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City of Victoria Opens 12 New EV Chargers in View Street Parkade

VICTORIA, BC — Victoria opens 12 new power sharing EV chargers in the View Street parkade as part of its ongoing rollout of EV charging infrastructure.

The new Level 2 FLO EV chargers are open to the public on the fifth floor of the View Street parkade. Drivers can now charge in these designated spots for as long as needed while they are at work or overnight. The chargers provide a new EV charging opportunity for those who live in the area, commute into downtown for work or do not have access to at-home charging.

The new EV chargers will be on a power sharing network, power will be shared across four EV chargers on the same circuit. Power sharing allows charging sites to maximize the number of EV chargers while still ensuring that EV drivers get an adequate charge. There is also one accessible parking stall with power sharing EV charging. Fees to use the new power sharing EV chargers are set at \$0.25/hour.

“We are excited to see these new EV chargers come online,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “By providing more EV charging options for those living in, working, and visiting downtown, we are supporting the transition to electric vehicles and expanding the regional network of chargers.”

The new View Street parkade EV chargers are the first 12 of more than 100 new Level 2 chargers and six Direct Current Fast Chargers (Level 3) that the City will install in 2022 in City-owned parkades, curbside and within communities. A \$1.5 million investment in EV infrastructure is part of the City’s 2022 budget with additional funding from the Province of British Columbia and the Federal Government.

“We’re making electric vehicles more affordable and charging more accessible where Canadians live, work and play,” said the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources. “Investing in more EV chargers, like the ones announced today in British Columbia, will put more Canadians in the driver’s seat on the road to a net-zero future and help achieve our climate goals.”

This rapid expansion of EV charging infrastructure is part of the recently adopted Electric Vehicle and Electric Mobility Strategy. The Strategy will guide public investment and outlines an ambitious and comprehensive approach to deliver convenient access to EV charging infrastructure throughout the community and a range of charging options for users depending on their specific needs and journey purpose.

The City’s Climate Leadership Plan set a target that by the end of this decade, renewable energy powers 30 per cent of passenger vehicles registered in Victoria, reaching 100 per cent by 2050.

Funding for the View Street parkade chargers was provided in part by NRCan’s [Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) for BC Public Charging Stations in partnership with BC Hydro. NRCan provided BC Hydro with a total investment of [\\$325,000](#) to support the installation of 65 Level 2 EV chargers across British Columbia.

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