

## **Motion regarding Opportunities for Free Level 3 EV Charging Stations and Revenue Opportunities for Durham Region**

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Moved by: Councillor Leahy

Seconded by: Councillor Yamada

That we recommend to Regional Council:

Whereas electric vehicles (EVs) are increasingly becoming a critical component of sustainable transportation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario;

Whereas the availability of free Level 3 EV charging stations in municipalities can support the Region's efforts to encourage EV adoption, enhance environmental sustainability, and improve air quality for residents;

Whereas free Level 3 EV charging stations provide an attractive amenity that encourages both local and regional tourism, fostering economic development by encouraging drivers to visit local businesses during charging stops;

Whereas other municipalities have successfully partnered with private sector companies to implement free EV charging solutions, thereby benefiting from potential revenue streams and public-private partnership opportunities;

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Durham Region Council directs staff to explore partnership opportunities with Ontario providers that provide free level 3 charging stations;
2. Staff report back by Q2 of 2025 with their findings on potential partnerships with private sector entities, potential locations for charging stations, and opportunities for introducing free Level 3 charging infrastructure;
3. The analysis includes an assessment of possible revenue-generation models such as advertising, corporate sponsorships, and innovative technologies that would offset installation and maintenance costs while providing economic benefits to the Region;
4. Staff provide a timeline for implementation, should Council approve proceeding with any identified projects; and
5. This motion be circulated to all Durham Region municipalities.