

Session 6

Your perspectives for transforming and re-energizing Ontario

2019 OAIA Conference

Context - We want to hear from you!

As practitioners, what are our views on how impact assessment can transform and re-energize Ontario?

Ontario has had success phasing out coal and has taken some steps to transition towards a mix of electricity sources. Ontario's *A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan* commits to addressing climate change.

In consideration of some of the major infrastructure and development commitments in Ontario, such as transmission lines to remote far north areas of the province and plans to develop the mineral rich Ring of Fire area,...

What is the role of impact assessment in shaping Ontario's transformation to a low-carbon future?

In Session 5, *The expert panel: Dialogue toward a low carbon future*, the panel discussed:

- What is the role of impact assessment in achieving a low carbon future?
- How can assessment help plan for these and how will it need to adapt and innovate?
- Unique challenges, experiences, and opportunities inherent in developing new approaches to power production, delivery and distribution in Canada.

Objectives

1. Gather views of Conference attendees
 - a) OAI may create a report/brief to summarize the discussions
 - b) OAI may present the report/brief with the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (views in brief would be that of OAI, not individuals)
2. Allow for networking / “cross pollination” of attendees
3. Entice participation / break up the day with a more interactive session

Session Outline

- ▶ Session Explanation - 10 minutes

- ▶ At your table - Complete worksheets - 30 minutes
 - ▶ Spend roughly 10 minutes on “**Your Perspective**” questions and 20 minutes on “**Assigned Perspective**” questions
 - ▶ Complete the “**Your Perspective**” on your own
 - ▶ Assign a note taker to complete the “**Assigned Perspective**” worksheet (clear handwriting please) based on discussions at the table
 - ▶ Assign a rapporteur to debrief to the plenary on the “**Assigned Perspective**” worksheet

- ▶ Rapporteurs from each Table Present - 30 minutes (3 min each table)

- ▶ Open Dialogue and Discussions - 20 minutes

Worksheet Completion

- ▶ Complete Questions on the “Your Perspective” worksheet based on your own perspective - one per person.
- ▶ Carefully complete the “Assigned Perspective” worksheet - one per table.
 - ▶ Note the affiliation of each member of the table
 - ▶ Note the area of expertise of each member of the table
 - ▶ *This will assist OAI in determining the perspective of the group when writing the report*
- ▶ Complete Questions under “Assigned Perspective” based on the assigned perspective noted on the worksheet (i.e. Industry, consultants and practitioners, regulators, different levels of government, Indigenous people, environmental groups and the public etc.). Each table has a unique assigned perspective.

Thank you!

- ▶ Please provide us feedback on this session when you fill out the feedback survey.
 - ▶ A link to the survey will be provided to you by email following the conference.

Annex - Macro Questions

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Affiliation

(pick one)

- ▶ Industry
- ▶ Consultants and practitioners
- ▶ Regulator - Federal
- ▶ Regulator - Provincial
- ▶ Regulator - Municipal
- ▶ Regulator - Other
- ▶ Indigenous people, organizations or government
- ▶ Non-Government Organization
- ▶ Environmental groups
- ▶ Student
- ▶ The public

Expertise

(pick as many as are applicable)

- ▶ Engineer (general)
- ▶ Planner (general)
- ▶ Environmental Assessment
- ▶ Impact Assessment
- ▶ Health Impact Assessment
- ▶ Social Impact Assessment
- ▶ Economic Impact Assessment
- ▶ Air modelling
- ▶ Hydrogeology
- ▶ Geology
- ▶ Geochemistry
- ▶ Climate modelling
- ▶ Risk assessment
- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Other

Annex - Your Perspectives

Generic Questions

“Your Perspectives”

General Questions for Each Conference Attendee

Provide “your perspectives” on the following:

1. What is the role of impact assessment in shaping Ontario’s transformation to a low-carbon future?
2. Under the current legislative framework, what are **positive elements** that you recommend be retained.
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are **challenges** that you recommend be redressed?
4. Do you have any other comments or input?

Annex - Assigned Perspectives Questions for Sectors

Questions - Assigned: Industry

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Industry:

1. What would Industry view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Industry use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Industry perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Industry that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Consultants and Practitioners

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Consultants and Practitioners:

1. What would Consultants and Practitioners view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Consultants and Practitioners use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Consultants and Practitioners perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Consultants and Practitioners that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Regulators

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Regulators:

1. What would Regulators view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Regulators use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Regulator's perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Regulators that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Regulators - Federal

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Regulators - Federal Only:

1. What would Federal Regulators view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Federal Regulators use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Federal Regulator perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Federal Regulators that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Regulators - Provincial

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Regulators - Provincial Only:

1. What would Provincial Regulators view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Provincial Regulators use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Provincial Regulator perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Provincial Regulators that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Regulators - Municipal

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Regulators -
Municipal Only:

1. What would Municipal Regulators view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Municipal Regulators use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Municipal Regulator perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Municipal Regulators that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Indigenous People

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Indigenous People:

1. What would Indigenous People view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Indigenous People use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from an Indigenous People perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Indigenous People that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: Non-Government Organizations

Pretend that everyone on your table represents Non-Government Organizations:

1. What would Non-Government Organizations view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would Non-Government Organizations use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Non-Government Organization perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for Non-Government Organizations that you recommend be redressed?

Questions - Assigned: The Public

Pretend that everyone on your table represents the Public:

1. What would the Public view as benefits of transforming Ontario to a low-carbon future?
2. How would the Public use impact assessment processes to position themselves to successfully adopting a low-carbon future?
3. Under the current legislative framework, what are some positive elements, from a Public perspective, that you recommend be retained?
4. Under the current legislative framework, what are the challenges for the Public that you recommend be redressed?