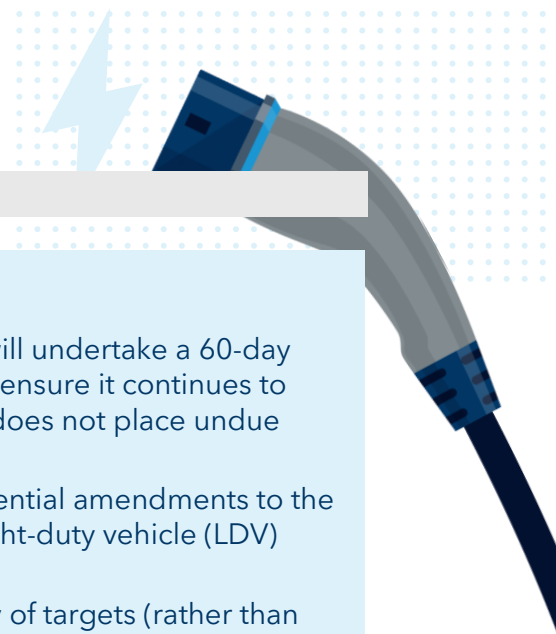


EV Market Update





CANADA



Canada pauses EV sales mandate

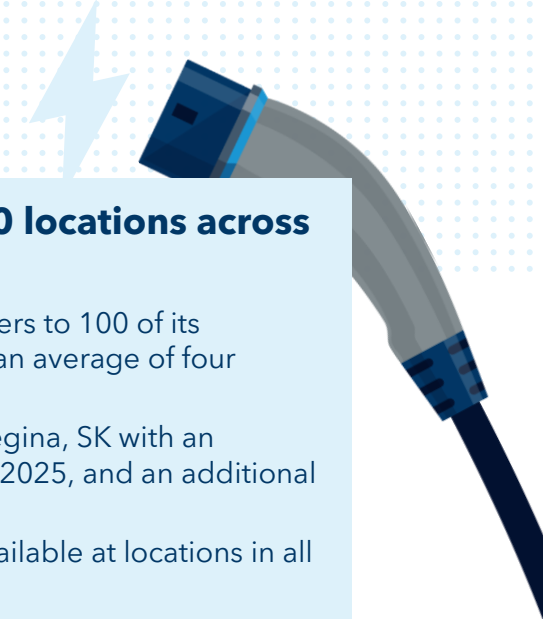
- The Federal Government announced this September that it will undertake a 60-day review of the Electric Vehicle Availability Standard (EVAS) “to ensure it continues to reflect market realities, remains effective for Canadians, and does not place undue burden on automakers”.
- As part of its review, the Government said it will consider potential amendments to the annual sales targets, including the 2035 goal of 100% new light-duty vehicle (LDV) sales, and will explore possible additional flexibilities
- Potential amendments could explore reducing the stringency of targets (rather than eliminating them outright) and add flexibility to the policy such as how credits are earned.
- While the review is taking place, the interim targets of 20% new LDV sales for 2026 in the EVAS will not apply.

To learn more, read the [announcement](#).

Canada invests in EV infrastructure across the country

- Over the past couple months, the Federal Government announced a series of funding initiatives for EV infrastructure and zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) innovation across the country.
- As part of the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP), \$22.7M was allocated for eight projects aimed at improving EV charging availability in British Columbia. The investment will install more than 480 EV chargers along main travel routes, in public places, at workplaces and in multi-unit residential buildings. Funding was received by BC Hydro, City of Victoria, the District of Saanich.
- In a smaller initiative through the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (RTSF), \$430k was invested in two electric minibuses to create the first-ever transit system on Galiano Island.
- Lastly, the City of Ottawa received \$600k from ZEVIP to install a total of 59 EV charging stations across Ottawa to support its municipal fleet.

To learn more, read the news releases: [British Columbia](#), [Galiano Island](#), and [Ottawa](#).



Tim Hortons to install EV charging stations at 100 locations across Canada

- Tim Hortons has partnered with FLO to bring DCFC fast chargers to 100 of its restaurants across Canada, with each charging station having an average of four charging ports.
- The first charger is already available for use by the public in Regina, SK with an additional 13 restaurant locations to be opened by the end of 2025, and an additional 50 by the end of 2026.
- The company announced it plans to have charging stations available at locations in all 10 provinces by the end of 2028.

To learn more, read the [news release](#).



BRITISH COLUMBIA

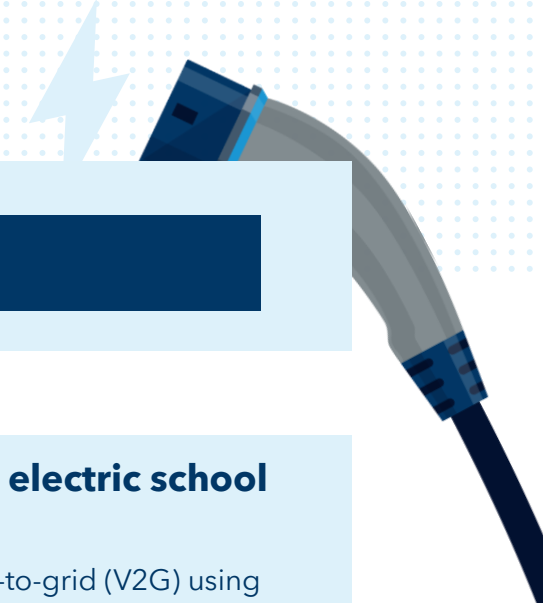
BC Hydro releases EV Charging Service Rates Evaluation Report & rate increase request

- BC Hydro's submitted the required and data-packed report intended to track cost recovery of EV rates and assess whether rates maintain a level playing field.
- The utility also requests with a 5% increase to current fast-charging rates. The rate increase rationale is that it restores the revenue-to-cost ratio to ~100% and results in a rate comparable to other providers.
- The report includes details on the financial overview of the network, including discussions of revenue, including low carbon fuel credits, and O&M, electricity, and other costs. It also includes a Public EV Charger survey, now with its third year of data.

To learn more, read the [proceeding](#) or the [evaluation report](#).

FortisBC requests fast-charging rate increase

- The electric utility submitted its 2025-2026 annual review of rates, which includes a request for a general rate increase of 5.65% in 2025 and 3.45% in 2026, which would apply to its DCFC rates.
- FortisBC reported it now has 42 DCFC across 22 sites with plans to commission six new 100 kW stations in 2026. The network has an average utilization of 4.5%, which is higher than forecast, and is revising its 2026 utilization forecast to 8.5%.



To learn more, read the [proceeding](#) or the [application](#).

BC Hydro undertaking real-world V2G test using electric school buses

- BC Hydro became the first Canadian utility to field test vehicle-to-grid (V2G) using electric school buses, building on its lab demonstration in 2024.
- The pilot is in partnership with Lunch Bus Lines and Fuse Power Management and is funded by the utility, NorthX Climate Tech PacifiCan and in-kind supports.

To learn more, check out the [news release](#).

New multi-family development includes 1,200 EV chargers

- The residential parkade serving a 12-tower redevelopment in Richmond now includes 1,212 smart Level 2 chargers.
- The chargers are solely for resident use, with an additional 20-40 chargers to be added for public use.

To learn more, check out the [news release](#).



ALBERTA

[no updates in the October 2025 issue]



SASKATCHEWAN

New program offers \$850k for EV charging in Saskatchewan

- The Municipal Electric Vehicle Initiative (MEVi), administered by non-profit Eco-West Canada, will provide financial support for the installation of new public EV.
- The funding, provided partially through NRCan, aims to support 104 Level 2 chargers and eight fast chargers by the end of 2026.

To learn more, read the [news release](#).



MANITOBA

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ONTARIO

[no updates in the October 2025 issue]



QUÉBEC

Nearly \$20 million received in investments for EV charging infrastructure and ZEV research

- The Federal Government granted funding for 33 projects in Québec aimed at improving EV charging availability, decarbonizing freight transportation and developing innovative technologies for medium- and heavy-duty trucks.
- Through ZEVIP, \$9.7M was awarded to various recipients for the deployment of EV chargers in the province.
- An additional \$8M through the Energy Innovation Program (EIP) was earmarked for “research, development and demonstration of advanced technologies for on-road transportation including zero-emission powertrains (battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell) and innovative infrastructure to support ZEV adoption.”

To learn more, check out the [news release](#).



NEW BRUNSWICK

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NOVA SCOTIA

NS Power revises EV demand in its Load Forecast & System Outlook

- The utility submitted its 10-Year System Outlook and its 2025 Load Forecast to the NS Energy Board.
- In the 10-Year Outlook, the mid- to long-term is lower due to reduced estimates for EV sales, as well as increased renewable-to-retail sales, behind the meter solar, and demand side management. The impact on peak demand did not vary significantly in the near-term but is slightly lower in the long-term due to the revised EV peak demand impact.
- The 2025 Load Forecast aligns with the 10-Year Outlook, noting the elimination of provincial and federal EV incentives impacting EV sales. The forecasting update is compared to the low adoption scenario in a Dunskey report for Nova Scotia. In addition, there was a study of residential EV impacts using AMI data, which estimates an “EV effect” of 3,820 kWh per year per customer and a coincident peak impact of 0.39 kW for at-home charging.

To learn more, review the [NS Energy Board](#) Matter M12386 (10-Year System Outlook) and Matter M12349 (2025 Load Forecast)



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

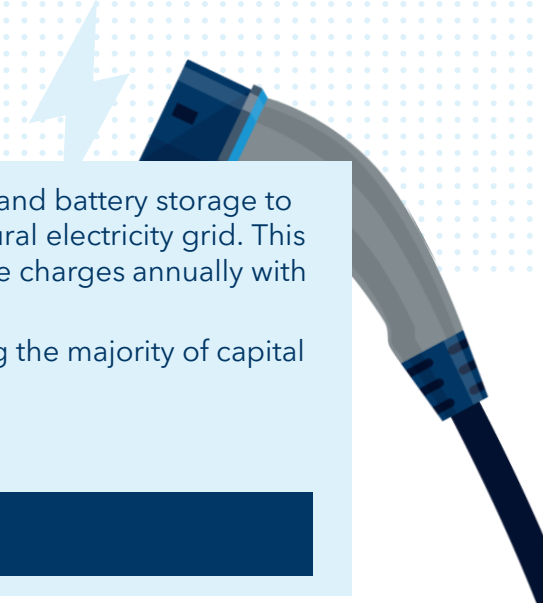
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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

NL Hydro submits application for 14 new DCFC ports

- NL Hydro submitted a supplemental capital application to fund the 14 new DCFC ports across the province to serve areas of high-demand and improve connectivity. The utility flagged that the special application was needed due to the long-lead times for equipment, time to acquire site hosts and funding availability.
- The application proposes to construct five 400 kW chargers at five sites on the Island Interconnected System and two 120 kW chargers at two sites in Southern Labrador. All chargers will have two ports, capable of simultaneous charging.

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- The Southern Labrador sites will incorporate solar generation and battery storage to offset diesel-generated electricity and reduce impact on the rural electricity grid. This configuration is designed to allow charging to over 100 vehicle charges annually with minimal grid demand, necessary only for reliability.
 - The project will cost \$4.3M with the Government of NL funding the majority of capital costs and the utility providing the remainder (\$0.5M).
 - This story was reported in our July edition.

To learn more, check out the [application](#) or the [proceeding](#).



TERRITORIES

EV corridor linking NWT to Alberta is now fully operational

- With the Naka Power Utilities charging stations in Fort Providence and Enterprise now online, the highly anticipated EV charging corridor extending from NWT to Alberta is now fully operational.
- The corridor includes seven government-funded charging locations allowing drivers to travel from Yellowknife, Hay River, or Fort Smith to Alberta on Highways 1, 2, 3, and 5 using winterized DCFC and Level 2 chargers.
- The cost to charge at a DCFC charger ranges from \$0.53 to \$0.55/minute depending on the location.

To learn more, check out the [news release](#).

User fees introduced for government-owned EV chargers in Yukon

- Starting September 2025, the Government of Yukon began charging user fees at all publicly owned EV charging stations to recover electricity and service costs.
- Introducing these fees is intended to eliminate government competition and encourage private sector and First Nations participation in selling electricity for EV charging.
- There will be a phased rate increase that is designed to help EV users adapt gradually while ensuring fees reflect the true operating costs of charging stations.
 - From Sept 2025 to Feb 2026, the fees will be \$0.30/kWh and \$0.37/kWh for Level 2 and DCFC chargers respectively.
 - Effective March 2026, the fees will increase to 0.50/kWh and \$0.57/kWh.
- The Government will continue regulating wholesale prices for private charging stations in consultation with utilities.

To learn more, check out the [news release](#).

Additional Updates

- ⚡ [BC Hydro adds 16 new ports in Langley and 20 ports in Fraser Valley](#)
- ⚡ [BC EVs no longer require 'EV OK' decal to access HOV lanes](#)
- ⚡ [City of Morden, MB installing several EV chargers with funding support](#)
- ⚡ [The Atmospheric Fund invests \\$4.5 million in Jule for fast-charging stations across Ontario](#)



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