



## Six New EV Chargers Coming to Downtown, Helping to Power Transition to Zero-Emission Travel

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VICTORIA, BC — Six new curbside electric vehicle (EV) chargers are coming to Broad Street between Pandora Avenue and View Street.

“We’re committed to helping residents reduce their carbon footprint anywhere we can and it’s clear that Victoria residents are increasingly choosing electric vehicles to do their part as well,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “This is a practical solution to support a reduction in GHGs, but also to provide another incentive to come downtown and support our local businesses.”

Today, the City of Victoria will begin construction on six new Level 2 EV chargers on Broad Street. Each charger will be installed in adjacent pairs, two per block, allowing EVs to charge for up to 90 minutes. Each 90-minute charge on a Level 2 charger will be sufficient to drive an average EV approximately 50 kilometres. Funding for the chargers and the installation has been provided, in part, by Natural Resource Canada’s Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, in partnership with BC Hydro.

This installation will be Victoria’s first venture into on-street charging to support the rapid adoption of EVs in the community and represents a near 50 per cent increase of the City’s public EV charger capacity. Currently, the City owns and operates 13 public Level 2 chargers which are in groups of two to four in each of the City’s five parkades. Vancouver Island has one of the highest EV adoption rates in Canada and these new chargers reflect the increase in demand for publicly available charging.

To meet the climate change targets outlined in the City’s Climate Leadership Plan, Victoria has committed to “expand EV charging stations in City parkades, recreation centres, community centres and public spaces”. The City is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive EV Strategy that will guide the City’s investment in public and private EV charging stations.

The Climate Leadership Plan sets a target that renewable energy will power 30 per cent of passenger vehicles registered in Victoria by 2030 and 100 per cent by 2050. These targets are in line with those set by the provincial *CleanBC* plan that requires the sale of all new light-duty cars and trucks to be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2040.

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