

5. Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) LT1 Procurement: Requests for Municipal Support Resolution

Processus d'approvisionnement LT1 de la Société indépendante d'exploitation du réseau d'électricité (SIERE) : demandes de résolution d'appui du Conseil municipal

Committee recommendations, as amended

That Council approve:

- 1. Notwithstanding any requirements to comply with any and all current or future municipal regulations or applicable approvals and permit processes which may apply, Municipal Support Resolution requests be granted for the following proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects within the Rural Area, as documented in this report:**
 - A. The BESS facility described in Document 5.**
- 2. Direct staff to include renewable energy generation and BESS facilities in the development review and approvals processes, as part of an upcoming report in Q1 2024 with zoning provisions for renewable energy generation and BESS facilities;**
- 3. Direct staff to provide a Memorandum to Council with an update on the LT1 RFP procurement results as soon as they become available, including any updates from the Province on the municipal role within Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Renewable Energy Approvals under the Environmental Protection Act) since the repeal of the Green Energy Act; and**
- 4. that all future requests for MSR through Committees to Council be brought to Committee in a manner that allows Councillors to vote on each MSR as a separate item within one report; and**
- 5. that all future requests for MSR continue to rise through the appropriate Committee of Council to allow for public engagement and consultation, including for LT2 RFP and all future IESO**

procurements, until such time as new direction is provided by Council; and

6. that, upon the approval of new zoning provisions for BESS facilities, staff return to Council through Committee with recommendations for updated direction for managing the MSR process.

Recommandation(s) du comité, telle que modifiée

Que le Conseil approuve ce qui suit :

1. Nonobstant les exigences de respect de tous les règlements municipaux actuels et futurs ou des processus d'approbation et de délivrance de permis applicables, les demandes de résolution d'appui du Conseil municipal seront acceptées pour les projets de systèmes de stockage de l'énergie dans des batteries (SSEB) dans le secteur rural suivants, comme il est indiqué dans le présent rapport.
 - A. L'infrastructure des SSEB décrite dans le document 5.
2. donne au personnel instruction d'assujettir les installations de production d'énergie renouvelable et de SSEB aux processus d'examen et d'approbation des projets d'aménagement, ce dont il rendra compte dans un rapport à venir au premier trimestre de 2024 concernant les dispositions de zonage pour ce type d'installations; et
3. donne au personnel instruction d'adresser au Conseil une note de service pour l'informer des résultats du processus d'approvisionnement LT1 dès qu'ils seront connus, y compris de toute mise à jour de la province concernant le rôle des municipalités sous le régime du Règlement de l'Ontario 359/09 (*Renewable energy approvals under part v.0.1 of the act*) depuis l'abrogation de la *Loi sur l'énergie verte*; et
4. Toutes les demandes de résolution d'appui du Conseil municipal à venir soumises par les comités au Conseil seront présentées au

Comité de manière à permettre aux conseillères et conseillers de voter sur chacune de façon distincte dans un rapport.

5. **Toutes les demandes de résolution d'appui du Conseil municipal à venir continueront d'être présentées au Conseil par le comité concerné pour permettre la participation et la consultation du public, notamment la DP à long terme (deux ans) et tous les approvisionnements de la SIERE, tant qu'une nouvelle directive ne sera pas donnée par le Conseil.**
6. **Dès l'approbation des nouvelles dispositions de zonage pour les infrastructures des SSEB, le personnel présente au Conseil, par l'intermédiaire du Comité, des recommandations de directive à jour de gestion des demandes de résolution d'appui du Conseil municipal.**

Documentation/Documentation

- 1 Director, Economic Development and Long Range Planning, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, dated November 17, 2023 (ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0051)

Rapport Directeur, Développement économique et planification à long terme, Services de la planification, des biens immobiliers et du développement économique, daté le 17 novembre 2023 (ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0051)
- 2 Extract of draft Minutes, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, November 30, 2023

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 30 novembre 2023

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ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0051 – Citywide

Melissa Jort-Conway, Planner III, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department (PRED), provided an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee. David Wise, Dir, Economic Development & Long Range Planning, PRED was also present and responded to questions. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Proponents from Evolgen, Solarbank and Potentia Renewables were present to address committee and/or respond to questions.

The Committee heard from the following delegations:

1. Raymond J. Leury
2. Jacklyn Cunningham, CAFES
3. Bill Anderson
4. Emma Bider
5. Judy Makin
6. Monica Brewer
7. Shirley Dolan
8. Jennifer Balcom
9. Rudi Aksim
10. Bruce Hudson, Arnprior Region Federation of Agriculture
11. Mark MacGowen
12. Ken Love
13. Jacklyn Cunningham, CAFES
14. Monika Miller

15. Nicky Trudell
16. Ken Johnston

The following written submissions were received by, and are filed with, the Office of the City Clerk, and distributed to Committee Members:

- Email dated November 29, 2023 from Janice Johnston
- Email dated November 29, 2023 from Jason Burggraaf, GOHBA

Following discussions and questions of delegations and staff, the Committee carried the report recommendation as amended.

Report recommendation(s)

That the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Grant four (4) Municipal Support Resolution requests for proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects within the Rural Area, as documented in this report, which shall not preclude the requirement to comply with any and all, current or future municipal regulations or applicable approvals and permit processes which may apply;**
- 2. Direct staff to include renewable energy generation and BESS facilities in the development review and approvals processes, as part of an upcoming report in Q1 2024 with zoning provisions for renewable energy generation and BESS facilities;**
- 3. Direct staff to provide a Memorandum to Council with an update on the LT1 RFP procurement results as soon as they become available, including any updates from the Province on the municipal role within Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Renewable Energy Approvals under the Environmental Protection Act) since the repeal of the Green Energy Act; and**

4. **Grant delegated authority to the General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development, or their delegate, to decide on future Municipal Support Resolutions requests, which conform to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, conditional upon required development approvals and permits which may apply.**

Motion No. ARAC 2023 - 09/05

Moved by D. Brown

WHEREAS energy projects proposed within an area governed by a municipal government are required by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to obtain a Municipal Support Resolution (MSR) before projects can proceed; and

WHEREAS according to IESO LT1 RFP, proponents have up to 18 months following the December 12, 2023 application deadline to submit evidence of municipal support, however, projects that include an MSR with their application are granted four (4) additional Rated Criteria Points, which gives them a better chance of being selected; and

WHEREAS the Battery Electric Storage System (BESS) projects currently being reviewed are distinct from one another and may receive varying levels of community and Council support depending on the nature of each individual project; and

WHEREAS on February 22, 2023, Council directed staff to advise any proponents seeking an MSR through the LT1 RFP that staff will not bring such requests to Council unless such requests are considered through the relevant Standing Committee; and

WHEREAS the IESO has now finalized the LT1 RFP procurement documents that allow for municipal councils to document evidence of a Municipal Support Resolution by way of a prescribed form ; and

WHEREAS renewable energy generating and storage facilities, such as the BESS facilities under consideration, are vital for accomplishing the City's energy resilience and climate change goals,.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that recommendation 1 be amended to state the following:

- 1. Notwithstanding any requirements to comply with any and all current or future municipal regulations or applicable approvals and permit processes which may apply, Municipal Support Resolution requests be granted for the following proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects within the Rural Area, as documented in this report:**
 - A. The BESS facility described in Document 2.**
 - B. The BESS facility described in Document 3.**
 - C. The BESS facility described in Document 4.**
 - D. The BESS facility described in Document 5.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee vote on each item under recommendation 1 as separate recorded votes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all future requests for MSRs through Committees to Council be brought to Committee in a manner that allows Councillors to vote on each MSR as a separate item within one report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recommendation 4 be removed from the report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all future requests for MSRs continue to rise through the appropriate Committee of Council to allow for public engagement and consultation, including for LT2 RFP

and all future IESO procurements, until such time as new direction is provided by Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the approval of new zoning provisions for BESS facilities, staff return to Council through Committee with recommendations for updated direction for managing the MSR process.

Carried

Report Recommendations

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A. The BESS facility described in Document 2.

Against (4): G. Darouze, C. Kelly, D. Brown, and C. Kitts

Lost (0 to 4)

B. The BESS facility described in Document 3.

Against (4): G. Darouze, C. Kelly, D. Brown, and C. Kitts

Lost (0 to 4)

C. The BESS facility described in Document 4.

Against (4): G. Darouze, C. Kelly, D. Brown, and C. Kitts

Lost (0 to 4)

D. The BESS facility described in Document 5.

For (4): G. Darouze, C. Kelly, D. Brown, and C. Kitts

Carried (4 to 0)

2. Direct staff to include renewable energy generation and BESS facilities in the development review and approvals processes, as part of an upcoming report in Q1 2024 with zoning provisions for renewable energy generation and BESS facilities;

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Carried