

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Heartwood Battery Energy Storage Project

November 16, 2023

Attention: Darlene Plumley

Interim CAO of Merrickville-Wolford
P.O. Box 340 317 Brock Street West,
Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0

Reference: Upcoming Virtual Community Presentation and Q&A Session on December 7th, 2023

Dear Darlene Plumley,

We are writing to provide you an update on our recent open house and to invite you to our next community meeting for the proposed Heartwood Battery Energy Storage project (the "Project"). The Project is proposed to be located near existing transmission lines south of Weedmark Road where it will store electricity from the grid in lithium-ion batteries and then provide the energy back to the grid when it's needed most; a map of the proposed project is enclosed, additional information is available on our website (www.heartwoodbess.ca).

On Monday, November 6th we held an open house at Centennial Hall for the Project where we had the opportunity to connect with interested stakeholders, receive feedback and answer questions about the Project. Minutes from the meeting will be available on the Project's website. To continue our community engagement, we are hosting a virtual public community meeting where we will provide an overview of the Project, discuss our responses to the questions and comments received at the first open house, followed by a questions-and-answer opportunity. Details on the online virtual community meeting are provided below:

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Meeting ID: 892 4669 3699

Passcode: 376743

To join the meeting, you can click the link on our website at www.heartwoodbess.ca, or go to www.zoom.com, click "Join" in the top righthand corner and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the Project, please contact Will Patterson at info@heartwoodbess.ca or (236) 808-5270. We look forward to connecting with you meeting. Information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* can be viewed below¹.

Sincerely,



Will Patterson, P.Eng., PMP
Senior Manager, Project Development

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