

Subject: Meeting Notes | Oxford Battery Energy Storage Project Public Open House – September 14, 2023

Boralex hosted its first Public Open House for the proposed Oxford Battery Energy Storage Project (Project) on September 14, 2023, from 4:00 PM– 8:00 PM, at Foldens Hall in Ingersoll, Ontario.

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Approximately 53 people attended the open house (note, number is approximate as not all signed-in).

Project Details: Boralex is proposing a battery energy storage system (BESS) project in the Township of South-West Oxford, Oxford County, Ontario. The Oxford Battery Energy Storage Project (Project) is anticipated to have a nameplate capacity of up to 125 MW. The anticipated footprint of the Project is approximately 12 acres. Presentation slides from the public open house are available and can be viewed on the project webpage.

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<i>Where is Boralex located?</i>	Boralex is a Canadian company that is also operational in the US, France, and the UK. The headquarters is based in Kingsey Falls, Quebec and we have an office in Milton, ON.
<i>How were people informed about the Open House?</i>	Registered mail was sent to stakeholders located adjacent to the Project site land parcel. Boralex also sent non-registered mail to residents within 1km of the proposed Project location. Newspaper and digital advertisements in the Woodstock Sentinel Review and Oxford Review were also published 1 week in advance of the open house.
<i>Are the battery units loud?</i>	A sound assessment will be undertaken and completed by independent experts. Boralex will ensure applicable provincial limits will be complied with. Natural sound barriers formed by the surrounding aggregate pit walls make this site physically conducive to sound reduction.
<i>How will the batteries look, and will it affect my view?</i>	The batteries will not be visible due to the location in the aggregate pit. The Project will consist of containerized batteries, inverters, medium voltage transformers, gravel internal access roads, buried collector and communication cabling, a small transmission substation, and potential garage and operations and maintenance building and an underground or above-ground transmission line. The Project footprint will be approximately 12 acres.
<i>How many homes can the Project support?</i>	A 125 MW project can provide electricity for 19,211 homes each year.
<i>What will the transmission line look like?</i>	We are at very early stages in the Project development and therefore have not determined if the transmission line will be overhead or underground. When we have more information about our transmission line and transmission line route, we will share it. Currently the proposed line is 1.7 km long. Some residents were concerned about how long it will take to

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<i>Will there be any re-zoning required?</i>	construct the transmission line. Based on the transmission line route selected, the time frame could vary between 3-6 months.
<i>Will be there be any negative impacts?</i>	Boralex will work with the Township and County to determine any applicable zoning requirements. The proposed location is currently zoned aggregate/Industrial.
<i>How many staff will be employed?</i>	Boralex strives to reduce environmental impacts of our projects. We will be conducting various studies such as, archeological studies, environmental constraints analysis etc., to identify any potential environmental impacts in order to mitigate them. We will be undergoing the Minor Transmission Facility Class Environmental Assessment Screening process and will also need to obtain any applicable municipal permits and approvals prior to construction.
<i>How will you handle potential fire risks?</i>	During the construction phase, we anticipate approximately 75 jobs. Once the Project is operational, we anticipate 1-2 full-time staff.
<i>Will Boralex be upgrading the roads?</i>	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 Township's fire department on best practices to be included in an emergency response plan. Boralex indicated that the Project experts will provide support 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 incident includes containing and controlling the fire in a manner that it will extinguish itself. During the discussions at the open house, it was identified that the Township of South-West Oxford's fire department consists of volunteers. Boralex will be engaging with the Township of South-West Oxford fire department as well as the fire department of the City of Woodstock.
<i>How will you manage the potential of groundwater contamination?</i>	Boralex will enter into a Road Use Agreement with Oxford County which would typically include damage deposits, restoring roads to pre-existing conditions or better, accepted travel routes, dust suppression if applicable, location of proposed infrastructure in the road allowance etc.
<i>When will the Project be operational?</i>	We do not anticipate groundwater contamination to be an issue during normal operations. To ensure we mitigate any potential risks regarding groundwater contamination we have engaged third-party experts to investigate this further. We are also working closely with our engineering team to ensure groundwater considerations are incorporated in the detailed design of the Project to mitigate any potential risks.
	We anticipate construction will commence in Q2 of 2026 and that the Project will be operational by 2027/2028.

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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