting will be provided. Letters and notices will be distributed by registered mail, courier or hand delivery at minimum 15 days prior to the public community meeting as per the IESO LT1 requirements.

2.2.2 Public Community Meeting

As per IESO public and Indigenous community engagement requirements, a public community meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., to discuss the project with members of the public. A presentation will be given by the project team describing and displaying information on the proposed project, its location, Atura Power's plans, and the process followed.

The meeting will include a question-and-answer portion where participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the project team. If follow-up to a question is required, the participant will be invited to email the project team to continue the dialogue. Meeting materials, including a summary of the minutes from the public community meeting with questions asked and Atura Power's responses, will be posted to the project webpage following the meeting.

Notice of the public community meeting will be posted to the project webpage (see **Section 2.1**) and distributed to landowners and municipal representatives (see **Section 2.2.1**) and Indigenous communities (see **Section 2.3**).

2.2.3 Engagement with Municipal Representatives

Prior to the public community meeting, the project team will engage with Haldimand County representatives. The intent of the municipal engagement will be to provide details of the proposed project. Other one-on-one meetings will be held as requested and a presentation to municipal council will be made.

2.3 Indigenous Community Engagement

The IESO's LT1 RFP mandates that project proponents must engage with Indigenous communities on whose lands the project site is located, either fully or partially. Atura Power is taking a proactive approach by engaging with communities that may have an interest in the project as part of the LT1 engagement process. The following communities will be engaged by Atura Power based on the project site:

- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO);
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation;
- Six Nations of the Grand River;
- Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI).

Engagement with these communities will include outreach initiated via direct phone calls or emails to introduce the project and understand engagement protocols. Phone calls/emails will be followed by a formal letter sent to all Indigenous communities via email and/or registered mail or courier at

minimum 15 days prior to the public community meeting with a project description, invitation to the public community meeting and offer to hold individual meetings with interested communities. Individual meetings will be scheduled based on the communities' interest, timing, and preferred format (virtual and/or in-person). The meetings will seek to share information about the project, answer questions and identify any initial concerns that the community may have about the project.

Please be advised that Atura Power intends to move forward with the Indigenous community engagement plan stated in accordance with the IESO LT1 RFP requirements. While consultation has not yet been initiated, if the Crown delegates procedural aspects of consultation and consultation is required with Indigenous communities, Atura Power will notify the identified communities of the proposed project and inform them that the Crown has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Atura Power. The notice will outline the consultation requirements and may also provide the Crown with copies of any prepared consultation plans and an opportunity to review and provide feedback.

During the LT1 process, Atura Power will communicate with Indigenous communities that may be affected by the project. If the project is approved by the IESO and moves forward, Indigenous consultation will be required if it impacts Indigenous community rights or is delegated by the Crown. Atura Power will engage in dialogue and information sharing with Indigenous communities as part of this consultation process. This dialogue may cover a range of topics including, but is not limited to, the following:

- The project background and insights into the proponent and proposed project.
- A clear description of the work being proposed.
- An agreed-upon consultation process consistent with Indigenous community protocols.
- The inclusion of consultation principles to be followed by the proponent.
- A description of the consultation objectives.
- The methodology by which consultation will occur.
- A clear description of consultation activities.
- The project's proposed timelines.
- A transparent record of the consultation.
- A mutually developed description of how Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Land and Resource Use (TLRU) information will be collected, protected, and used to protect the rights and interests of Indigenous communities.
- All required environmental studies, permits and approvals.

2.4 Documentation

Project documentation includes:

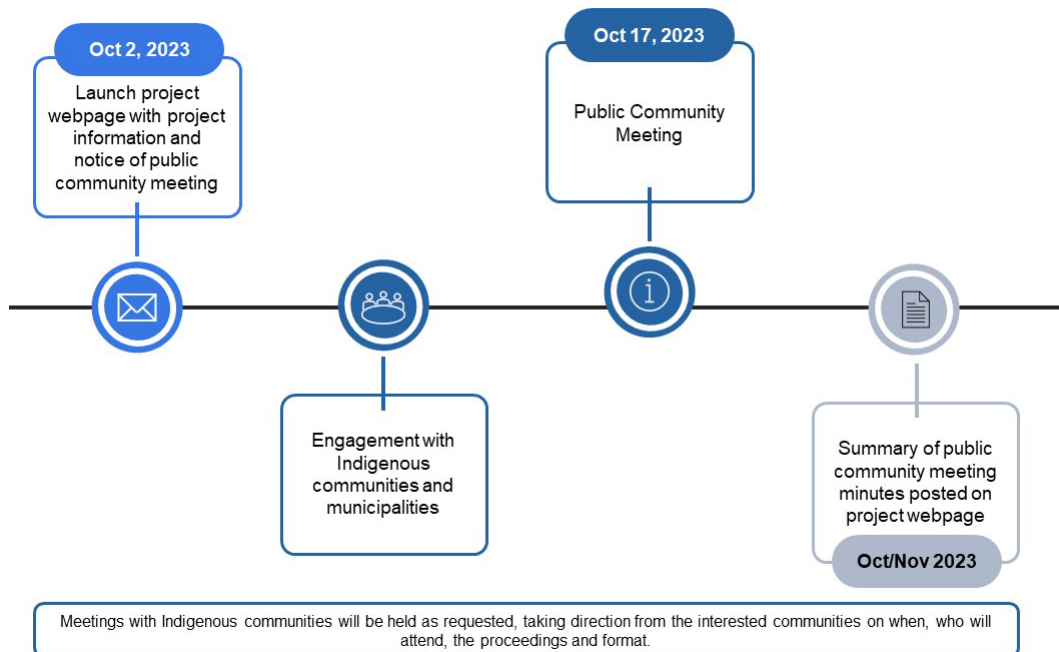
- **Notice of the public community meeting** – an invitation to a public community meeting distributed to adjacent landowners, local municipalities, and Indigenous communities on whose traditional lands the project is sited.
- **Project webpage** – a source of project information, including the notice of the public community meeting, public community meeting materials, and contact information.

- **Summary of meeting minutes** – a summary of the minutes to document the discussions and question-and-answer period occurring at the public community meeting posted to the project webpage following the meeting. The minutes will also include a description and display of the legal name and contact information of the proponent, name plate capacity and technology of the project, a map showing the boundaries of the project site, location of the connection point and location of the connection line.

3. Timelines

Public and Indigenous community engagement milestones described in this engagement plan are noted in **Figure 1** below.

Figure 1: Timeline of Engagement Activities



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