
Ottawa New Energy Project Energy Storage Policy

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).

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.

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.

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