

Learn about electric vehicles Saturday in Bolton

An Electric Vehicle Showcase is taking place at the Bolton Farmers' Market this Saturday (Sept. 12).

It will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the public parking lot at Ann and Sterne Streets.

Attendees can learn more about electric vehicles through test drives, viewing of the electric vehicle showcase and asking questions to knowledgeable staff. This showcase is run in partnership between the Town of Caledon, Plug N' Drive and the Bolton Farmers' Market. Plug N' Drive is a non-profit organization committed to accelerating the adoption of electric cars in Ontario.

The Town of Caledon is pleased to support National Drive Electric Week by hosting its first Electric Vehicle Day and showcase, Director of Public Works David Loveridge said. We have recently incorporated three electric vehicles into our fleet and are thrilled to expand this interest to our community by providing free electric vehicle charging stations in Downtown Bolton and at Town Hall in Caledon East.

We are continuing to explore options and opportunities to implement green technologies into our service delivery models, and taking part in National Drive Electric Week is part of that work, Mayor Allan Thompson added. I'm proud that as a Town we are walking the talk with programs like the electric charging site at Town Hall, our solar projects, Partners in Project Green and our hybrid fleet program.

Late last month, the Town announced its most recent electric vehicle charging stations, located in the Town Hall parking lot. This project was funded by the revenue generated by the Town's microFIT solar projects, and the Partners in Project Green's Electric Vehicle Charging Station grant program. In addition to the electric vehicle charging stations, the Town has also placed a focus on using alternative fuel types within the municipality's fleet. The Town's bylaw officers currently drive hybrid vehicles and the Town is also integrating three additional electric vehicles to support the bylaw team.

Plug'n Drive events to date, have reached more than 45,000 people at more than 200 events, answering questions, engaging drivers and providing over 2,500 electric vehicle test drives. National Drive Electric Week began in 2011 as a one-day event, and has since expanded to a full week of electric vehicle events worldwide. Attendance at National Drive Electric Week 2014 more than doubled that of 2013's celebration with over 90,000 people participating in 152 events in 150 cities in 39 U.S. states and in Italy, Canada and The Netherlands.



The Town has installed vehicle charging stations like this one at the municipal parking lot in Bolton.