



February 23, 2022

**INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION
PRIOR TO THE INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES (ICEO)
MARCH 2022 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS**

The Indigenous Clean Energy Opportunities (ICEO) is a co-designed and co-led engagement process for First Nations and the Province to explore opportunities in the growing and diverse clean energy sector and collaborate to help ensure First Nations are involved in and benefitting from B.C.'s low carbon economy based upon recognition of their rights and title using the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. The ICEO is co-managed by the First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC) and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI), and overseen by the First Nations Leadership Council and Minister Bruce Ralston.

At the upcoming regional ICEO workshops (March 1 and March 3, 2022) the FNEMC and EMLI are seeking your input to inform design of next step in ICEO (engagement/collaboration) by discussing and, where possible, collectively prioritizing the clean energy opportunities to be discussed in 2022 and/or future years.

During the workshop, participants will be asked to provide input that considers

- opportunities identified on pages 5 – 7 of the [ICEO Terms of Reference](#), and
- additional opportunities they, or other participants bring forward at the workshop, and
- clean energy-related legislative and program design initiatives currently being undertaken by EMLI

The attached table identifies eleven EMLI legislative and programs initiatives that to be considered alongside the clean energy opportunities identified in the Terms of Reference. These initiatives include:

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| • Zero Emission Vehicle Legislation and Program Design | • Hydrogen Opportunities and Benefits | • Renewable Natural Gas Opportunities and Benefits |
| • 100% Clean Electricity Delivery Standard | • Building Energy Efficiency Legislation and Program Design | • Carbon Capture and Storage |

A full description of initiatives, including the Province's objective for the initiative and a description of input sought from Indigenous People under ICEO is attached. The Proposed Initiatives can also be found on the [ICEO website](#).

The large number of opportunities First Nations and the Province would like to engage and collaborate on under the ICEO mean it is unlikely engagement on can occur all of them concurrently. The FNLC and the Province have committed to making the ICEO an "evergreen" process, with no end date, to ensure time constraints do not preclude discussion on all of the opportunities.

It is anticipated that the 2022 ICEO engagement on clean energy opportunities will focus on opportunities of interest to the majority of participating rightsholders.

This does not mean individual First Nations will lose an opportunity to engage with the Province on the EMLI legislative and program initiatives in the attached table. If some/all of EMLI's initiatives do not form part of the 2022 ICEO engagement, EMLI would welcome separate bilateral engagement with interested First Nations. If your Nation would be interested in a bilateral engagement on any or all of the EMLI initiatives listed in the attached table, please let EMLI and FNEMC know during the regional workshop. Alternatively, your Nation can send an e-mail to the following address: ICEO@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Katherine Rowe', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Katherine Rowe
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