

FLASH NEWS

MID-VANCOUVER ISLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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Hello again fellow EV enthusiasts – we are about to hit the reset button and get the MVI EVA charging ahead again. This COVID situation has for sure been shocking to us all, but your executive has been working on your behalf throughout these strange times, and we are trying to find new ways to energize our group with some electrifying activities. First the latest news:

Co-President Barbara MacLellan, Director John O'Brien and other members took their EVs down to Victoria on July 6th to fly the flag for the MVI EVA by driving around in circles – Over 88 EVs went round and round the Legislature to draw attention to three of the most urgent goals that Provincial EV Clubs are asking Government to address:

- 1) Targeting 100% zero-emission new car sales by no later than 2035 - 2) Provide a “Right to Charge” - 3) Require all new construction (both residential and commercial) to enable ‘plug-and-go’ EV charging infrastructure.

The cars were so quiet however - it is not clear that the people in the Legislature noticed us - **but** the Victoria EV Club has an answer. Please visit victoriaevclub.com and read more details about the rally - then help out by participating in their “write-in campaigns”.



Speaking of Government not listening - now to the **EV BAD news** – Parksville City Council screwed-up and missed a great opportunity to get a DC fast charger for a pittance. The Parksville Qualicum Beach News printed a description of the meeting in which Council rejected some generous grants - it sounded as if some councillors have a bit of bad attitude towards EVs - so Director John O'Brien wrote a letter to the Editor to help explain the facts. The Club will also follow up with a respectful approach to try and educate the Parksville Council in the need to improve charging infrastructure in the Oceanside communities.

EV GOOD news – This just in. **Every MVI EVA member should jump on the opportunity to add their input to the BC Hydro EV charging survey. Information regarding the survey is listed below. This is our chance to help them get it right.**

BC HYDRO IS CONDUCTING CUSTOMER RESEARCH ON THEIR EV FAST CHARGERS TO GATHER FEEDBACK ABOUT FAST CHARGING RATES AND THE FAST CHARGING EXPERIENCE OVERALL. - THE INFORMATION WILL HELP THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND AND IMPROVE THE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE. ALL RESPONSES ARE SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE AND TREATED ACCORDINGLY. YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE MANAGED SEPARATELY FROM THE SURVEY QUESTIONS SO THAT YOUR RESPONSES ARE NOT IDENTIFIED.

PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THE SURVEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE ENTERED IN A DRAW FOR ONE OF FIVE \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARDS BY PROVIDING THEIR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION AT THE END OF THIS SURVEY. THIS SURVEY WILL CLOSE SEPTEMBER 7, 2020.

YOU CAN LINK TO THE SURVEY HERE:

[HTTPS://LEGER.DECIPHERINC.COM/SURVEY/SELFSEVE/542/VW41016_012A?LIST=3#?](https://leger.decipherinc.com/survey/selfserve/542/vw41016_012a?list=3#?)

Now where do we go with all this social distancing still in effect? We are suggesting that each region in the MVI EVA set up informal drive and chat sessions - little mini-rallies and socially distanced get-togethers. Your Directors will be in touch to help set them up. **North** (Bowser to Nanoose) - **Nanaimo** - **South** (Mill Bay to Ladysmith) are suggested regions. Members from any region are free to attend any other region and we will send out meeting notices with times and locations in the next week or two. Worth a try - we all need to get out more and do it safely. **Happy Ev-ing.**