



The Minto Battery Energy Storage Project



Public & Indigenous Community Engagement Plan

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1 Introduction

After more than a decade of strong supply, Ontario is entering a period of emerging electricity system needs, driven by increasing demand, the retirement of Pickering nuclear plant, the refurbishment of other nuclear generating units, as well as expiring contracts for existing facilities.

According to expert advice of the province's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) "Without a limited amount of new generation in the near term, the IESO would be reliant on emergency actions such as conservation appeals and rotating blackouts to stabilize the grid."

To address the needs, the Ontario government directed the IESO to procure 4,000 MW of new electricity generation and storage resources to ensure the province has the electricity it needs to support a growing population and economy.

The Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) released a two-stage procurement plan, with 1,500 MW to be procured in late 2022 / early 2023 and 2,500 MW to be procured in late 2023 / early 2024. By implementing this procurement processes, new electricity resources could be in service by 2027-2028.

NRStor is partnering with Nexus in Minto to expand energy storage at 200 John St N, Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0 to help drive Ontario's progression to a green energy future by submitting a proposal to the current phase of IESO's procurement, the LT1 procurement process.

Engagement with all local stakeholders is important to NRStor and Nexus. As part of the LT1 process, proponents are also required to:

- Create a project webpage with project information including location, capacity, technology and proponents (section 2.1 of the LT1 RFP)
- Notify adjacent property owners of the project of the project and provide a public community meeting (section 2.2.1 & 2.3)
- Conduct a public community meeting prior to the proposal submission deadline (section 2.2.2)

2 Engagement Methods and Activities

NRStor and Nexus has performed the following activities over the past few months in order to keep local stakeholders informed of its activities and to maintain an open dialogue with all interested parties.

2.1 Project Webpage

A project webpage (<https://www.nexusrenewables.ca/minto-bess-project>) was established to create a central location for the members of the public and Indigenous communities to access project documents, notices, and other relevant project information. The webpage will include resources detailing the province's need for new electricity resources; project details such as nameplate capacity, electricity generating technology and a map showing the boundaries of the project site, location of the connection point and the connection line; a project timeline; and contact information for interested parties to reach out to the project team as the project progresses.

2.2 Engagement with Municipal Stakeholders

Nexus representatives presented to the Town of Minto Council on November 21, 2023 introducing the project and also requesting municipal support for it. Nexus also answered a series of questions regarding the project from Council members and the public in attendance. Council was supportive of the project and requested staff to bring forward a report for the December 5, 2023 Council meeting.

At the December 5 Council meeting, staff submitted a report on the project and recommended that Council grant a Municipal Council Support Resolution for the project. Council then passed motion COW 2023-176 accepting the staff recommendation and granting the resolution.

2.3 Notification to Neighbours

Prior to conducting the Public Community Meeting on December 7, 2023, Nexus provided written electronic notification to all adjacent neighbours of the project site plus other nearby neighbours. The communication was sent between November 21-22, 2023, conforming to the 15-day notification period before conducting the Public Community Meeting.

2.4 Public Community Meeting

The meeting will be held at 6pm on December 7, 2023. A recording and minutes of the meeting will be posted to the website shortly after the meeting.

3 Timelines

Key dates in the project timeline are as follows:

Nov. 21, 2023	Town of Minto Council presentation by Nexus representatives
Nov. 21-22, 2023	Notification of Project Site neighbours of 200 John St N, Harriston
Dec. 5, 2023	Town of Minto Council passes Municipal Council Support Resolution for the project
Dec. 7, 2023	Virtual Public Community Meeting
Dec. 12, 2023	Proposal Submission to IESO for 200 John St N, Harriston
Q2 2024	Announcement of Capacity Contract to the Project by the IESO
Q3 2024	Site Development Activities
Q4 2024	Procurement of Equipment and Interconnection Work
Q2 2025	Civil Works Construction
Q4 2025	Commissioning Work
Q1 2026	COD