



## **Mayoral Direction to Staff**

**MDS-2025-04**

November 27, 2025

As per section 284.3 of the strong mayors legislation I hereby request the following:

### **1. PURPOSE OF DIRECTIVE**

This Directive is issued under the authority granted to the Head of Council by Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to advance prescribed provincial priorities.

Ontario Regulation 580/22 identifies as a Provincial Priority:

"Utilities and utility infrastructure, including electricity storage and transmission."

A proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility within the Township of Rideau Lakes aligns with this Provincial Priority by supporting grid reliability and modernization.

To advance this priority, the Mayor requires the preparation and placement of a by-law for Council's consideration.

### **2. DIRECTION TO STAFF**

#### **2.1 Preparation of By-law**

Staff are directed to prepare a By-Law indicating the Township of Rideau Lakes' support in principle for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, consistent with Provincial Priority relating to utility and energy infrastructure.

#### **2.2 Placement on December 1st Agenda**

Staff are directed to place the prepared By-Law on the December 1st, 2025 Council meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

### **2. CLARIFICATION ON STATUTORY PROCESSES**

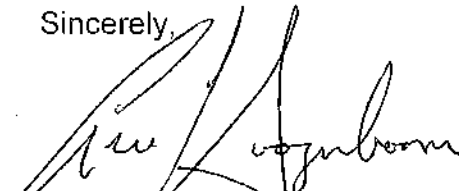
Nothing in this Directive predetermines any statutory decision or removes requirements related to planning approvals, environmental review, Building Code/Fire Code compliance, or any other legislated process.

All statutory obligations remain in effect.

### **4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Directive takes effect immediately upon issuance.

Sincerely,



Arie Hoogenboom  
Mayor