

Building Local Community Confidence in Renewable Energy Development

Ivey Idea Forum: Expert Panel Event

Event Information

September 23, 2016

Ivey Tangerine Leadership Centre, 130 King St. W., Toronto, Ontario

Summary

Energy development has become increasingly contested at the local level. While opposition to pipelines is top of mind, energy projects of all stripes, including those from renewable sources, have confronted powerful local opposition in some communities. What is driving these energy conflicts? Are existing regulatory processes flawed, or do the sources of opposition stem from elsewhere, be it industry practice, broader questions of public policy, or fundamental value changes in society? How extensive is opposition – is it a vocal minority or is opposition more widespread in communities? What can we learn from successful projects with broad-based community support? What is the role of local governments in community energy planning and in resolving controversies? And what should governments, regulatory authorities, and project proponents do to address this growing set of challenges? This event, organized by the Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre, brings together expert panelists to address these questions from public, private, and academic perspectives.

Host

Professor Guy Holburn, Director, Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre

Friday, September 23rd

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Expert Panel: Building Local Community Confidence in Renewable Energy Development
4:00 pm – 4:05 pm	<i>Welcome: Guy Holburn, Director, Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre, Ivey Business School</i>
4:05 pm – 4:20 pm	<i>Keynote Address</i> Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell , Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
4:20 pm – 5:55 pm	<i>Expert Panel and Discussion: Moderated by Gord Lambert, Executive in Residence, Ivey Business School</i> Ken Hewitt , Mayor, Haldimand County Peggy Loudermilk , Research Director, Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre, Ivey Business School Michael Lyle , Vice President, Planning, Law and Aboriginal Relations, IESO Kris Smith , Executive Vice President, Downstream, Suncor
5:55 pm – 6:00 pm	<i>Closing Remarks: Guy Holburn</i> Meeting Room: King Room
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Reception Cocktails and Appetizers