

NEWS RELEASE

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Nanaimo launches new electric vehicle charger rebate program

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is launching a program offering top-up rebates to support the installation of electric vehicle (EV) chargers. Beginning May 1, 2023, rebates of \$150 per charger will be available for single family homes, duplexes, row houses and townhouses. Separate EV Ready rebates will be available to help apartment and condo buildings get ready to support EVs, including a rebate of up to \$1,000 for an EV Ready plan and \$100 per parking space to install the electrical infrastructure required to implement an EV Ready plan.

These rebates are in addition to the rebates available through the existing CleanBC Go Electric EV charger rebate program that BC Hydro administers. Applicants will need to apply to the City directly for the additional top-up rebates. Rebates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding runs out. To be eligible, the installation has to take place after the program launch date.

More than 60 per cent of Nanaimo's community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are from transportation. In 2021, only one per cent of all passenger vehicles registered in Nanaimo were electric vehicles.

This new rebate program is intended to help accelerate a transition to zero emission electric vehicles. By removing the barriers faced by those residents who are ready to replace their gas powered vehicles with electric ones, the City is supporting an important climate action in order to meet our target of reducing community GHG emissions by at least half before 2030. For more information on the program check out the program website at [https://www.nanaimo.ca/property-development/rebates/electric-vehicle-\(ev\)-charger-rebate](https://www.nanaimo.ca/property-development/rebates/electric-vehicle-(ev)-charger-rebate).

Strategic Link: n/a

Key Points

- The City will be offering rebates to support the installation of electric vehicle chargers.
- The rebates are additional to those already available through BC Hydro. Applicants will need to apply to the City directly for the top-up rebates.
- Rebates of \$150 per charger will be available for single family homes, duplexes, row houses and townhouses. For condo and apartment building owners, up to \$1,000 will be available for the creation of an EV Ready plan and an additional \$100 per parking space for the installation of electrical infrastructure required to implement an EV Ready plan.

Quotes

"Supporting the transition from gas to electric vehicles (EV) is recognized as an important part of the City's plan to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions. By offering an additional EV charger rebate the City is excited to work with BC Hydro to help residents make the transition to electric vehicles when they are ready."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- In April 2019, Nanaimo City Council declared a Climate Emergency and set targets to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions from 2010 levels by 50 to 58% by 2030, and 94% to 107% by 2050.
- Transportation and mobility sources accounted for 63% of Nanaimo's 2017 Community Emissions, with the majority of those emissions coming from gasoline powered vehicles.
- The Provincial Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Act establishes ZEV sales targets reaching 10% of light-duty vehicle sales by 2025, 30% by 2030, and 100% by 2040. This means that all new light-duty motor vehicle sales must be ZEV on and after January 1, 2040
- An EV ready plan is a professional strategy for an apartment or condo building to make at least one parking space per residential unit EV Ready.

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