

Subject: Meeting Notes | Hagersville Battery Storage Park Public Open House - May 2, 2024

Boralex hosted its third Public Open House for the Hagersville Battery Storage Park (Project) on May 2nd, 2024, from 4:00 PM–8:00 PM, at the Jarvis Community Centre.

Boralex team: David Estill (Director, Storage), Cagatay Kirici (Project Manager, Construction), Asier Ania (Senior Development Manager), Anjali Purohit (Manager, Environment and Community Relations), Michelle Closson (Team Leader, Environment and Community Relations), and Shelby Dockendorff (Advisor, Public Affairs and Communications).

Jarvis Community Centre 18 James Street, Jarvis, ON

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Approximately 20 people attended the open house (note, number is approximate as not all signed-in).

Project Details: Boralex is developing The Hagersville Battery Storage Park, a battery energy storage system (BESS) project, in Haldimand County, near the town of Hagersville. The Project will have a nameplate capacity of up to 300 MW and an anticipated footprint of approximately 30 acres. Presentation slides from the public open house are available and can be viewed on the project webpage.

Topic of Questions/Comments	Boralex's Response
Where are the Tesla Megapacks made?	The Tesla Megapacks are made in Lathrop, California.
How do you perform maintenance on a BESS facility?	Preventative maintenance is done by skilled, trained workers according to the requirements of the equipment suppliers. Safety is at the centre of our maintenance programs and we ensure all work is done to the highest safety standards. Maintenance schedules will depend on the age and type of equipment. We will be using the Tesla Megapacks which are monitored 24/7 by Boralex in our control center in Québec, and Tesla has a 24/7 emergency response center.
Why does Ontario need energy storage?	The project would help meet the energy capacity need identified by Ontario's Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) and will also benefit the overall Ontario electricity system. Storage has a key part to play in the energy transition by stabilizing the grid and contributing to the penetration of renewable energy.
What sort of equipment do you use to install BESS equipment?	We will use standard construction equipment to grade and prepare the site i.e excavator, skid steer, tractor trailer, drum roller, forklift, water truck etc. The foundations will be installed on helical piles which will use equipment similar to a backhoe with a large screw attachment. The BESS equipment will come to site on trucks. We will use cranes to offload the equipment from the trucks to the foundations.
What do you do in the event of a fire, what is the local fire department's role?	Boralex has hired a specialized fire safety consultant to provide guidance on best practices for all our storage projects. The consultant will work with both Boralex and the Municipality's fire department on best practices to be included in an emergency response plan. Boralex indicated that the Project experts will provide support and training to local emergency response providers in terms of training and/or specialized equipment, in accordance with expert advice. It was discussed that current best practice to deal with a fire includes containing and controlling the fire in a manner that will extinguish itself.

What are the employment opportunities for local businesses?	During the construction phase, Boralex anticipates approximately 200 employment opportunities. Upon operation, 2-3 full time employees may be needed. Our contractors will strive to work with local businesses for services and employment needs.
When are you anticipating getting your permits and starting construction?	Boralex is currently working on the permitting process with Haldimand County. We anticipate beginning construction this summer.
Why was this location selected?	This site is an ideal location due to the fact that it is zoned industrial and meets all the parameters required for the logistics of a battery storage project, such as compliance with sound and environmental assessments.
When will the Project be operational?	We anticipate that the Project will be operational by end of 2025. We will keep the community updated as the Project progresses.

Contact

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed Project, we can be reached at the email addresses or phone numbers below.

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