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## Environment Bulletin: Canada Post Pilots Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Some Locations

The Government of Canada recently released its *2030 Emissions Reduction Plan*. Part of the Government's climate plan is that all climate and emissions reduction targets be applied to Crown corporations. Crown corporations are now expected to ensure all retrofits of federal buildings and new builds be electric vehicle ready. Page 188 of the report also says that fleet operations must "increase the ambition of federal actions on property and fleet operations" by "implementing the commitment to electrify all federal light-duty vehicles by 2030." The full *2030 Emissions Reduction Plan* can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/eccc/documents/pdf/climate-change/erp/Canada-2030-Emissions-Reduction-Plan-eng.pdf>

In light of this report, CUPW would like to share some information about Canada Post's Electric Vehicle Charging Station Pilot Project.

While there is minimal information available about the EV charging stations, the Canada Post 2020 Sustainability Report referenced the pilot project for employees at three mail processing plants (Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver), as well as at the head office in Ottawa. There are also charging stations for Canada Post customers at the new Community Hubs.

**To celebrate Earth Day, Canada Post has announced that EV charging stations will be free for employees for the month of April 2022.**

### Current Employee Sites

- Head Office, Ottawa – 4 chargers
- Leo Blanchette, Montreal – 6 chargers
- Pacific Processing Center, Richmond – 4 chargers
- South Central, Toronto – 4 chargers

### Current Customer Sites

- High Prairie, Alberta
- Membertou, Nova Scotia

The pilot is meant to assess employee uptake, costs to users, and ease of use. The pilot is also designed to inform the installation of additional EV charging stations at other locations and in future building projects.

### Still Not Enough

CUPW maintains that Canada Post is not doing enough. This pilot installed minimal charging stations at only four locations for employees, and only two locations for customers across the country; despite Canada Post having 6,100 outlets. Furthermore, except for April 2022 to celebrate Earth Day, employees must pay to use the charging stations.

CUPW's Delivering Community Power Campaign continues to push for the installation of public and employee charging stations for electric cars at every post office to help build Canada's green infrastructure. To learn more, visit <https://www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca/>

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