

Government of Canada Launches New Intake Model for Zero-Emission Vehicles Infrastructure Funding

Reducing pollution from the transportation sector is critical to Canada achieving its climate targets while creating good jobs and making life more affordable for Canadians. That's why the Government of Canada is making it more affordable for Canadians to purchase, charge and drive electric vehicles across the country.

Today, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources, announced that the Government of Canada is now accepting applications from not-for-profit organizations, public institutions and governments to locally deliver federal funding from the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP). Applications will be accepted throughout 2023 and 2024. This is yet another step the government is taking

to make electric vehicle (EV) charging more accessible for Canadians and to help install over 84,500 chargers where Canadians live, work and play.

This open application process is seeking eligible not-for-profit organizations, public institutions and governments to redistribute up to a maximum of \$5 million of ZEVIP funding for local EV infrastructure including EV chargers. These organizations will redistribute a maximum of \$100,000 per project to local partners for the installation of EV chargers in public places, on street, in multi-unit resi-

dential buildings, at work-places, or for on-road vehicle fleets.

To more easily access information, the newly launched zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure funding landing page is helping Canadian businesses and organizations find and access the funding opportunities best suited to their ZEV infrastructure projects. This tool was developed by Natural Resources Canada in collaboration with Infrastructure Canada and the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

Last week, Prime Minister Trudeau highlighted

Canadian leadership throughout the ZEV supply chain, from developing batteries and vehicles to deploying charging infrastructure. Since 2016, the Government of Canada has invested over \$1 billion to make ZEVs more affordable and chargers more accessible for Canadians. The federal government has approved funding to support the installation of over 34,500 ZEV chargers to date.

Budget 2022 delivered an additional \$400 million to NRCAN and \$500 million in financing through the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which together are supporting the

deployment of an additional 50,000 EV chargers by 2027. Budget 2022 also announced \$1.7 billion to extend the zero-emission vehicle purchase incentive program until March 2025 and the expansion of the types of vehicle models eligible under the program, which would include more vans, trucks and SUVs.

And just like investments in everything from clean technology to nature protection, today's call for applications is part of achieving Canada's ambitious climate change goals to build a cleaner, healthier and more affordable future for all Canadians.

"We're making electric vehicles more affordable and charging more accessible where Canadians live, work and play. Investing in more EV chargers will put more Canadians in the driver's seat on the road to a net-zero future and help achieve our climate goals. I am pleased to announce a new call for proposals to deliver more zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure across Canada."

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Natural Resources

Man Charged with First Degree Murder in Durham's Second Homicide of 2023

A 32-year-old male is facing charges after a male was located deceased with obvious signs of trauma in a residence in Oshawa.

On Friday, January 27, 2023, at approximately 9:45 a.m., members of Central East Division responded to an address on Drew Street after receiving a request to check on the wellbeing of a male. Upon arrival, police discovered the victim without vital signs and suffering from significant trauma. He was pronounced deceased.

A male was arrested at the scene without incident and is now facing murder charges. The coroner attended and ordered an autopsy. The identity of the victim is known however investigators are waiting for the completion of the post-mortem examination prior to the release of his information.

Justin STEEVES, age 32 of Oshawa is charged with First Degree Murder.

Ice testing underway at Elgin Pond in Uxbridge

The Township of Uxbridge announced that Elgin Pond has frozen due to recent cold weather and testing of ice thickness has begun. Elgin Pond will officially open for skating when the ice thickness has reached between 8 and 10 inches. Ice thickness is monitored and reported by using a system of flags, said a township statement.

Residents are asked to check the flag status prior to moving onto the ice. A yellow flag means the ice thickness is appropriate for skating. Venturing out on ice should always be done with caution. A Red flag means the ice thickness is insufficient and the ice is not safe.

Unsafe areas are marked with barricades and residents are reminded to heed the in-bound areas for their own safety.

A skating oval and rinks will be shoveled for resident's use, by volunteers. Snowmobiles are asked to avoid travelling over shoveled areas as this will damage the ice-surface for other pond users, the township said.

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