

E.L.K. Invites Kingsville Community for Town Hall on Power Needs and Reliability

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E.L.K., in partnership with Entegrus who is providing management services, invites the Kingsville Community for an upcoming Town Hall on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, from 6-8PM at Unico Hall, 37 Beech St., Kingsville. The meeting is an opportunity to initiate dialogue with the community concerning power needs and reliability, and explore future opportunities aimed at enhancing reliability and overall quality of service.

Jim Hogan, President, and CEO of Entegrus will be in attendance to answer questions and share insights. "This meeting is an invaluable opportunity for us to connect directly with customers served by E.L.K., listen to their concerns, and share our commitment to enhancing their lives through reliable services" stated Hogan. "Together, we can chart a brighter future, and I'm excited to be a part of that conversation."

Mayor of Essex, Sherry Bondy, who also serves as the E.L.K. Chair, acknowledges the challenges faced in the past. "Since becoming Chair of the Board, I have engaged in weekly meetings with E.L.K. staff and management, working diligently to regain lost ground," stated Bondy. "Meaningful changes will take time after two decades of underinvestment in the utility, but we are dedicated to making steady progress toward a better future, and this community meeting is a pivotal step in that direction."

Kimberly DeYong, Deputy Mayor of Kingsville and E.L.K. Board Member looks forward to discussing improvements and shares her perspective. "As Deputy Mayor, I proactively sought a role on the E.L.K. board to address our hydro issues," she notes. "I am excited about the progress made so far and look forward to sharing the bold and decisive steps the new board has taken towards making improvements."

E.L.K. looks forward to engaging with the community about building a stronger, more reliable, and more efficient service for all, and hopes to see many community members on October 17th.

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About E.L.K.:

E.L.K. Energy is a Local Distribution Company that services the communities of Belle River, Comber, Cottam, Essex, Harrow and Kingsville in Ontario, Canada. With a peak load of 65 megawatts, we deliver a safe, reliable and efficient supply of electricity to over 12,600 customers from the residential, commercial and industrial sectors, through over 168 kilometres of overhead and underground cables, spanning 23 square kilometres of service territory. E.L.K. Energy is wholly-owned by the Corporation of the Town of Essex.



About Entegrus:

Entegrus operates and maintains electricity distribution systems for over 62,000 customers in Southwestern Ontario and provides general administrative services in the areas of customer care, billing operations and collection services. Entegrus is committed to operating with local values in mind, while delivering safe, reliable, and exceptional service to their customers, partners and communities.