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WELLAND IS ON THE MOVE TO GREENER HORIZONS

Welland, ON – Keeping your electric car charged while doing some shopping at the Seaway Mall just became easier due to some collaboration between the City of Welland, Welland Hydro, and Welland Seaway Mall. The electric car charging station is located near the Cinema entrance and is ready to power up electric cars and plug-in hybrids. The service helps make owning an electric vehicle an affordable and convenient option.

The City of Welland, along with Welland Hydro anticipates the installation of more charging stations in the future. Grant Munday, Planning Supervisor for the City of Welland, demonstrated how easy it is to plug in at the Seaway mall charging station. "Electric vehicles are the future. They're cleaner on the environment and in the long run, cheaper to have. The initial monetary investment is more, but the dollars saved over the car's lifespan in gasoline is incredible," said Munday.

Making charging stations available at public places throughout Welland will help residents, businesses and government make an easier transition to electric or hybrid vehicles. President and CEO of Welland Hydro, Ross Peever is thrilled to see Welland move in a more environmentally friendly direction. "I am pleased to be partnering with the Seaway Mall and the City of Welland to install an Electric Vehicle Charging Station. The collaboration between all the parties has made this installation a great success and a wonderful opportunity for the community of Welland to experience the benefits of a safe, reliable innovation that is environmentally friendly and cost effective," said Peever.

The City of Welland strives to be a leader in adopting environmentally sustainable practices. Other environment friendly initiatives include the City vehicle anti-idling policy, the City's Bicycle Friendly initiative, and the installation of numerous solar power facilities

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