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Subject: Memo - Update on Vancouver's new Public Curbside EV Charging Program

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Dear Mayor and Council,

This memo provides an update on the recent launch of the City of Vancouver's new [Public Curbside Electric Vehicle Charging Program](#). The Program enables third-party operators to expand Vancouver's public EV charging network. Key points include:

- Approved applicants will install and operate publicly accessible curbside chargers in the City right-of-way. Applicants are responsible for installation and operating costs, and they will retain revenue from EV charging fees. The City will continue to receive any parking revenue.
- Access to the City right right-of-way will be governed by a licence framework, as approved by Council in May 2024. Curbside proposals must not conflict with other street uses and City priorities such as patios or bus lanes.
- Staff expect to start seeing curbside charging projects delivered by late 2026.

If you have any questions about this program, please feel to contact me.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Update on Vancouver's new Public Curbside EV Charging Program

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This memo provides Council with an update on Vancouver's new Public Curbside EV Charging Program. The program allows third-party providers to invest in public charging in Vancouver by installing curbside chargers in the City right-of-way.

Background

In June 2023, Council directed staff to explore public/private partnerships to expand public EV charging infrastructure and help respond to growing demand. In May 2024, Council approved a new licencing framework to enable third-party investments in public curbside EV charging.

As one of the actions stemming from those Council directions, staff developed the new program based on earlier experiences with curbside charging in Vancouver, best practices in other cities, and input from third-party EV charging providers. The program is intended to expand the public EV charging network in Vancouver without relying on City investment.

Program overview

Key program parameters include:

- Applicants must be established EV charging operators with experience delivering reliable EV charging infrastructure.
- Applicants will enter into a licence agreement for installations of curbside chargers, including payment of an annual licencing fee.
- Initial licence terms are 6 years in the Metro Core and 10 years anywhere else in the City.
- Applicants are responsible for all installation costs, operations, maintenance and eventual decommissioning and must restore the right-of-way to City standards.
- Any parking revenue will continue to be collected by the City. EV charging revenue will be retained by the operator.
- Applications are open to any areas of the City but must not conflict with other street uses or City priorities such as patios, transit lanes, bike lanes or low-traffic zones.
- Staff expect installations to be primarily Level 2 charging, with some Level 3 fast charging where space and electrical capacity allow.

Full program details, including a detailed guidance document can be found on our program webpage: [Public Curbside Electric Vehicle Charging Program | City of Vancouver](#)

Next Steps

- Detailed program guidelines and an updated webpage have been published, and prospective applicants have been invited to submit curbside proposals.
- Staff are currently promoting the program with an initial focus on EV charging operators and builders/developers who could incorporate curbside charging into their projects.
- Staff expect to start seeing curbside charging projects delivered by late 2026.

Please feel free to contact me at josh.white@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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