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Dear Community Member,

We are writing to you to make you aware of a minor location change in our Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project, to be located at 157 7th St SW, Chesley, ON. The project is under contract with Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and is expected to be operational in 2025. Please see attached for the location change.

### **Developer**

SolarBank is a Canadian renewable and clean energy project developer and asset operator. Since 2013, SolarBank has enabled the proliferation of renewable and clean energy contributing to reduce carbon emission goals through its development, engineering, and asset management services in Canada and the United States. [www.solarbankcorp.com](http://www.solarbankcorp.com)

### **Project Information**

The proposed project is a utility grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS). The system will be a 4.99-megawatt/19.96-megawatt hour battery energy storage system using LFP battery technology. The battery supplier is EVLO, a subsidiary of Hydro Quebec. The BESS will occupy approximately 0.3 acres of land, including all required setbacks and spacing, and will be independently connected to the Ontario electricity grid. The BESS will be charged by the local grid overnight when there is low electricity demand and will supply power to the grid at times of high demand, providing significant benefits to grid reliability. BESS components include containerized units housing all necessary batteries, inverters, fire suppression, and HVAC systems.

### **Community Benefits**

The BESS project is intended to enhance grid reliability, ultimately reducing chances of local outages. Further, construction, operations and maintenance activities will stimulate local economic activity with long-term contracts to local businesses as much as possible.

### **Public Meeting Details**

As part of the project development process, community members are invited to attend public meetings. These meetings are intended to ensure that community members have the chance to inform about the project and ask any questions they may have.

Please see below for the public meeting and site walk date and instructions:

Site Walk: 3-4 pm October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, on site.

Public Meeting: 5-7 pm, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Chesley Community Centre - Community Hall - 129 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Chesley.

Please email [mila.simon@solarbankcorp.com](mailto:mila.simon@solarbankcorp.com) if you wish to attend the site walk and/or the public meeting. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the contract and/or proposed project.

Sincerely,

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