



## **Notes from a conference call of 2-14 03 27 - Electric Mobility Canada's Government Relations Committee**

### **Subject: Renewal of BC's Clean Energy Vehicle Program**

#### **Current status of the program**

- Funds were exhausted a few weeks ago.
- Current government is serious about finding ways to support EV buyers but are not sure that the CEV program was indeed the best tool.
- The CEV program was created by a previous government.
- Current government is seriously looking at options for another form of support program for EV buyers.
- Reality is that some months will expire before a new program is approved.
- In the meantime, EMC and its supporters should be careful as to how we publicly comment on the current situation.

#### **EMC suggested message to any inquiry:**

- BC continues to be a leader in the development and supply of clean electricity and to date BC has the highest per capita sales of EVs in Canada
- EV incentives continue to be one of the most important factors when families consider the purchase of EVs due to the higher cost of an EV.
- BC's Clean Energy Vehicle Program was very successful and well run.
- Today we know that a record number of BC families will consider an EV for their next vehicle and there is the largest number of EVs available in the market.
- EMC continues to have discussions with BC policy makers about how best to ensure EV sales continue and new emerging clean energy vehicles are affordable to BC families.

#### **Options to CEV Program that were identified during a meeting with staff from the Ministry of the Environment on March 5, 2014**

##### **Short term**

- Assign some of the ICE Funds to extend the CEV for one more year. This requires support from the Premier's office.

##### **Longer Term**

- A shareholder directive to BC Hydro directing it to administer an EV buyer incentive program
- A PST exemption

- A Part 3 Agreement under the Renewable Low Carbon Fuel Regulations. Free up credits to assist EV Buyers
- A contingency budget to extend the CEV program. This requires Treasury Board approval and not likely to occur in these tight fiscal times.

The BC Government may in fact be giving consideration to one or more of these options or other options altogether.

**Going forward**

- Avoid criticizing the current BC Government while they are developing a new program.
- Keep in regular contact with the BC Government and advise them of new data on EV sales in BC.