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Ottawa s new energy storage policy

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Overview

In 2025, the City of Ottawa established official plan and zoning provisions for battery energy storage uses in accordance with new Official Plan policy. Does Ottawa have a battery energy storage system?

A battery energy storage system. (Photo by City of Ottawa.) Posted Jan 24, 2025 01:47:28 PM. Last Updated Jan 24, 2025 02:57:01 PM. Changes have been made to the city's Official Plan and zoning bylaws to create a building for storing electricity in off-peak hours from the grid.

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).

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.

How do battery storage systems work in Ontario?

Battery storage systems play a crucial role in Ontario's electricity system by offering flexibility and resilience. They help balance supply and demand, particularly during peak hours, by storing excess energy when demand is low and releasing it when needed.

What changes will be made to Bess in Ottawa?

The amendments approved on Jan. 23 will set policy direction for BESS, in both rural and urban areas. Additionally, the city will be required to

demonstrate that Ottawa Fire Services' are satisfied with the design of each BESS facility, meeting effective fire and safety risk management.

Are battery storage units subject to Planning Act requirements?

The battery storage units associated with a BESS facility are subject to Planning Act requirements. Therefore, specific land use policy guidance is required to support BESS in Ottawa. These policies will be tabled at the Agricultural and Rural Affairs and Planning and Housing Committees on January 23 and February 5 respectively.

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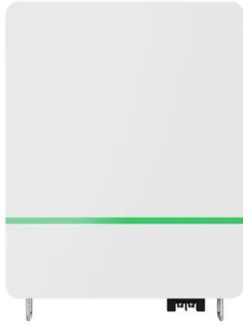
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Key Dates , Renewable Energy Generation Facility (REGF) and

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