

FLASH NEWS

MID-VANCOUVER ISLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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Next General meeting scheduled for Saturday March 21st **has been cancelled** – Strange days are upon us. Your Board regards the health and safety of our members as paramount. We will continue to update.

Another great time was had at Serious Coffee, Monday March 9th – 10 + members showed up again for some great conversation. *The next Parksville Serious Coffee meeting is still scheduled for Monday March 23rd at 10:00, BUT - Continue to monitor COVID-19 communications. If more stringent social distancing recommendations are made, give this one a miss – especially for those of us considered at high risk.*

Access the latest information from the BC Center for Disease Control using the link below. Do the responsible thing, and surf around this website to get the latest **reliable**, **science-based** information.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements>

FLASH NEWS goes weekly! (or maybe every ten days if we get too busy). We intend to publish a weekly newsletter during these times of isolation, so that members can continue to stay informed while meetings are suspended. If you have any relevant content – please forward to the Editor at the email address above.

Speaking of isolation - volunteer ambassadors may not be needed for the two April Earth Day events mentioned in the previous newsletter. (April 18 and 19 – Earth Fest, Cedar BC and April 21 – Earth Day 2020 at John Barsby Community School). *We will update you as the organizers weigh-in with their decisions. We anticipate the events will likely be cancelled.*

EV Good news – General Motors announced last week that they will be producing 10 new EV models on a dedicated platform with improved batteries by 2025. Looks like CEO Mary Barra is going all-in on EV technology with 60% of GM engineering capacity now working on the EV file. Good to have an Engineer running the company. Believe it or not – an electric Hummer is in the works along with other SUV models. Maybe we will finally start to see the end of ridiculous gas guzzling behemoths, poisoning our air.

EV Bad News – If GM does hit their goal of 1,000,000 EVs sold in 2020 – Charging infrastructure will be swamped at its current level of development - ***BUT - MVI EVA to the rescue!*** Stay tuned for news on current advocacy initiatives from our Mid-Island Association as well as the Victoria, Vancouver and Comox groups.

Mark your calendars – We are being optimistic and are scheduling general meetings for May and June. We will establish exact dates and locations in the next few weeks and hope the current crisis eases by then. In the meantime the Board will continue with our organizational work.

Website update – Member Fred Ligeti has registered our new domain name www.islandev.org ***It is still under construction.*** Once we get it up live, we will inform you, and ask for comments and content.

If you feel sick – **CALL** your Doctor, don't just show up – we absolutely **must** protect our Doctors right now!

Go for a drive – wash your hands, wipe your steering wheel, knobs and switches - happy electrified motoring.

