

Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Requirements for All New Residential Developments

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Purpose

To seek Council direction on EV readiness requirements:

All new residential developments have a minimum of 1 energized electric vehicle outlet per dwelling unit (capable of providing Level 2 charging)

Investigate additional EV readiness requirements

Previous Council Direction (Sept 27, 2021)



- Council endorsed the Strategy and directed staff to:
 - Include electric vehicle (EV) charging requirements in Kelowna Zoning Bylaw
 - Pursue stakeholder engagement on this issue





BC Leading the EV Charge



- Rapidly increasing EV adoption rates in BC
- EV ownership in Kelowna nearly tripled between 2018 and 2020
- Strong federal and provincial EV sales mandates

British Columbia Light-Duty Vehicle ZEV Sales Rates





Charging availability at home critical to enable transition to EVs



Image: Argonne National Laboratory



Retrofitting multi-family buildings is costly and complicated

 Estimated cost at construction: \$930 to \$1,550 per EV-ready stall

 Cost of retrofit post-construction: three or more times the cost per stall and much more complex



Mid-rise building example (140 units)

Figure and data: Kamloops study retrieved from https://letstalk.kamloops.ca/goelectric

Many Local Governments in BC Have Adopted EV Readiness





Example Municipality (date in effect)

Vancouver (2018)

Burnaby (2018)

Surrey (2019)

New Westminster (2019)

City of North Vancouver (2019)

District of North Vancouver (2021)

Coquitlam (2018)

Richmond (2017)

Port Moody (2019)

Squamish (2019)

Saanich (2020)

Nelson (2020)

Langley (2019)

West Vancouver (2018)

Victoria (2020)

Kamloops (expected 2022)



Stakeholder Engagement





Public Support:

- Predictable charging
- Future-proof new construction; avoids retrofit issues
- Increase EV purchase interest

Development Industry Concerns:

- Current charging demand
- Increased construction and housing costs
- Electric supply and availability

Policy Evaluation



Policy Option	Minimize	Minimize	Simple	Equitable	Provides
	upfront	retrofit	for strata	for	future
	costs	costs		residents	proofing
Percentage					
Approach					
(20%)					
Conduit-only					
Approach					
EV ready, 1					
per dwelling					
unit					

* Green best meets the criterion; orange moderately meets the criterion; red does not meet the criterion.

EVs Unlock Significant GHG Reductions





Recommendation



- For all new residential developments, require minimum of 1 energized electric vehicle outlet per dwelling unit
- Investigate additional EV readiness requirements



"Future-proofing" newly constructed buildings, which can last 50 or more years



Absence of home charging will be a persistent barrier to increasing EV ownership



Core municipal tool to enable reaching GHG emissions reduction targets



Charging availability an asset that increases desirability of homes

Next Steps

- Develop technical bulletin to accompany zoning bylaw update
- Develop EV charging infrastructure requirements for new institutional, commercial, industrial, and service station developments
- Continue implementation of EV Strategy actions





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Questions?