



Minutes of Public Community Meeting

**Name of Long-Term Reliability Project:
BESS Belleville 2**

Project location: City of Belleville, Ontario

Proponent: BESS ONCAN II LP

Long-Term (LT1) RFP

Meeting details

Date: November 29, 2023

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Location: Rattan Barn, 959 King's #, ON-37, Corbyville, ON K0K 1V0

Meeting attendance

Below are the team members that were present to represent the Proponent for this Public Community Meeting.

Name	Role	Organization
Cédric Lascombe	Project Development Lead	Hydromega Services Inc.
Justine Labrecque	Environment and Community Relations Manager	Hydromega Services Inc.
Stephen Sommerville	Senior Energy Consultant	H2O
Ben Van Reekum	Land Agent	Scott Telecom Services Ltd.
Marc Kealy	Consultant	Kealey & Associates Inc
Francis Duhamel	Consultant	PEG Strategy Inc.

A notice of the invite to the Public Community Meeting can be found in Appendix A. This notice was sent to the owner of the Project site and owners of adjacent lots to the Project site, as well as to the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Belleville. As a result, five (5) members of the public have attended the Public Community Meeting. The attendance mainly consisted of landowners and neighbors.

Summary of the Public Community Meeting

Hydromega Services Inc. (the "Qualified Applicant"), through a limited partnership entity named "BESS ONCAN II LP" (the "Proponent")¹, has hosted a Public Community Meeting on 29 November 2023 to present the BESS Belleville 2 battery energy storage system project ("BESS Belleville 2" or the "Project"). The event took place at the Rattan Barn in Corbyville, Ontario.

The Proponent intends to submit this Project through IESO Long-Term procurement process (LT1 RFP) as of December 12, 2023. Proponents selected by the IESO are expected to be announced during Q2-2024.

Based on IESO LT1 RFP requirements, the Proponent has namely shared its identity and contact information, project name, nameplate capacity (i.e., up to 451 MW) and a scale map showing the boundaries of the Project Site, location of the Connection Point and location of the Connection Line. During this Public Community Meeting, the public was invited to sit down to listen to a presentation from the Proponent on the Project's characteristics, timeline and benefits and a question-and-answer session has taken place to allow the public an

¹ To be noted that at the time of sending the notice for the Public Community Meeting, Hydromega Services Inc. (the "Qualified Applicant") was also the Proponent of BESS Belleville 2 project. The Proponent later on changed for BESS ONCAN II LP, a limited partnership entity that will be used for the purposed of submitting the Project in the current LT1 RFP.

opportunity for an open dialogue with the Proponent's team of experts to share concerns, ask questions and provide feedback about the Project, as applicable.

A copy of the Public Community Meeting presentation will be posted in the section Project Documentation of the Project website shortly after the event. Here is the Project website page: <https://hydromega.com/en/belleville-2/>

Proponent experience to develop BESS Belleville 2

For the purpose of developing BESS Belleville 2 project, the Proponent will be able to rely on the energy industry experience from its Qualified Applicant and from direct battery energy storage expertise from FirstLight Power ("FirstLight"), as the Qualified Applicant has been acquired by FirstLight in September 2023. FirstLight is a leading clean power producer t. First Light possesses a diversified portfolio that includes over 1,650 MW of operating renewable energy and energy storage technologies and a development pipeline with 2,000+ MW of solar, battery, and offshore wind projects. FirstLight specializes in hybrid solutions that pair hydroelectric, pumped-hydro storage, utility-scale solar, large-scale battery, and offshore wind assets with the mission to accelerate the decarbonization of the electric grid by supporting the development, operation, and integration of renewable energy and storage to meet the world's growing clean energy needs and deliver an electric system that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable.

Contact information

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APPENDIX A



Belleville 2 Battery Energy Storage System

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING

Attn: Rod Bovay, Chief Administrative Officer – City of Belleville
169 Front Street, Belleville, ON K8N 2Y8

DEVELOPER AND PROJECT INFORMATION

Hydromega Services Inc. ("Hydromega" or the "Proponent") has been approved by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") as a Qualified Applicant of Long-Term Reliability Request for Proposal ("LT1 RFP") applicants with the experience and capability to successfully develop, construct and operate renewable projects in Ontario and is currently developing, in response to this RFP and to the increasing electricity demand in Ontario, the **Belleville 2 Battery Energy Storage System** project ("Belleville 2 BESS" or the "Project").

The proposed utility grid-connected Belleville 2 BESS will be located at 959 Highway #37 in the City of Belleville, Ontario. The Project will provide up to 451 megawatts (MW) of electricity to the local grid overnight when there is low electricity demand and will supply power to the grid at times of high demand, providing significant benefits to grid reliability in the region.

EVENT DETAILS


PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday November 29, 2023
Time: 5pm to 7pm*

*Please arrive no later than 5pm to attend the presentation about the Project.

Location:
RATTAN BARN
959 King's #, ON-37
Corbyville, ON K0K 1V0

During this Public Community Meeting, Hydromega will hold a question-and-answer session for the public.



CONTACT INFORMATION

We look forward to your attendance to discuss the Project details. It is important to us that Belleville 2 BESS be successfully integrated within its environment and provide benefits to the local community. Should you have any question prior or after the event, please contact our Project lead, below. You can also visit our Project website for updates at <https://hydromega.com/en/belleville-2/>.

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APPENDIX B

Question	Answer
What is the permitting risk for agriculture land?	A zoning bylaw amendment will be needed to allow this additional use on the property of the project site as the area is currently agricultural. Discussions have been on-going between the Proponent and the City of Belleville to address this risk and if selected by the IESO, we will prepare an application for the required zoning bylaw amendment.
What are the setbacks required for this project?	The noise impact level will depend on the battery technology used. We must determine setbacks from the BESS project infrastructures based on the noise limits in rural areas in Ontario.
What noise pollution should we expect?	The noise stems mainly from the operation of the dedicated HVAC (heating ventilation air conditioning) of each battery container, inverters, and transformers. In Ontario, strict noise guidelines exist for rural areas and the Project will be subject those provincial noise regulations, Should the Project be selected in the IESO LT1 RFP, we will proceed with a noise impact assessment, and we will implement any noise mitigation measures required to comply with regulations and ensure successful integration of the Project within its environment. Mitigation measures may include additional setbacks from dwellings, sound walls/barriers, to name of few.
Are there any compensation for adjacent neighbors that suffer negative impact on construction and property loss?	During the construction phase (should the Project be selected in the IESO LT1 RFP), we will consider mitigation efforts to limit impacts as much as possible on neighbors and on the community (e.g.: communication and traffic management plans). There are also some indirect benefits for the local community (such as local employment and local business revenues during Project construction). As we continue developing the Project, we will do more consultations with any party with concerns to make sure its being addressed.
If the interconnection remains the one as shown on the map, how would the land be utilized? Can the project size expand later on?	Our intent is to use the smallest footprint possible for implementing the BESS and the related infrastructures. The green polygon illustrated on the project map during the meeting is a preliminary area only. Additional engineering and environmental studies will be required, and should there be any constraint, we will make adjustments to have the most optimal layout possible. Once our technical studies are completed the project size will not change as it will be compliant with provincial regulations.
What is happening for the BESS facility at the end of the contract with the IESO?	We (or any other entity operating the Project at the end of the contract period with the IESO) will dismantle the Project. As part of the environmental process, a Decommissioning Plan must be established and best practices will be implemented to safely remove

infrastructures and topsoil, and return the land of the Project site back to its previous use.
