

# Ottawa Suburban Energy Storage Project





## Overview

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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.

Where is a battery energy storage system near Dunrobin?

City approval is being sought for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) near Dunrobin. A map posted on the website of Evolugen shows the location of the proposed South March Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at 2555 and 2625 Marchurst Rd. near Dunrobin. Photo by EVOLUGEN / HANDOUT.

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.



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**Regulations approved for battery energy storage systems in Ottawa**

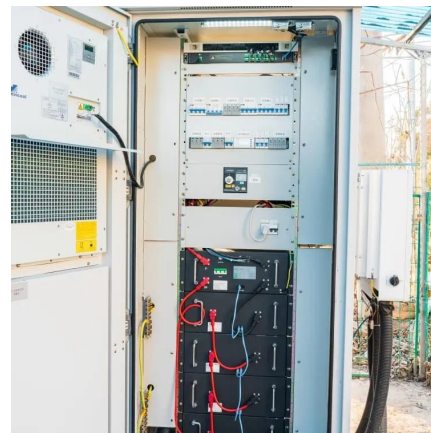
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Energy storage systems are defined as: "a system or facility that captures energy produced at one time for use at a later time to reduce imbalances between energy demand ...

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