

INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES ELECTRICITY TABLE ADVISORY GROUP (“ETAG”) MEETING SUMMARY

January 11, 2023, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

MEETING DETAILS

ATTENDEES: Dr. Judith Sayers, Harvey McLeod, Trent Moraes, Russell Myers Ross, Maureen Daschuk, Doug Slater, Jeremy Cairns, Paul Wieringa, Dave Porter, Cole Kwatuuma Sayers, Crystal Dixon, Sarah Ozog, Les MacLaren, Annika Van Roy, Morgan Chandler, Oswald Dias, Lloyd Roberts

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Review: No Additions

Previous Minutes

- ETAG TOR updates have been made and accepted.

Electricity 101's

- ICEO Secretariat provided a discussion paper which proposed interactive knowledge sessions focused on the electric grid, electricity markets, utilities and regulation, recorded by webinar, and to be posted on the website.
- ETAG members brought forth following recommendations for consideration:
 - Frame the sessions within the context of opportunity, focusing on the relevance to First Nations rather than providing general information (E.g. “So you want to build a power project”, “Can you sell electricity?”) and then make reference to items such as the Electrification Plan.
 - Use concrete examples to demonstrate the potential issues or consideration First Nations may find in a project, such as building a transmission grid or Run-of- River project.
 - Discuss various areas of opportunity across the province, address West Coast capacity.
 - Include projects from outside B.C. to identify practices supporting Indigenous participation.
 - Use resource plans as a background to inform where the energy market is headed.
 - Present on market realities of the sector with additional research but avoid duplication on readily available analysis.
 - Look at the broader legislative ecosystem on the electricity market and surrounding legislation in addition to the BC Utilities Commission or the *Utilities Commission Act*.
 - Frame the webinars with a community lens, consider their perspective on affordability and reliance, legal costs, leasing, etc. Offer solutions to capacity and cost challenges.
 - Include Demand Side Management and energy efficiency opportunities.
 - Hire a firm to support engagement and consider connecting to additional events such as the adaptation forum (Feb).
 - Determine if First Nation Major Projects Coalition could play a role in the Electricity 101s.
 - Frame the Electricity 101s with a community perspective and include metrics which reflect the realities of rural and remote energy concerns.

General ETAG Business

- Considering BC Hydro expects to have sufficient energy and capacity until the early 2030s, ETAG members expressed importance of seeking current economic opportunities in addition to positioning First Nations for a call for new clean energy supply.
- ETAG members expressed the desire for clear roles in identifying present and future opportunities.

Decisions

1. Meetings will be recorded and used to create a meeting summary which will then be posted publicly after ETAG and joint leadership approval. Recording will be deleted post approved summary.
2. ICEO Secretariat to develop a draft framework for the 101s that reframes the information per the above comments.
 - a. Include a schedule, content list, and potential presenters.

Actions

1. Post written summary of ETAG Meetings.
2. EMLI Executive to look into opportunities for ETAG to meet with new Minister.
3. Develop Electricity 101 Framework and bring options forth to February meeting.