

Town receives funding from the Province to install electric vehicle charging stations

The Town of Caledon was recently awarded full funding from the Province to install two additional electric vehicle charging stations.

Currently, there are four Level 2 charging stations with priority parking located at Town Hall (two stations) and downtown Bolton (two stations) in the Green P parking lot. The existing Level 2 charging stations can fully-charge an electric vehicle within three-to-five hours, whereas the new Level 3 stations can charge a battery to 80 per cent within 40 minutes and will be located at Margaret Dunn Library and Albion-Bolton Community Centre.

“We are excited to continually support electric vehicles throughout the Town of Caledon,” Mayor Allan Thompson said. “With these two additional charging stations, the Town will now be able to offer six charging stations to residents and visitors within our community, which is an action within the Town's Community Climate Change Action Plan.”

Town staff submitted a grant application to the Province's Electric Vehicle Charges Ontario program, a one-time grant program to support Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan by creating a network of electric vehicle charging stations across the Province. The Town specifically chose Margaret Dunn Library and the Albion-Bolton Community Centre for their visibility, accessibility and proximity to highly travelled roadways and highways.

In 2015, the Province created an Electric Vehicle Chargers Ontario grant program. There are \$20 million from Ontario's Green Investment Fund allocated to build nearly 500 electric vehicle charging stations across approximately 250 locations in Ontario. This network of electric vehicle charging stations will help tackle Ontario's largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions; the transportation sector. The Province also supports the purchase of electric vehicles through an incentive program to encourage a shift to low- and zero-emission vehicles.

