

# Regional Planning Engagement Update: Local Advisory Committees

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# AGENDA

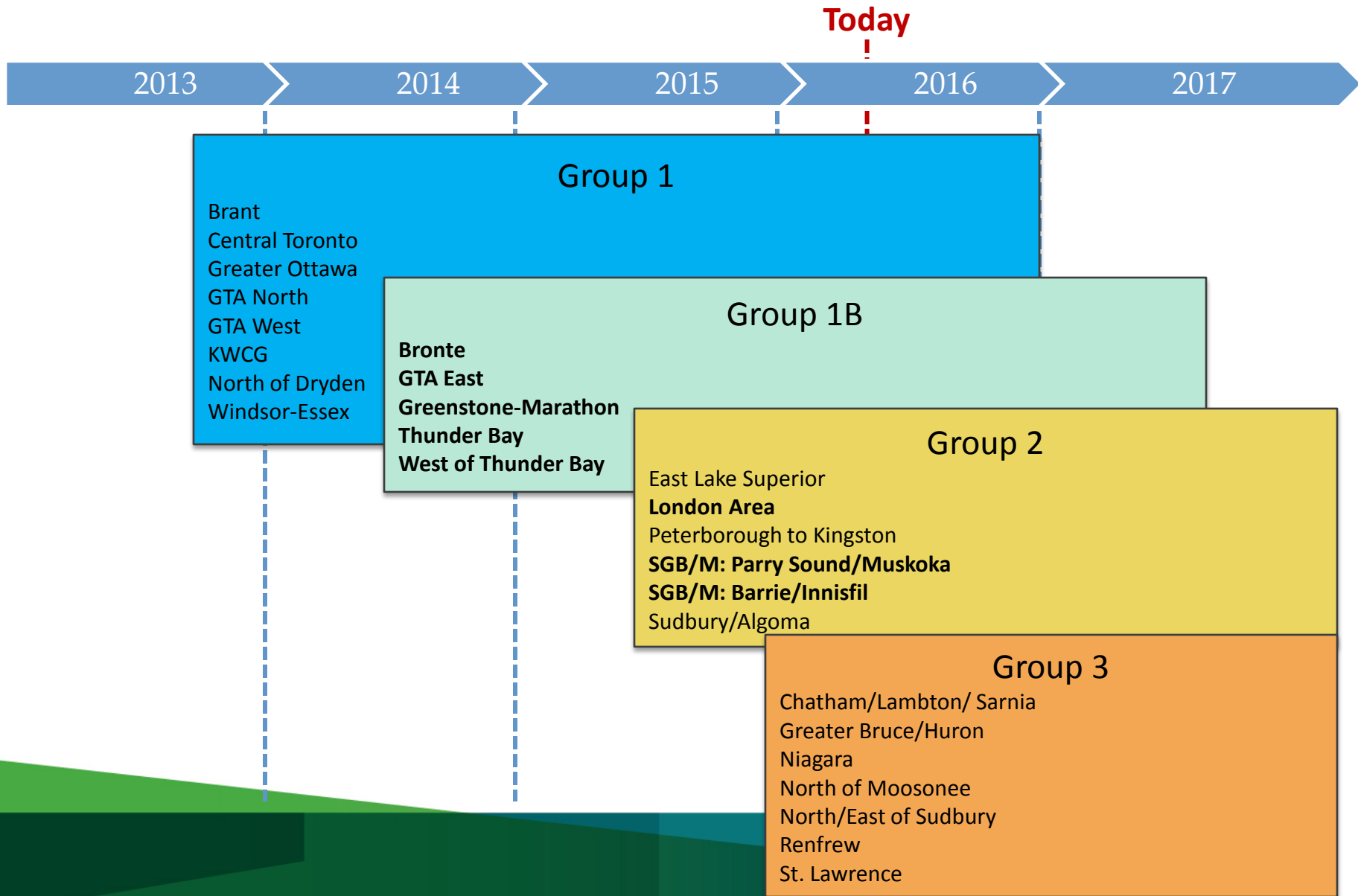
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- Next Steps

# REGIONAL PLANNING UPDATE

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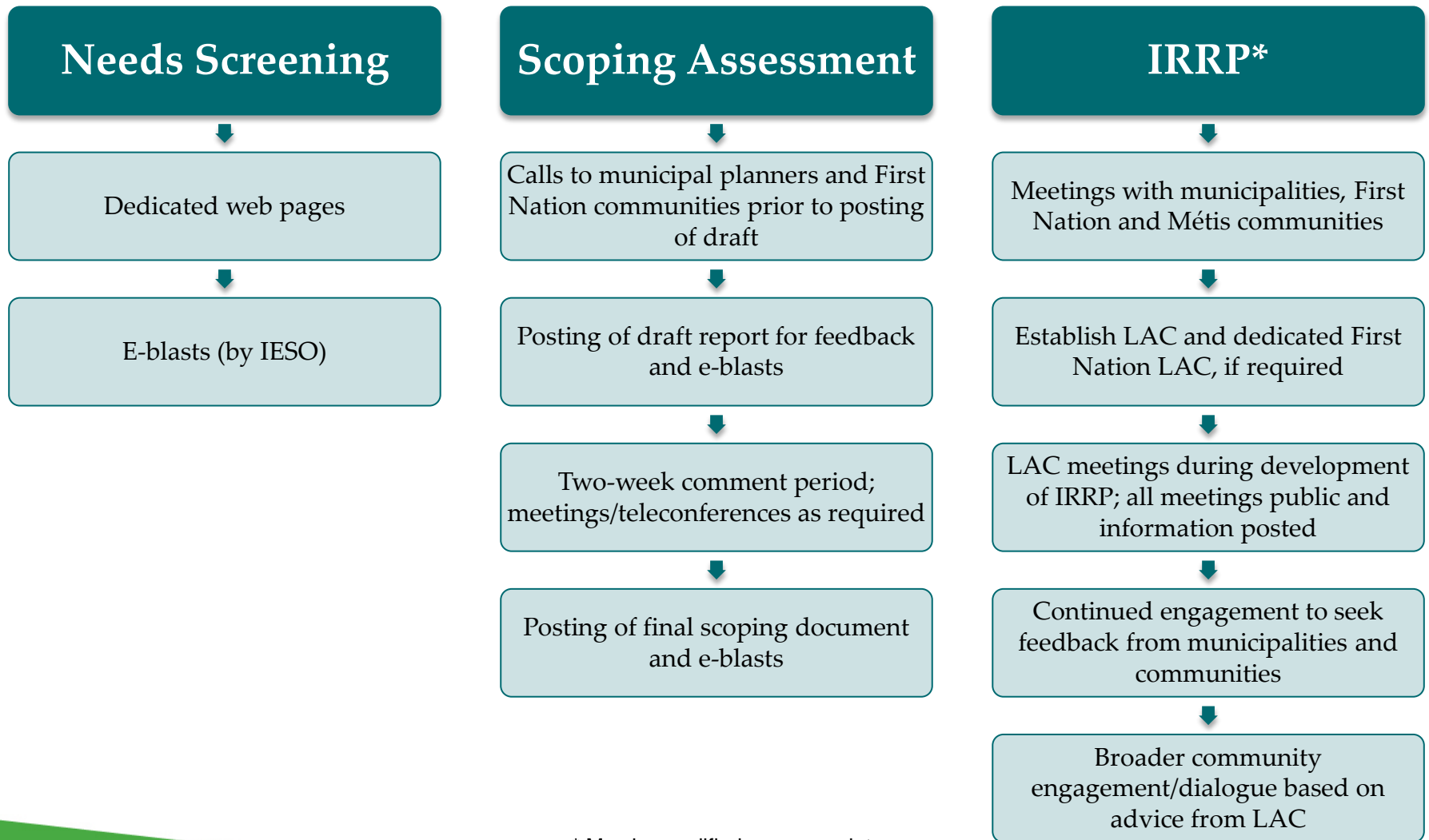
- Planning work continues on many of the eight Integrated Regional Resource Plans (IRRPs) released in 2015
- An additional eight IRRPs are currently under development
  - These eight IRRPs will be released from Summer 2016 to Spring 2017
- Planning work has begun in the Group 3 regions with the transmitters currently conducting the needs screening

# Planning Timeline for the 21 Regions



# REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

# Overview of Engagement Processes



\* May be modified as appropriate

# Regional Planning Engagement: Who is Involved in Developing IRRPs

## **Working Group Members:**

- Local Distribution Companies
- Transmission Company
- Independent Electricity System Operator (multiple divisions)

## **Involvement Through Engagement:**

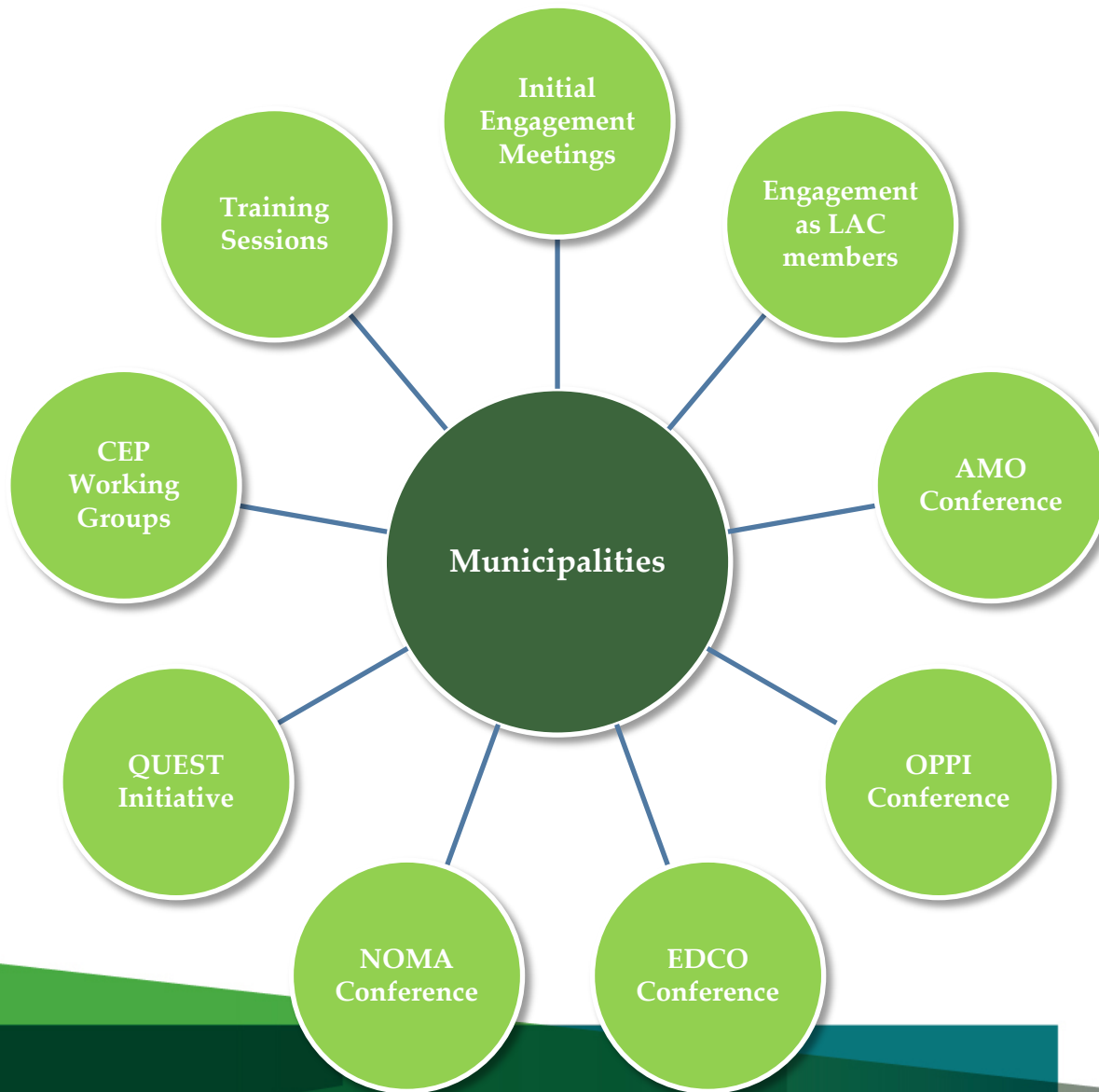
- Municipalities
- First Nations and Métis
- Interest Groups
- Public

**Establishing long-term relationships is key**

Meetings with local municipalities and First Nation and Métis  
are the first step in the engagement process



# Engagement is a Multi-Pronged Approach



Engagement efforts are broad


Aim is to reach elected officials, and staff from the sustainability offices, planning & economic development areas

Electricity planning training sessions are being explored

# Local Advisory Committees

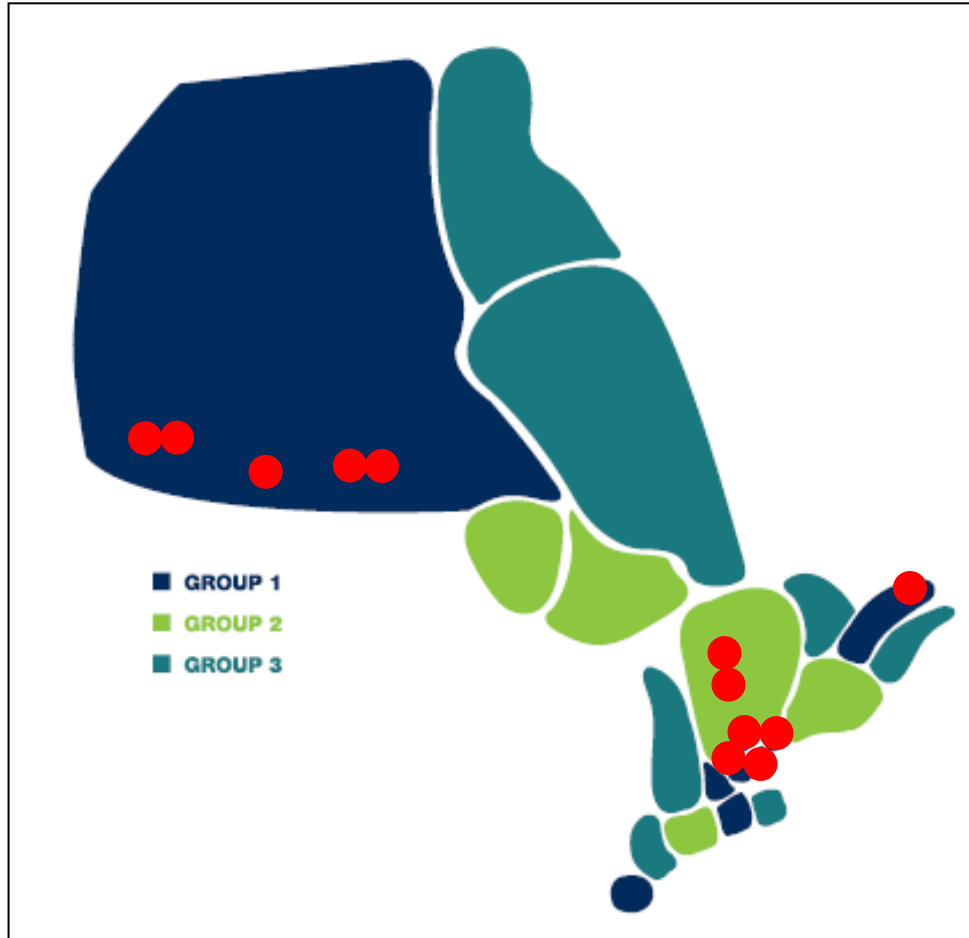
Role of the LAC is to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the regional plan.

They are an avenue to have a broader energy dialogue and act as a bridge between the five year regional planning cycle.



<b>Composition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 18 members</li><li>• General terms of reference available</li></ul>
<b>Attributes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breadth of knowledge about constituency</li><li>• Current and direct connection to community</li></ul>
<b>Nominations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open process; nominations open for 3 weeks</li><li>• Combination of ads, e-blasts, notifications</li></ul>
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2-4 times per year or as required</li><li>• Facilitated by a Secretariat</li></ul>

# Local Advisory Committees



## Established LACs:

- Greater Ottawa
- GTA North
- GTA East
- Toronto
- NW ON – Thunder Bay
- NW ON – West of Thunder Bay (2)
- NW ON – Greenstone-Marathon (2)

## Upcoming/Future:

- GTA West
- SGB/M: Parry Sound Muskoka
- SGB/M: Barrie/Innisfil

# LACS – LESSONS LEARNED

# Lessons Learned

- LAC members are engaged and eager to have detailed discussions about electricity needs and solutions in their communities; desire to provide meaningful input
  - Detailed information needs to be provided about needs, options and implementation of solutions relevant to the community
  - Objective of the LAC and opportunities for input need to be clearly scoped from the start
- Just as each area is unique, each LAC is unique in its composition, focus and priorities
  - Engagement must be flexible and responsive
  - Members can help shape how the LAC evolves
  - One size does not fit all

# Lessons Learned (cont'd)

- Focus of many LACs is not the “wires” solutions, but exploring sustainability and community self-sufficiency options
  - These discussions are valuable and provide direct input into the next planning cycle
- Community members are eager to discuss their electricity priorities
  - In many LACs, half of the meeting agenda is now being dedicated to the LAC member priorities that are within the scope of regional planning

# Lessons Learned (cont'd)

- There is sometimes a desire to discuss more than regional planning (i.e. bulk and/ or distribution planning, electricity prices etc.)
  - The focus of the LACs is regional planning and where possible other information is provided for context or LAC members are directed to other information sources
- At times, the selected option may not be the preferred option for all LAC members
  - All feedback is considered in making a decision and noted, however the IESO must make decisions that ensure a reliable supply of electricity across the province

# NEXT STEPS



# Looking Forward

- The new model of dedicating half of the LAC meeting to member priorities will be rolled out in the Toronto, GTA North (York) and Ottawa LACs
- Many LACs were set-up during the development of the plan – LAC members will determine the future of the committee once the plans are complete
- Regional and community engagement is vital to the planning process and engagement efforts will continue to be refined based on experience and feedback