

Title: Ottawa's new energy storage policy

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

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.

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.

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.

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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On May 9, 2024, the IESO announced that ten proposed BESS projects were selected, totaling 1,784 megawatts (MW) of energy storage, including two to be located in rural west Ottawa.

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 direction for building...

Council today approved Ottawa's 2026 Budget, which invests in the services residents rely on every day, and the key priorities that make Ottawa a safe, reliable and affordable city.

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The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee in Ottawa approved Official Plan and zoning amendments to establish land-use policy for siting Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

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