

# FLASH NEWS

## MID-VANCOUVER ISLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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**My summer holiday is over, time for more newsletters** – Apologies for not keeping in touch recently – a bit of lockdown funk and working on some other stuff got in the way – the last correspondence was way back in mid-May when I sent our photo-shoot pictures. We will get you caught up in the next few weeks.

**Next General meeting** - Due to the ongoing COVID-19 reality – there are no general meetings scheduled. We are looking to start doing occasional road trips where we can meet up in various nice locations, bringing our own refreshments and lawn chairs to have outdoor, socially distanced get-togethers. Some suggestions below.

We DID have a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, May 20th between your board members and Jamie Rose, Manager of Transportation for the City of Nanaimo. We discussed various issues regarding charging infrastructure and bylaws. New construction requirements for pre-wiring or rough-in for chargers will affect the adoption of EV's in every region. We intend to lobby our local governments to help increase access to charging for everyone, and our first conversations with Jamie are encouraging. We will be lobbying the other municipalities in our region and working with the Victoria, Vancouver and other EV Associations to work at the Provincial and National levels of government.

**First of many?** – coming to grips with the pandemic, we had our very responsible photo session (photo below) in Qualicum Beach on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are now asking members to pick some other places and times. Let's stay active and go see some of the local sights. Suggestions so far: Englishman River Falls parking lot near Errington. Rathrevor Beach parking lot. Beban Park parking lot in Nanaimo. Please submit your suggestions – we're looking for accessible points of interest where there is ample room to bring our vehicles, show them off and have some fun.



**Check out our web site** – [www.islandev.org](http://www.islandev.org). We are looking to add content and links and keep the site fresh. If you have content or suggestions – please email them to [info@islandev.org](mailto:info@islandev.org)

**EV Good news** – BC Hydro is in the process of twinning many of its DC fast chargers. **EV not so good news** – they have taken over administration and billing of said fast chargers, and you will now need to get a BC Hydro card. Many of us who travel the Island now need cards and accounts from BC Hydro, Chargepoint, Flo and Greenlots. **Back to better news** – BC Hydro is letting us use the chargers for free (for now).

