

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: garry jenereaux
Sent: January 5, 2026 6:53 PM
To: Charlene Watt
Subject: Lithium Batteries

I am against having the storage of such in Armour Twp

Garry

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: J. Mc.
Sent: January 6, 2026 12:38 PM
To: Charlene Watt; Mayor Rod Ward; Councillor Wendy Whitwell; Councillor Jerry Brandt; Councillor Rod Blakelock; Councillor Dorothy Haggart-Davis
Subject: petition against the proposed BESS application by Powerbank in Armour

NOT ONLY DO I FIND IT OFFENSIVE THAT YOU ONLY COUNT THE OVER 900 NAMES AS ONE BUT TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO HAVE A SAY IN THIS MATTER. I LIVE ACROSS FROM THE MAGNETAWAN RIVER DOWNSTREAM FROM THIS PLANT. I DO NOT WANT THIS IN OUR AREA.
JOHN MCNEIL

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Allison Peace
Sent: January 6, 2026 4:11 PM
To: Councillor Jerry Brandt; Councillor Rod Blakelock; Councillor Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Charlene Watt; Mayor Rod Ward; Councillor Wendy Whitwell

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing as a resident of Burk's Falls to formally state my opposition to the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility.

I do not believe this project provides meaningful benefits to our community. It will consume valuable land, alter the natural environment, and permanently change the character of our town without delivering corresponding local advantages. The facility does not create ongoing employment, does not contribute to local economic resilience, and offers little direct benefit to residents beyond limited backup power during outages.

The safety risks associated with BESS facilities are of particular concern. Lithium-ion battery fires are complex, difficult to extinguish, and can burn for extended periods. Our local fire department should not be placed in a position where it is expected to respond to a type of industrial fire that requires specialized training, equipment, and long-duration response capacity. This represents an added burden and risk to emergency services that are designed to serve a small, rural community.

Environmental impacts must also be carefully considered. The development would disrupt natural land and wildlife, and the long-term implications of battery degradation, potential contamination, and eventual decommissioning remain unclear. These risks are borne locally, while the broader energy benefits are distributed elsewhere.

The proposed justification that the facility would provide approximately four hours of power during an outage does not outweigh these negative impacts. Burk's Falls is a resilient and prepared community. We support one another during outages and emergencies, and we do not require an industrial-scale energy facility to maintain our sense of security or community strength.

In summary, this project introduces permanent environmental, safety, and land-use impacts while offering minimal local benefit. The negative consequences outweigh any limited advantages, and I respectfully ask council to recognize that this proposal does not align with the long-term interests or character of Burk's Falls.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Allison Peace

Midlothian Road

Burk's Falls, Ontario