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Good morning Christine,

I hope all is well with you.

Here is some information that I have gathered regarding BESS through community conversations and the internet.

*I will reach out to Amos for his comments and forward them to you in a separate email.

I received an information flyer for the proposed battery storage system (BESS) on September 22, 2024 and I have some concerns about the project, as well the potential deadly hazards for the entire community.

My sons friend's family (Paradzinski's) are currently renting the farm house on the newly proposed location for the BESS which is TOO close to the barn (livestock) as well as the house.

I wanted to ensure you aware of the history of Fires and other risks including white noise that can affect sleep, mental health as well, potentially affect the reproduction behaviours of livestock.

After mentioning the flyers that I had received to Meghan and John Paradzinski, they informed me that they had not received one!

Following my discussion with Meghan, she contacted the Land owner (Amos Kuepfer) which he had the understanding that it was solar panels with battery storage being installed on his land, not a BESS!

From the get go.... This Company has been sneaky, misleading communication and have been unmindful of the risks to residents of Chesley.

Here are a few examples....

1. Building the project in Chesley, but held a quietly announced "Public Meeting" in Paisley- most likely to limit pushback.

2. Brownouts, in 10 years of living here the power has never been out for no more than 2 hours (always because of an accident not an actual brown out) AND Chesley has 2-power supply lines powering the community which almost eliminates potential power loss due to demand.

3. The residents and Land owner of the newly proposed property did not receive an information letter of the BESS or the public meeting, was this on purpose.... Unknown

4. The land owner had the understanding that it was solar panels with a small battery storage system being installed on his property.
5. This whole project has been fishy right from the start and I hope this does not pass at council.
6. They obviously don't pay attention to detail even with a spelling mistake on the map that was recently delivered- ridiculous!
7. When you google BESS one of the first things that pop up to read are the battery fires that have burned for a day or more, bellowing deadly smoke and toxins.
8. Have the Aaran Elderslie Fire departments been trained on Lithium Ion fires?

With the history of BESS fires and Battery fires (electric vehicles) on the rise in recent years, white noise and the miscommunication to the public, I honestly hope that this would be a no-brainer vote for council.

If council members are considering a yes vote, each of you should ask yourselves "Do I want a BESS literally in my back yard 50 meters from where I sleep?"

In the end, I would support this technology and project, but NOT within a stones throw to the nearest house where young children are sleeping.

If anyone on council votes yes to the approval of this project, you should be ashamed of yourselves and know you are putting Chesley residents at risk.

Please Google "BESS & Lithium Ion fires" to gain more knowledge of the potential risks to the public.

Sincerely,
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