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EV Market Update





CANADA

Dunsky announces national VGI Alliance

- In October, Dunsky launched its new Canadian Vehicle-Grid Integration Alliance, a national initiative advancing the integration of electric vehicles with the electricity grid.
- The Alliance brings together utilities, automakers, policymakers, and other stakeholders to align on the standards, investment pathways and deployment practices needed to scale VGI across Canada.
- This fall, the Alliance partners will take part in structured working sessions and cross-sector discussions to help shape priorities across three key areas of need: **1)** market alignment, standards and interoperability, **2)** investment and regulatory pathways to scale, and **3)** coordinated deployment and customer experience.
- For those who are interested in getting involved, please reach out at vgi@dunsky.com

To learn more, read the **news release**.

Canada freezes Vehicle Emissions Standards, also announces $2.5B in Ontario auto-sector support

- In October, the federal government announced it would freeze greenhouse gas emissions standards for passenger cars and light-duty vehicles at 2026 levels through 2029, to provide automakers with greater flexibility amid ongoing trade pressures and industry uncertainty.
- Emissions standards will resume in 2030, with the federal government maintaining its target of 75% electric vehicle sales by 2035.
- As part of a broader Canada–Ontario action plan, the federal and provincial governments announced for a jointly funded $2.5 billion in additional automotive funding over two years, with $1.5 billion from the Federal Government and $1 billion from Ontario.
  - The funding will support large-scale capital investments, including modernizing manufacturing equipment and upgrading production lines to support domestic production of EVs.
  - As part of the agreement, a Canada–Ontario Automotive Task Force to coordinate implementation of measures and support the industry's competitiveness.

To learn more, read the **news release**.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver's newly elected Green mayor signals support for expanding EV charging infrastructure

- Vancouver's newly elected Green mayor, Pete Fry, has committed to exploring partnerships to expand curbside EV charging using lampposts and utility poles, particularly where LED streetlight upgrades create surplus electrical capacity.

To learn more, read the **Vancouver Green's 2026 election platform**.

Megawatt chargers coming to BC

- R.R. Plett Trucking is installing Canada's first two 1.2-megawatt chargers in its Langley and Kamloops facilities. By reducing the charging time to 30-minutes, the company will enable double-shift operations.
- The MW chargers are beings installed to prepare for 12 Tesla Semi Class 8 trucks, with BC Hydro involved in the capacity planning.

To learn more, read the **Electric Autonomy article**.

Changes to BC's EV policies expected under new Government

- In October, the BC Conservative Party won a majority government, signalling potential changes to the province's EV policies.
- The incoming government has pledged to eliminate BC's ZEV sales mandate, which currently require automakers to meet minimum EV sales targets. Earlier in 2026, the province had already reduced its 2035 ZEV sales target from 100% to 75%, while retaining a 26% requirement for 2026 and 2027.
- The timing and implementation of these policy changes remain uncertain, including potential implications for provincial EV purchase incentives and charging infrastructure programs. Further details are expected as the incoming government establishes its legislative and policy priorities.

To learn more, read the **Electric Autonomy article**.

ALBERTA

AESO Long-Term Outlook 2026 includes EV Forecast

- The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) 2026 Long-Term Outlook (LTO) will provide a forecast of Alberta's electricity load and generation requirements based on current assumptions and market fundamentals.
- Assumptions were provided to stakeholders for comment, including forecast of EV contributions to the Alberta Internal Load, which would be 0.01% (10 GWh) in 2030, 0.53% (or 592 GWh) in 2035 and 5.3% (or 6,840 GWh) in 2050. In addition, high-level scenario definitions were provided which include EV adoption trends and, in one scenario, managed profiles for EV charging.
- Stakeholders requested additional detail on the electric vehicle and distributed resource adoption, among other items.

To learn more, review the **AESO website**.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MANITOBA

Manitoba unveils new EV Initiatives under Net-Zero Action Plan

- In September, Manitoba released its 2026/27–2028/29 Three-Year Action Plan, outlining near-term measures to support its broader commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050. Transportation is a key priority, accounting for approximately 31% of provincial greenhouse gas emissions in 2023.
- The province will extend its EV Rebate Program, offering $4,000 for qualifying new electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles and $2,500 for qualifying used vehicles.
- Manitoba Hydro will complete a network of publicly accessible fast-charging stations between Winnipeg and Thompson by 2028/29, prioritizing partnerships with First Nations and Northern communities. The province will also develop a plan to identify opportunities for EV charging in provincial parks.
- The plan also supports electrification of public-sector and regional transportation, including developing a strategy to reduce emissions from government vehicle fleets, replacing 20 Manitoba combustion vehicles with EVs by 2030, and investing $400,000 in planning and early implementation of the Southeast Regional Transit Initiative.

To learn more, read the **three year action plan**.

ONTARIO

Waymo announces plans to launch self-driving taxis in Toronto by 2028

- Waymo announced plans to launch its fully autonomous, all-electric ride-hailing service in Toronto by 2028, marking its first expansion into Canada.
- The company is partnering with Toronto-based Element Fleet Management to support fleet operations, including vehicle maintenance, charging infrastructure, energy management and customer service.
- Waymo will begin testing its vehicles on Toronto streets this Fall (2026) under Ontario's Automated Vehicle Pilot Program.

To learn more, read the **news release**.

QUÉBEC

Parti Québécois Election Victory Signals Potential Strengthening of Québec's EV Policies

- Following the Parti Québécois' (PQ) October 2026 election victory, Québec could see stronger EV incentives and ZEV requirements. During PQ's campaign, they committed to extending the province's $2,000 EV purchase rebate for vehicles priced below $50,000, with a gradual phase-out over four years instead of the previously planned December 2026 end date.
- The party has also proposed additional incentives for EVs priced below $35,000 and increasing the province's ZEV sales mandate to 85% of new vehicle sales by 2034.
- Other commitments include accelerating fast-charger deployment along major highways, expanding charging access in rural and remote communities, facilitating charger installation in multi-unit residential buildings, and supporting vehicle-to-grid (V2G) technology.
- These measures have not yet been implemented.

To learn more, read the **Parti Québécois' official environmental platform** [FR Only].

Hydro-Québec Exploring $50 Annual Incentive for Overnight EV Charging

- Hydro-Québec is surveying EV owners to gauge interest in a proposed $50 annual incentive per vehicle for shifting charging to off-peak hours, between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.
- The survey is exploratory, intending to assess potential approaches to reduce peak electricity demand and support EV integration into the grid.

To learn more, read the **media coverage.**



NEW BRUNSWICK

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NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotia's EV and Plug-in Hybrid Levy Takes Effect

- Effective October 1, 2026, Nova Scotia's new vehicle levy is now in effect, requiring owners of fully electric vehicles to pay $500 and plug-in hybrid owners $250 every two years at registration renewal, in addition to existing registration fees.
- The levy, previously announced in the province's 2026–27 budget, is intended to support road construction and maintenance.
- Nova Scotia is the fourth province to introduce an EV-specific levy, following Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Québec.

To learn more, read the **news release**



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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TERRITORIES

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Additional Updates

- **Tidal Transit Expands Electric Bus Fleet and Charging Infrastructure in Nova Scotia**

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