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# Durham Climate Roundtable Leadership Committee

**Multi-sector collaborative leadership:** Brings together relevant local government, industry and societal leadership, within Durham Region, to collaboratively work toward achieving regional climate targets

#### Serves as part of a two-way information exchange network:

- To gain expertise, share best practices and lessons learned amongst people and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to climate leadership
- To support data gathering for the annual greenhouse-gas inventory and progress on decarbonization within Durham Region

**Champions for Change:** Recognizes the right leaders from all areas of society, will be required to lead change

#### Durham Climate Roundtable Leadership Committee members are:

- 1. The bridge between the Roundtable and organization
- 2. Strategic advisors for the annual report and action tracking
- 3. Ambassadors for climate action in Durham Region





# **Elexicon Energy Addressing Climate and Energy Security**

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#### **Purpose**

Provide an overview of what

Elexicon is doing to:

- Address climate change
- Plan for energy security





## Agenda

- Overview of Elexicon Energy
- Addressing Climate Change
- Energy Security Plan
- Asks of the Municipalities
- Q&A



#### **Overview of Elexicon**

Elexicon Energy is Ontario's 4<sup>th</sup> largest municipally-owned LDC, and delivers electricity to approximately 177,000 homes and businesses located in the following ten municipalities in east central Ontario:

- Ajax
- Belleville
- Brock
- Clarington
- Gravenhurst

- Pickering
- Port Hope
- Scugog
- Uxbridge
- Whitby



#### **Overview of Elexicon**

- Regular Full-time/Part-time Employees: 253
- Corporate headquarters located in Ajax, with offices in Belleville, Brock, Clarington, Gravenhurst and Whitby
- Approximately 4,600 km of overhead & 2,700 km of underground cable
- Approx. \$600 million in assets
- 1 Transformer Stations (TS) and 66 Municipal Stations (MS) in our service territory



#### **Regulatory Environment**

Elexicon Energy is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).



#### The OEB:

- Licenses regulated entities (e.g. distributors).
- Approves rates of electricity distributors, transmitters and some generators.
- Sets requirements that distributors must follow (e.g. codes, guidelines, etc.)

Distribution System Code (DSC) defines requirements for connections.

- Distributors cannot reserve capacity for future developments.
- DSC defines rules for different types of system investments to enable customer growth.

## **Sustainability Award**

March 25, 2024

Honoured with the Sustainability

Excellence Award from the

**Electricity Distributors Association** 



#### **Addressing Climate Change**

- Environmental policy to reduce our carbon footprint
- ISO 14001 Compliance by 2025
- ESG Framework
- Enabling electrification of our customers/transit
- Forecasting load growth
- Building new substations



#### **Energy Security Plan**

- Revised engineering and design standards
- Renewing aged assets
- Weather-hardened equipment upgrades
- Enabling bi-directional flow (microgeneration)
- New technology and grid modernization
- Cyber security



#### **Asks of the Municipalities**

- Inform us of your critical loads and any changes to regulations
- Share load/population growth/re-zoning plans/projections
- Engage us early
- Expedited permitting (i.e. road occupancy, etc.)
- Advocacy and public education collaboration
- Patience

# Thank You!

Questions?

