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POLICY TRACKER

2026 Q2 REPORT

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OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The second quarter of 2026 reflected a shift from major policy announcements toward implementation and policy refinement. Governments continued to support transportation electrification through infrastructure investments, electricity planning, and targeted funding programs, while several jurisdictions revisited vehicle incentive and regulatory frameworks. EMC remained actively engaged with decision-makers across Canada, helping shape emerging policies and ensuring industry perspectives were represented during a period of continued market and regulatory transition.

POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

- Major federal and provincial announcements focused on infrastructure, electricity planning, market incentives, and vehicle regulations.
- Continued policy uncertainty around vehicle sales regulations, affordability measures, and trade-related issues, alongside renewed investments in charging infrastructure and electrification programs.
- EMC remained actively engaged with governments to shape policy discussions related to vehicle electrification, charging infrastructure, trade, and electricity planning.

FEDERAL POLICY SIGNALS

- The federal government maintained support for electrification through charging infrastructure investments, the launch of a National Electricity Strategy and stakeholder engagement on a National Charging Infrastructure Strategy.

- Transport Canada opened discussions on charging compatibility requirements for imported EVs, reflecting growing attention to standards and interoperability.
- The Spring Economic Update reaffirmed federal support for the EV and battery supply chain amid broader industrial and trade policy discussions.

PROVINCIAL POLICY SIGNALS

- Provincial policy developments were mixed, with some governments scaling back incentives while others introduced new investments and regulatory measures.
- Quebec maintained support for electrification in its 2026-2031 Plan for a Green Economy and implementation plan and new EV-ready building requirements, while also launching a review of its ZEV sales standard.
- British Columbia revised its long-term ZEV targets, while Yukon and Prince Edward Island reduced consumer incentive programs.

EMC'S PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

- EMC participated in a House of Commons committee study examining the implications of the Canada-China EV import arrangement.
- Held 28 meetings with federal and provincial officials on issues including affordable EVs, charging infrastructure, ZEV regulations, vehicle imports, electrification strategy, and medium- and heavy-duty vehicle policies.
- EMC provided input on federal consultations and continued advocacy on national electricity planning, charging standards, and provincial ZEV policies.

SECOND QUARTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATE	GOV	ANNOUNCEMENT
MARCH 2026	QC	Construction Code Update, mid-March https://www.quebec.ca/nouvelles/actualites/details/reglementation-en-electricite-mise-a-jour-du-code-de-construction-et-du-code-de-securite-69016 INCLUDES: • Maintaining existing requirements for installing basic EV charging infrastructure for individual dwelling units with parking spaces or carports in residential buildings of four units or fewer. • Introduction of requirements for installing basic infrastructure to support Level 2 EV charging at all parking spaces in residential buildings with five or more units. • Requiring EV charging loads to be included in electrical load calculations used to determine service and feeder capacity.
MARCH 2026	YK	Yukon cuts EV incentives, end of March https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/yukon-government-torches-clean-energy-act-9.7147939
2026-04-01	BC	ZEV Act update https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026ECS0009-000355 Amendments to the regulation will be made by fall 2026. The updated regulation is expected to retain the 26% ZEV sales compliance requirement for 2026 and 2027. Compliance requirements for 2028-30 will be informed by federal plans on its fleet emission standards expected in summer 2026. The specific amendments that are being made to the act are: • reducing the 2035 ZEV sales target from 100% to 75% • removing the prohibition on the sale of new internal-combustion-engine vehicles from Jan. 1, 2035 • shifting the 2026 and 2030 ZEV sales targets to only the ZEV regulation to allow greater flexibility to adapt to changing market conditions EMC's statement on BC's update to zero-emission vehicle targets https://emc-mec.ca/news-post/emcs-statement-on-bcs-update-to-zero-emission-vehicle-targets/
2026-04-08	FED	Government of Canada invests in electric vehicles (April 2026) https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2026/04/government-of-canada-invests-in-electric-vehicles.html • \$10.6 million for 14 EV charging infrastructure projects across Canada, totaling more than 1,600 chargers. • Plug'n Drive will continue to offer a cross-country EV test drive tour with an additional \$1.1 million in funding from Natural Resources Canada. The tour will give Canadians, especially in small and medium-sized communities where EV adoption is lower, the chance to learn about EVs.
2026-04-15	PEI	PEI cut EV incentives from its Net Zero programs (Budget 2026) • https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/transportation-infrastructure-and-energy/electric-vehicles • https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-budget-less-focus-on-climate-action-energy-savings-9.7165716
2026-04-22	FED	Standing Committee on Finance Launches Pre-Budget consultations https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/45-1/FINA/news-release/14034081 EMC Federal Pre-budget recommendations https://emc-mec.ca/blog-post/submission-for-the-pre-budget-consultations-in-advance-of-the-upcoming-federal-budget-2/

2026-04-28	FED	Spring Economic Update https://budget.canada.ca/update-miseajour/2026/home-accueil-en.html EMC's statement on the Spring Economic update: https://emc-mec.ca/news-post/electric-mobility-canada-welcomes-continued-federal-support-for-the-canadian-ev-industry-in-spring-economic-update/
2026-05-06	FED	Charging Compatibility For Imported EVs (TC – Discussion paper) As EV technologies continue to evolve, ensuring that vehicles are compatible with the existing charging ecosystem is important to support interoperability, safety, and a consistent user experience. In light of this, the Government of Canada will be developing non-regulatory guidance on electric vehicle (EV) charging compatibility in Canada, with a focus on charging inlets. To inform this work, Transport Canada has developed a discussion paper, which provides an overview of the current EV charging connector ecosystem and includes a set of questions for your consideration. EMC submission : https://emc-mec.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026-06-EMC-on-EV-Charging-Compatibility-response-de-TC-discussion-paper.pdf
2026-05-14	FED	National Electricity Strategy The government announced a National Electricity Strategy and upcoming consultations on priority areas for action. • Prime Minister Carney announces forthcoming National Electricity Strategy • Powering Canada Strong: A National Strategy for an Electrified Canadian Economy EMC's commentary on Canada's Forthcoming Electricity Strategy: https://emc-mec.ca/news-post/building-the-backbone-of-canadas-electrified-economy-emc-commentary-on-canadas-forthcoming-electricity-strategy/
2026-06-11	QC	PMO 2026-2031 Plan pour une économie verte Quebec published the 2026-2031 Implementation plan for the 2030 Green Economy Plan, which included the renewed Ecorecharge program (\$275M), public charging investments (\$280M), support for Electric Transit Buses (\$387M), Electric School Buses (\$150M), Electric Trucks (\$225\$) and other measures. • https://www.newswire.ca/fr/news-releases/plan-de-mise-en-oeuvre-2026-2031-du-plan-pour-une-economie-verte-2030-quebec-renforce-son-soutien-direct-aux-citoyens-809633788.html • https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/environnement/publications-adm/plan-economie-verte/plan-mise-oeuvre-2026-2031.pdf Ecorecharge program https://www.quebec.ca/en/transport/electric-transportation/ecorecharge-grant-charging-station/about-ecorecharge-program Financial assistance for • Purchase and installation of a home charging station • Purchase and installation of an individual charging station in a multiple dwelling • Charging solution analysis projects, electrical infrastructure upgrade projects, and charging station installation projects in multiple dwellings • Analysis and installation for charging stations in businesses or organizations
2026-06-11	QC	Québec reviews its ZEV Mandate https://consultation.quebec.ca/processes/modifications-norme-vze Proposed amendments were announced on June 11 (administrative version) and published on June 23. The consultation period runs to July 23: EMC will be submitting comments and recommendations. EMC's initial reaction: Quebec ZEV Sales Standard: A reasonable compromise, but not without flaws https://emc-mec.ca/news-post/quebec-zev-sales-standard-a-reasonable-compromise-but-not-without-flaws/

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE	TOPIC	LINK
2026-04-20	Science and Research (SRSR)	Implications of the Canada-China Preliminary Joint Arrangement on Canada's Electric Vehicle Sector	https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/45-1/SRSR/meeting-32/notice

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

MONTH	NBR	WHO	TOPICS
APRIL	8	FEDERAL: Transport Canada, ECCC, ISED, Infrastructure Canada	MHDV Strategy, Electric School Buses, EV Charging Standards for Imported Vehicles, iMHZEV program, Affordable EVs, GHG Tailpipe Emission Standard
MAY	4	FEDERAL: Infrastructure Canada, NRCan,	ZEVIP, New EV Council
JUNE	12	FEDERAL: Global Affairs, ISED, NRCan, Transport Canada, ECCC	Chinese Import agreement, EV policies, ZEVAI, CUSMA, Affordable EVs, National Charging Infrastructure Strategy
	3	QUEBEC: MELCCP, MNA's and political staff	Québec EV sales Mandate
	1	BC: ZEV Council	BC ZEV Policies
TOTAL	28		

EMC PUBLICATIONS

DATE	PUBLICATION AND DESCRIPTION
2026-04-15	Is your fleet ready for ZEVs ? An operational and financial assessment tool (by EMC's MHDV Working Group) https://emc-mec.ca/blog-post/is-your-fleet-ready-for-zero-emissions-vehicles/
2026-05-06	Workforce development for Canada's electric vehicle transition: Skill gaps and recommendations across key sectors (by EMC's Research, Education and Training Working Group) https://emc-mec.ca/blog-post/workforce-development-for-canadas-electric-vehicle-transition/
2026-05-14	Canadian EV sales are up nearly 75% since March 2025 https://emc-mec.ca/news-post/canadian-ev-sales-are-up-nearly-75-since-march-2025/

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