

Are Ottawa's new battery energy storage regulations too far?

Ottawa is looking at regulatory changes around these types of facilities. (Ross D. Franklin/The Associated Press) A city committee passed new regulations Thursday that lay out the ground rules for companies looking to build battery energy storage facilities in Ottawa, but residents are split on whether the new rules go too far -- or not far enough.

What is a battery energy storage system?

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are energy retention systems that store and then discharge electricity back into the electricity grid when supply is low or when energy is most expensive.

Can a battery facility be built in Ottawa?

According to the new rules, companies looking to build a battery facility will have to show Ottawa Fire Services (OFS) that effective fire and safety risk management has been incorporated into the design. Companies will be required to install fire prevention and suppression systems, and provide OFS with site-specific training.

What is a lithium-ion battery energy storage system?

Although energy storage comes in different shapes and sizes, the lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") is the fastest emerging technology in North America and is planned to be deployed in the City of Ottawa with the Ottawa BESS 2 Project.

Who owns the energy supply in Ottawa?

While the Province is the regulator and owner of electricity generation supplies, municipalities have siting authority over new proposed renewable energy generation and storage projects, such as BESS. The amendments approved today would set policy direction for siting BESS within Ottawa's rural and urban areas.

How do energy storage systems work in Ontario?

They work by drawing and storing energy from the grid during off-peak hours when demand is low, and discharging it back to the grid when needed. They're a major part of Ontario's plans to address rising energy demands, which it forecasts will increase by 75 per cent by 2050.

UPDATE: City council accepted the committee recommendations at its meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023. SolarBank, which had proposed a battery storage project in ...

The IESO approved 10 battery energy storage systems, including one in Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, Ont., the eastern Ontario community south of Ottawa where Hwy 401 meets Hwy. 416. Battery energy storage systems collect energy from renewable sources like wind and solar panels or from the electricity network, then discharge that energy when it's ...

A battery energy storage system (BESS) is an emerging technology using batteries and associated ... periods of high demand. BESS facilities can be used to provide backup power to individual sites or transmission scale projects built to support the provincial grid. ... being proposed in Ottawa. On May 9, 2024, the Independent Electricity Systems ...

Suddenly, councils from Windsor to Ottawa and many rural places in between began to see formal requests for resolutions supporting "battery energy storage systems" leading up to the IESO's bid ...

Winners of the procurement with BESS bids include Boralex, a Toronto Stock Exchange-listed renewable energy developer, with two projects: Hagersville Battery Energy Storage Park, a 300MW, 4-hour duration ...

Ontario's battery storage sector has largely focused on fairly large behind-the-meter industrial battery projects like the one pictured. Image: PRNewsfoto/Convergent Energy + Power) A subsidiary of Canadian ...

"Largest battery storage project in Canada" to open in two years in Six Nations ... said Friday it has directed the Independent Electricity System Operator to enter into a 20-year deal with the Oneida Energy storage project as part of its push for more clean energy supply. ... Patty from Ottawa is the latest winner of the \$70M Lotto Max ...

January 14, 2025 In October 2023, the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) put out a call for proposals for new Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Through this competitive procurement process, known as the Long-term 1 Request for Proposals (LT1 RFP), the province looked to procure year-round capacity from new build storage facilities larger than 1 MW. This ...

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South Branch Battery Storage Project would be located approximately 20 kilometers south of Winchester and 70 kilometers south of the nation's capital, Ottawa. The site takes its name directly from the South Branch River that runs near the proposed project site. ... Energy storage enhances reliability, reduces costs, and increases grid resilience.

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