Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

Offered at the following CVRD Recreation Centres:

- Cowichan Community Centre
- Cowichan Lake Sports Arena
- Kerry Park Recreation Centre
- Shawnigan Lake Community Centre

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The CVRD currently owns and operates four Level 2 dual port Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations that are available for public use. There is one Level 2 EV charging station located at each of the following CVRD recreation centres:

- Cowichan Community Centre
- Cowichan Lake Sports Arena
- Kerry Park Recreation Centre
- Shawnigan Lake Community Centre

Initially funded primarily by provincial grants in 2012/2013, all EV charging stations at CVRD recreation facilities were installed to demonstrate leadership in supporting the broader transition to EVs. Knowing that there is access to an EV charger decreases range anxiety and enables EV drivers to travel longer distances.

CVRD facilities and residents have funded the operational costs and electricity of the Level 2 EV charging stations, therefore usage of these stations has been free of charge since they were originally installed.

The original Level 2 charging stations were replaced in 2019 as they were over seven years old and the supplier was no longer guaranteeing replacement parts for the original ones. The new chargers are equipped with enhanced software features and new hardware technology with energy star certification.

The Cowichan Community Centre also has a Direct Current Fast Charge (DCFC) station, for which there has been a fee in place since 2017.

All EV charging stations at CVRD recreation facilities have a 3 hour maximum usage limit.

For questions or more information, please contact:

CVRD Facilities & Transit Division <u>Transit@cvrd.bc.ca</u> 250-746-2500 ext. 5005



NEW Fees for Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

When?

Effective **January 1, 2021**, a new fee of **\$1.00 per hour** will be required for charging electric vehicles (EV) at the CVRD's recreation facilities.

Where?

- Cowichan Community Centre
- Cowichan Lake Sports Arena
- Kerry Park Recreation Centre
- > Shawnigan Lake Community Centre

Why?

Fund Stations: User fees collected from the four stations go directly to fund the existing stations and plan for their replacement.

Manage Demand: Usage of the stations has increased, and a time-based fee encourages EV drivers to move their vehicles once the battery is sufficiently charged.

Maintain Station Availability: Reduce unnecessary charging and provide stations for people who need charging while at the centre or in order to complete their travels, and for those without access to a charger at home, such as rental apartments or condominiums that don't provide EV charging infrastructure.

How to Pay?

- Through the ChargePoint app (add your credit card information to pay); or
- > Call ChargePoint Customer Service.