



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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COUNTY RECEIVES PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

WELLINGTON COUNTY- The Government of Ontario is putting its new Climate Change Strategy into action by investing \$20 million from the Ontario Green Investment Fund to build electric vehicle charging stations across Ontario. The County of Wellington will receive \$215,076 which will finance three electric vehicle charging stations. These stations will be located at the Puslinch Library, Arthur Library-Medical Centre and the Social Services Office (Old Post Office) located at 138 Wyndham Street North in Guelph.

Through the Electric Vehicle Grant Programme (EVCO), the Government of Ontario will work with public and private sector partners to create a network of fast charging electric vehicle stations across in cities, along highways, at workplaces, condominiums and various other public places across the province.

"The County is pleased to be working with the Government of Ontario to expand the infrastructure to accommodate electric vehicle charging stations in three locations in Wellington County" said Warden George Bridge. "I would like to thank the Province for this funding. I know these charging stations will be actively used by residents and visitors to the County."

Over the next year, approximately 200 Level 3 and 300 Level 2 charging stations will be installed in 250 locations. The three electric vehicle charging stations located in the County will be Level 3. Level 3 charging stations (also known as Direct Current Fast Chargers DCFC) use a 480 volt system and can charge a vehicle to 80 percent in approximately 30 minutes. These stations allow electric vehicle drivers to charge their vehicles about eight times faster than Level 2 charging stations. Construction will begin this spring and charging stations should be operational by March 31, 2017.

The County of Wellington continues to be a leader in environmental sustainability and excellence. The County's environmentally responsible efforts have been recognized by the United Nations. Since 2004, over 2 million trees have been planted in the County under the Green Legacy Tree Planting Programme, and County facility construction projects adhere to the Green Legacy Building Standards.

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