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Smart Energy Communities improve their energy efficiency, reliability, lower costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by enhancing energy efficiency across an entire community.

SECs harness local energy opportunities, conventional energy networks and integrate land use and transportation planning.

QUEST and **Pollution Probe** have launched the Smart Energy Communities SCORECARD initiative to develop a standardized approach for evaluating and benchmarking pathways to Smart Energy Communities in Canada

The SCORECARD project will result in:

- Standardized key performance indicators to define pathways to Smart Energy Communities
- A methodology to evaluate how local governments, utilities, real estate and other sectors contribute to Smart Energy Communities
- A SCORECARD Report and web-based dashboard, profiling community scores, and a roadmap for action to advance becoming a Smart Energy Community

The project seeks six pilot communities to participate in the development of the SCORECARD. Successful participants will benefit by:

- Receiving a score, evaluating the policies and processes of the community
- Receiving advisory support from the project team to improve the community's score
- Contributing to a national, standard approach for evaluating Smart Energy Communities
- Connecting to a national community network with leading energy data collection practices

Who should apply:

- Local government staff or organizations that have been endorsed to apply on behalf of a local government (e.g. a local energy distributor or not-for-profit organization)
- Communities that have a history of collaboration among local community energy stakeholders (e.g. Local government, energy distribution companies, community groups)
- Communities of all sizes and contexts are invited to apply
- There is no cost to apply or participate as a Pilot Community in the Scorecard. Council endorsement is not required to be eligible

You can access a word document version of the questions, for reference only, [here](#).

The **deadline** to submit an **Expression of Interest** is **November 30 at 5 PM**. Pilot Communities will be engaged through September 2019, and the Scorecard will evaluate communities defined by local government boundaries (e.g. municipal boundaries, or Indigenous community boundaries).

To learn more about participating as a Pilot Community, or to submit an Expression of Interest as a Pilot Community visit www.questcanada.org/scorecard. For other questions prior to submitting an Expression of Interest, please contact Sarah Marchionda at smarchionda@questcanada.org