

Background Information Sheet – Special Meeting December 2, 2025

Why are we having this meeting?

Council has received a larger than average volume of correspondence and requests from residents wishing to present concerns regarding a proposed project under the IESO LT2 RFP which, if approved, would be located with access off of County Road 9. In order to ensure that Council is able to hear from all residents who wish to present, Council has directed that a special meeting be held at the Best & Bash Arena specifically for this purpose.

The IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator) launched the LT2 RFP in 2025 to address Ontario's emerging electricity system needs. The procurement is designed to secure new energy and capacity resources to meet growing demand, driven by electrification, population growth, and industrial expansion, including EV manufacturing and data centres. Key highlights of the LT2 RFP include:

- Annual procurements from 2025 to 2028, targeting 1.6 GW of capacity and 14 TWh of energy.
- The 2025 window seeks 600 MW of capacity and 3 TWh of energy, with commercial operation dates beginning in 2030.
- Projects must demonstrate municipal support via a resolution at the time of bid submission.

What decision will Council be making?

Council will be deciding whether or not to grant a municipal support resolution for the project. The support resolution is a required element for successful bid submissions. After the RFP submission deadline of December 18, the IESO will evaluate all proposals received during the intake period. IESO anticipates rendering decisions on contract awards in June 2026. Any successful projects will still be subject to local planning by-laws and site plan agreements.

When will Council be making a decision?

Council will be receiving a staff report and making a decision at their regular meeting on December 9.

The Town will not be hosting a second public forum for verbal presentations. Under the Town's Procedural By-law, additional deputations on this topic will not be put forward on December 9, as a public forum is being provided at this special meeting.