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Ottawa s new energy storage policy



Overview

Does Ottawa have a battery energy storage plan?

In 2025, the City of Ottawa established official plan and zoning provisions for battery energy storage uses in accordance with new Official Plan policy. BESS is an emerging technology using batteries and associated equipment to store excess energy from the electrical grid, which can then discharge energy in periods of high demand.

Who approves energy storage systems in Ontario?

The primary authority for the Installation and Approval of Energy Storage Systems connected to the electrical grid in Ontario is the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA). The ESA administers Part VIII of the Electricity Act and oversees the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (OESC).

Should Bess be added to the city of Ottawa's official plan?

The report begins by recognising the complexity and uniqueness of BESS installations, recommending the addition of a new section to the City of Ottawa's development guidelines, known as the Official Plan, specifically aimed at new battery storage facilities.

Who owns energy supply in Ontario?

While the Province of Ontario 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 approved amendments set policy direction for siting BESS within Ottawa's rural and urban areas.

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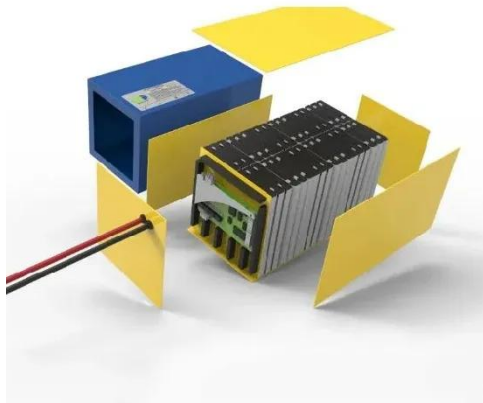


City approves zoning of battery storage building

The City of Ottawa's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee approved the changes for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), set to guide the land use policy ...

New BESS siting and fire regulations coming to Ottawa

The city of Ottawa. Image: WikiCommons / Flickr / ceedub13. Developers looking to build new BESS facilities in Canada's capital will have to adhere to stricter regulations, ...



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Statement: Ottawa Council Applauded for Advancing ...

The battery storage project alongside the six solar projects Council supported earlier this fall will reduce the city's reliance on expensive gas-fired electricity during peak demand ...



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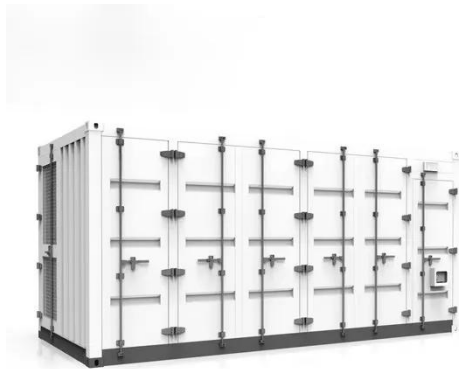
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Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Provisions

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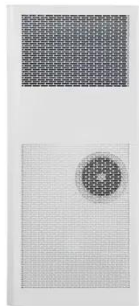
Report

Approve amendments to the Official Plan adding a new Section 4.12 and giving land use policy direction for the siting of Battery Energy Storage Systems, as either a principal or accessory ...

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Battery storage site land rules reviewed by committee

A city committee has voted in favour of new rules for building battery energy

storage systems. CTV's Peter Szperling has the details.



OTTAWA Committee approves regulations for battery energy storage ...

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee today (Jan 23) approved Official Plan and zoning amendments to establish land-use policy for siting Battery Energy Storage Systems (BE. . .



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