



5 Reasons to say NO to Power Bank BESS



DEC. 19 2025 Recent Fire at in Warwick New York Church Street BESS Facility
Third Fire in 2 years. 2023 had two back to back incidents at Church St Facility
Heavy wind and rain. Water Intrusion Blamed

Mayor Michael Newhard

“When it was at its worst there were flames and it was heart stopping- especially since we’ve been here before

Pramilla Malik, chair of Protect Orange County.

“Who is protecting the environment? Who is protecting our health and safety - our air and our water?” “This is toxic overload. When officials say something is within safe limits, they’re often talking about averages over time. Once these chemicals are released, you can’t just put them back.”

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This is Not Land Use Compatibility

Three rural residential lots located to the East of BESS SITE

Two rural residential lots located to the west of BESS SITE

Shares a fence line with 135 Peggs Mountain Rd which is a 100 acre parcel and has useable agricultural pasture lands , forested area and a residential house, 130 year old original farm house.

Has been in the same family for 90 years.

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- ▶ Provincial Planning Statement (2024) Section 4.1;7 no development is to occur on Significant Wetlands or habitat of Endangered species.
- ▶ Section 2.4 of Armour Twp's official plan mentions Environmental Constraint Areas which include the Habitat of Endangered Species. Site Alteration SHALL NOT be permitted in these areas.
- ▶ The Hoary Bat, Silver Haired Bat, were discovered through acoustic monitoring. Page 13 states SLR used 2017 Roost Survey Protocol . 2022 Ministry Environment Conservation Parks Maternity Roost Protocol states a minimum of 4 acoustic monitoring microphones be set up. SLR used one microphone at the base of one tree. No mention of visual monitoring done at the snag tree prior to dusk. I question their protocol.

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During the acoustic monitoring there were numerous files recorded. Based on the recordings Hoary Bats 92% confidence rate Silver Haired Bats and 98% confidence rate.

- ▶ Hoary Bats DO NOT roost in cavities they roost in the tallest trees with lots of leafy canopy. Big bats, high fliers. (Committee Of the Status of Endangered Wildlife In Canada) COSEWIC document from 2023) Therefore, setting a microphone at the base of one snag tree is not indicative of the Hoary Bat population. Silver Haired Bats use BOTH coniferous and deciduous trees. Again one microphone at the base of one tree is not good survey technique.
- ▶ These bats are migratory species they fly to the Southern US, Mexico for the winter. These Bats migrate and return to the same breeding grounds year after year probably even the same tree.
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Land Acknowledgement

We are fortunate to be here, on the traditional and unceded lands of the Mississauga and Anishinaabe Peoples, including the Ojibwe and Algonquin nations, who have nurtured and cared for this land for countless generations. This land has witnessed their stories, cultural practices, and deep connection to the earth, from the seasonal hunting and fishing routes along the Magnetawan River to the enduring bonds they maintain with the land today. It is part of the Robinson-Huron Treaty (1850) and the Williams Treaties (1923), agreements that guide our shared responsibility to honour and respect each other and the land.

We at NLWCUI believe in the power of connection—between people, stories, and the land we stand on. As we gather, grow, and build community, we honour the history that came before us and embrace our collective responsibility in shaping a future that reflects the values of respect, unity, and care for the land.



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- ▶ The BESS site is within 650 meters of a Provincial Significant Archeology Site
- ▶ This site is located at 348 Peggs Mountain Rd. on the Judd family property and was discovered to have prehistoric artifacts. In 1998 the Ontario Government licensed the site giving it a Borden Number BjGu-1-2 & BjGu-1-3 & BJGu-1-4. 23 artifacts were located and were judged by two archaeologists, Dr. L Jackson from Trent University and Donna Morrison both who are registered Archaeologist. Their findings determined the artifacts to be flakes of quartz from prehistoric tools.
- ▶ Of the 23 artifacts 14 of the best were donated to the Simcoe County Museum.

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- ▶ Listed below are description of the findings.
- ▶ Specimen a suggested to be an end scraper
- ▶ Specimen b suggested to be an end scrapper
- ▶ Specimen c suggested to be a uniface scraper
- ▶ Specimen d suggested to be s uniface scraper
- ▶ Specimen l suggested to be unifacial point
- ▶ Specimen j suggested to be a knife
- ▶ Specimen k suggested to be a wedge
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Armour Township recognizes the historical and contemporary contributions of the local first nations and the peoples of Turtle Island.

- ▶ No archeology survey was done of the Property
- ▶ Environmental and Indigenous groups should have been consulted
- ▶ Magnetawan First Nations ,Georgian Bay Biosphere UNESCO Site are provincially appointed guardians of the Magnetawan River and have an interest in the health and stability of the Magnetawan River and it's water shed

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Power Bank requires the support of the Municipality

- ▶ Armour Township does NOT have the support of its residents or the neighbouring councils and communities
- ▶ Petition with 901 original signatures opposes BESS