

The Electric Vehicle Owner Groups and Associations of British Columbia

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Calling on BC Political Parties to Support Electric Vehicle Adoption

We, the electric vehicle (EV) associations and owners groups of British Columbia, representing the interests of a rapidly growing population of more than 42,000 EV owning families across the province, seek to ensure electric vehicle adoption remains a priority for the new government to enable British Columbia and all its residents and businesses to share in the economic and environmental benefits of electric drive vehicles, more generally classified as Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV).

We are reaching out to each political party during the run-up to the October 24th Provincial Election to consider these policy recommendations that come from the collective experience and first-hand knowledge of our members and supporters over many decades of driving electric here in BC.

We invite you to consider and include these **10 policy measures** in each of your platforms to be put before voters for the October 24th election. Please contact us at BCelection@veva.ca.

Recommended Policy Initiatives for the new government

- 1) **Support current Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Legislation and ZEV Incentives regarding Light Duty Vehicles (LDV) going forward to help BC meet our Climate Change commitment.**
- 2) **Enhance current ZEV Legislation to include medium and heavy-duty vehicles (MDV/HDV) at the same 10% sales in 2025, 30% in 2030 and 100% by 2040 going forward to help BC meet our Climate Change commitment.**
- 3) **Encourage and aid BC municipalities and BC crown corporations to achieve 25% ZEV fleets by 2024 and 100% by 2030.**
- 4) **Amend the programs of Clean Energy Vehicles (CEV) and Scrap-It to be accessible to all [BC registered dealerships](#) ensuring greater citizen access to both new and used ZEV sales.**
- 5) **Direct BC Hydro and encourage other BC utilities to provide a rate tariff with a flat per kWh rate, without demand charges, for providers of Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) so that known energy costs can be used to appropriately price and encourage commercial build out of the DCFC network within the province.**
- 6) **Support the implementation of BC Hydro's DCFC Accessibility [Guidelines](#) as a matter of compliance with the accessibility rights protected by the BC Human Rights Code, to enable everyone, including persons with disabilities, to access and operate EVs.**

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- 7) Continue to support a comprehensive build out of public DCFC EV charging infrastructure on all primary and secondary highways in the province, particularly in remote and rural areas, including all end-point destinations to ensure equal availability for province-wide travel, tourism and EV adoption.
- 8) Direct ICBC to include on every new, and renewed, policy a statement indicating the average annual GHGs emitted by the vehicle being insured - this will raise awareness of individual citizen's impact in their vehicle choices.
- 9) Support and Enact the Recommendation of the Union of BC Municipalities [Resolution B144](#) on “Right to Charge” for all multi-unit residential buildings, whether strata owned condos or rental apartments.
- 10) Support Low Income Residents access to ZEVs by increasing incentives and removing Provincial Sales Tax on used ZEVs.

The following Electric Vehicle Associations have endorsed these recommendations.



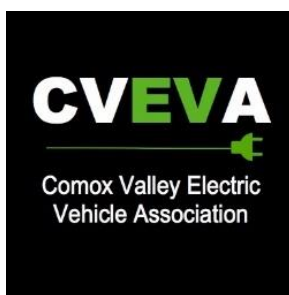
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