



Committee Report

To: Councillor Steve Hammell, Chair and
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Claire Dodds
Director of Planning and Development

Date: April 20, 2023

Re: Response to Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO)
Pathways to Decarbonization Study

Staff Recommendation:

That the draft response and the notice of motion from April 6, 2023 be circulated to Clerks/CAOs at local municipalities in Bruce County and other nuclear host communities in Ontario, as presented; and

That staff submit the comments as presented to the province through ERO Posting #019-6647, IESO Pathways to Decarbonation Study.

Background:

On December 15, 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) released the "Pathways to Decarbonizations" (P2D) study. The Ministry of Energy is seeking feedback on the findings of the P2D study through the Environmental Registry of Ontario. The province outlined nine individual questions that they were seeking additional input on that spanned many different topics of the report related to the "no-regret" recommendations.

Council passed a motion on April 6th, 2023 directing staff to prepare comments in response to the ERO posting. County staff worked with staff from Nuclear Innovation Institute to prepare these comments.

The response focuses on three key questions from the ERO posting that are relevant to Bruce County:

- requested input on the opportunities streamlining regulatory approvals for new large infrastructure projects;
- consultation requirements with host and indigenous communities; and
- the process required to support investment in new and additional clean energy projects.

If Council is supportive of these comments, this letter will be circulated to local municipalities in Bruce County, as well as other nuclear host communities in Ontario. It will also be submitted through the ERO portal to be included as formal input on the study.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

The Planning and Development Department consulted with staff from the Nuclear Innovation Institute to assist in developing the attached comments. The CAOs office was also consulted in the preparation of these comments.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal # 9 - Coordinated, concerted effort to advance our agenda

B. Politicians and staff lobby associations and government in support of local policy needs.

C. Make political and staff participation in provincial and federal committees a priority

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