

# Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa



**March 29, 2021**

Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa Monthly Meeting

# Agenda

- ▶ Overview of agenda/introductions – Raymond Leury
  - ▶ Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)
- ▶ Hydrogen – Darryl McMahon
- ▶ EV News – Mitchell House
- ▶ New Flyer Electric Bus – Mike Banks
- ▶ Past/Upcoming Events – Raymond Leury
- ▶ Round table

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# Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)

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- ▶ Request for Proposals (RFP) focusing on:
  - ▶ Public places - service stations; retail; restaurants; arenas; libraries; medical offices; park and ride; etc.
  - ▶ On-street – local government
  - ▶ Multi-unit residential buildings (MURBs)
  - ▶ Workplaces – for employees
  - ▶ Light, Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Fleets – taxis, school buses, etc.
  - ▶ Now open until **June 22, 2021**
- ▶ NRCan will target having **funding decisions by October 2021.**
- ▶ Proponents may have up to **30 months from the date of agreement signature** for the completion of EV charging projects, and up to 36 months from the date of agreement signature for hydrogen refueling projects.

Source: <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/transportation-alternative-fuels/zero-emission-vehicle-infrastructure-program/21876>

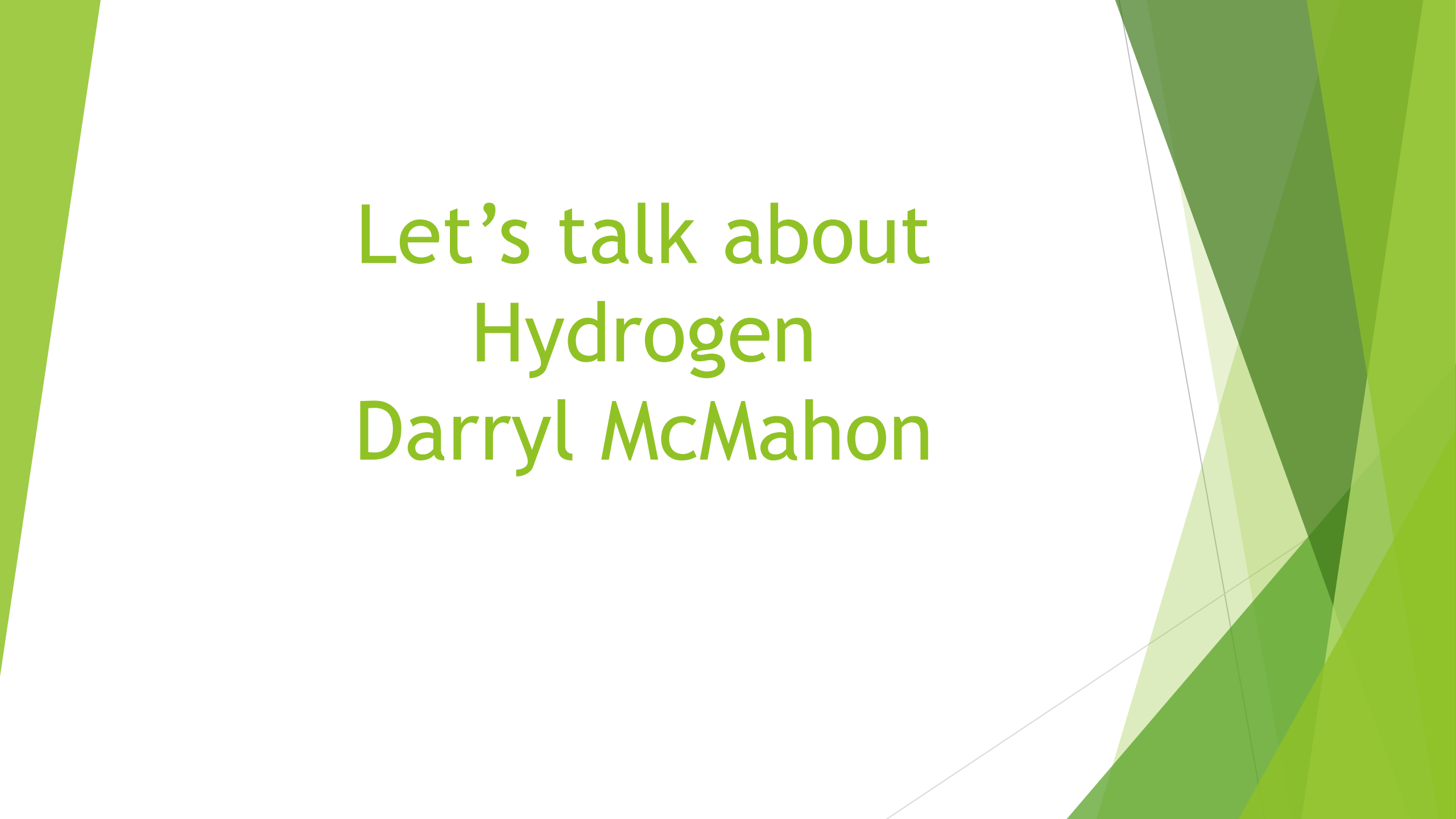
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# How much can you receive?

- ▶ NRCan's contribution through this Program will be limited to fifty percent (50%) of Total Project Costs up to a **maximum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per project.**
- ▶ The maximum funding per type of infrastructure is as follows:

Type of Infrastructure	Output	Maximum Funding
Level 2 (208 / 240 V) connectors	3.3kW to 19.2kW	Up to 50% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$5,000 per connector *
Fast charger	20kW to 49kW	Up to 50% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$15,000 per charger
Fast charger	50kW to 99Kw	Up to 50% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$50,000 per charger
Fast charger	100 kW and above	Up to 50% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$75,000 per charger
Hydrogen refuelling station	Dispensing at 700 bar minimum	Up to 50% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per site

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Let's talk about  
Hydrogen  
Darryl McMahon

# EV News - March 2021

# Summary

- ▶ VW/Audi to halt Combustion Engine Development
- ▶ Volvo and Mini All-Electric
- ▶ VW Power Day - EV Sales Projections
- ▶ Kia EV6/Hyundai Ioniq 5
- ▶ Canoo Electric Pickup



# VW and Audi Ceasing Development of New Engines

- ▶ Europe: 70% of sales to be electric by 2030
- ▶ US: 50% by 2030
- ▶ Existing models will utilize existing engines, and offer plug-in hybrid powertrains with up to 100 km range
- ▶ Future products to be offered with fixed hardware, and features to be enabled through software
- ▶ Anticipating new upcoming Euro 7 emissions standards “scenario that makes it almost impossible to still register internal combustion engines after 2025”

# Mini and Volvo to become All-Electric

## ▶ Mini

- ▶ Plan to only sell pure electric cars from 2030 onwards.
- ▶ Last model with engine will be released in 2025

## ▶ Volvo

- ▶ Will only offer vehicles with pure electric powertrains in 2030
- ▶ Phase out every model with an engine
- ▶ Selling models exclusively online, using pre-configured vehicles to accelerate ordering and production



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# Volkswagen Power Day

- ▶ New, uniform battery cells, with different cell chemistries to accommodate different vehicle needs
- ▶ Reducing costs by 30%, and up to 50% for smaller vehicles, with recyclability of 95%.
- ▶ High-performance battery cells being developed for Porsche and Audi brands using silicone-based anodes instead of graphite.
- ▶ VW Group alone will need 240 GWh of cells by 2030; constructing 6 factories producing 40 GWh of cell annually (partnered with Northvolt on 3 plants already under construction)
- ▶ Co-operation with BP, Iberdrola and Enel on installing 18,000 fast chargers in Europe. Ionity network will also grow, with new stations having at least 6 and up to 12 350 kW charging stations
- ▶ 3,500 fast chargers in North America by the end of 2021.
- ▶ Plans for vehicles to integrate with private, business and public energy systems, including buffering solar power for later consumption in households, or operating vehicle batteries within the existing grid.

# Kia EV6 and Hyundai Ioniq 5

- ▶ 58 or 73 kWh battery packs (North America likely getting only larger battery)
- ▶ Rear or AWD
- ▶ 800-volt charging enabling 10-80% charge in 18 minutes
- ▶ Likely 40,000-45,000 USD starting price (Special Edition MSRP of ~\$63,000)
- ▶ Likely range of 400-500 km depending on season



# Canoo Electric Pickup



- ▶ Designed as the anti-Cybertruck
- ▶ Bubbly design, with multiple utility functions
  - ▶ Extendable truck bed to move from 6 feet to 8 feet
  - ▶ Fold-out side table from truck bed
  - ▶ Modular bed dividers
  - ▶ Front frunk folds out, with multiple outlets and a workbench
  - ▶ Roof rack for carrying additional payload
- ▶ Design is mostly steel, so will likely cost close to/less than competition

# Meet Ottawa's New eBuses!

**Michael Banks**  
Vice-President, EVCO

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# Overview

- ▶ We did it!! (But the work is not done!)
- ▶ Albuquerque, a cautionary tale (& ammo for detractors)
- ▶ A change in course for the City of Ottawa (thanks to us!)
- ▶ Meet the new buses!
- ▶ Made in Canada for Canadian weather
- ▶ Charging Specs
- ▶ Bus Specs
- ▶ How do they stack up?

# We Did It!!





# ...but the work continues

- ▶ eBuses are now seen as a “critical” part of the city’s climate change initiatives
- ▶ “Moving from diesel to electric is instrumental in meeting our carbon emission goals,” Watson said Thursday March 4th
- ▶ City needs to commit to making 2021 the last year for new diesel buses in Ottawa

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## SUCCESS! A GREAT BEGINNING...

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The people have spoken, and our leaders are listening.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities recently announced funding for 4 new battery-electric buses:

### News release

### Ottawa to purchase new electric buses

From: [Infrastructure Canada](#)

# A Cautionary Tale for eBus Supporters: Albuquerque NM

- ▶ Contracted BYD in 2016 for 18 all-electric buses.
- ▶ Buses arrived starting in 2017 & had immediate issues
  - ▶ Could not meet stated range
  - ▶ Poor build quality with battery overheating, exposed wires, faulty brakes, defective charging system.
- ▶ Project was canceled after just months and the city sued BYD.
- ▶ Settled in May 2019 (and never paid BYD).
- ▶ August 2020 city contracted Proterra for a new bus fleet.
- ▶ Albuquerque is a unique case study.

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# A Change in Course for the City of Ottawa (thanks to us!)

- ▶ OC Transpo 2020 Business plan, “Alternative Fuels Program for OC Transpo Fleet” was 8th on the list of priorities
- ▶ In the 2021 Business plan, “Battery-Electric Bus Project” is 2nd on the list of Top 10 Key Priorities for this year after “Operational Response to COVID-19”.



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# Meet The New Buses!

- ▶ First battery-electric Xcelsior series of buses was launched by New Flyer in 2009
- ▶ New Flyer eBuses have been in service for over a decade now in a number of cities across North America
- ▶ Latest and current version is the NG which launched this year.
- ▶ Previous version of Xcelsior is already in service in Toronto with the TTC (pictured).



# Made In Canada, For Canadian Weather.

- ▶ Chicago was the first cold-weather US city to begin switching to ebuses, the bus they chose was the New Flyer Xcelsior for it's ability to handle harsh winters.
- ▶ Estimated maintenance savings at \$10,000 per year per vehicle - before counting fuel savings.



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# Charging Specs

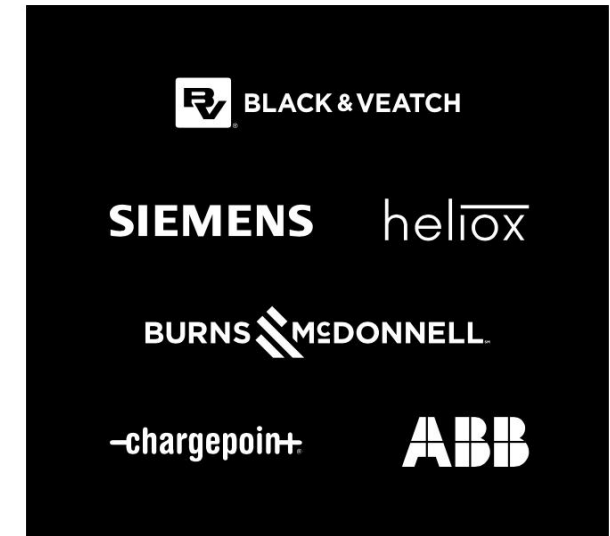
- Buses are charger agnostic - they use industry standards and are compatible with all heavy-duty vehicle chargers including plug-in (CCS) and overhead DCFC.
- Depot charge to full in 3.8 hours (using CCS) for the largest, 525 kWh pack.
- Overhead DCFC capability (en route charging) means buses could stay in service 24/7.

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## Partnership programs.

**New Flyer Infrastructure Solutions™** currently has partnership programs with leading firms including Black & Veatch, ABB, ChargePoint, Burns & McDonnell, Siemens, and Heliox and will continue to grow its key partner network over time to ensure the best value for customers.



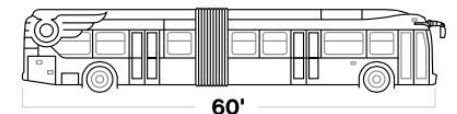
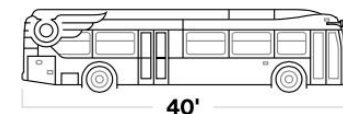
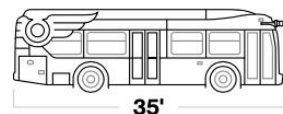
# Bus Specs

- ▶ Available in all sizes currently used by OC Transpo
- ▶ The four new eBuses for OC Transpo will be 40' buses
- ▶ Battery capacities range from 160kWh (280km) to 525kWh (404km)
- ▶ Capacity 83 people:
  - ▶ 40 seated
  - ▶ 43 standing



**Xcelsior CHARGE NG™ is New Flyer's next generation battery-electric, zero-emission bus. It is lighter, simpler, has longer range with better energy recovery and is smart city capable – making it the most advanced electric bus on the market.**

**Available in 3 Lengths**



# Direct Comparison to Alternatives

- ▶ Xcelsior Charge NG is second-lightest bus (when comparing base models)
- ▶ Top speed is deliberately limited for all buses
- ▶ eBus version is very competitive with incumbent and alternate fuel variants and can be a drop-in replacement for existing Diesel buses.



**Xcelsior CHARGE NG™**

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**Xcelsior CHARGE H2™**

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**Xcelsior Trolley**

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**Xcelsior Hybrid**

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**Xcelsior Diesel**

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## 40' Model Comparison

	Top Speed	Power Peak	Range	Fuel economy (mpg) or range (in KW / km)	Curb Weight
Xcelsior CHARGE NG™	65 mph (105 km/h)	160kW base/210kW opt	251 miles (403 km)	–	28,850 lb (13,086 kg)
Xcelsior CHARGE H2™	65 mph (105 km/h)	160kW base/210kW opt	350 miles (563 km)	–	32,250 lb (14,628 kg)
Xcelsior®	65mph (105 km/h)	–	350-400 miles (563-644 km)	–	29,600 lb (13,426 kg)
Xcelsior Trolley	45 mph (72 km/h)	500kW	9-16 miles (15-25 km) off-wire	–	30,500 lb (13,835 kg)
Xcelsior Hybrid	65 mph (105 km/h)	–	557 miles (896 km)	Up to 5.77 mpg	29,100 lb (13,200 kg)
Xcelsior Diesel	65 mph (105 km/h)	–	475 miles (764 km)	Up to 4.77mpg	27,750 lb (12,587 kg)



# Conclusions

- ▶ The city made an excellent choice!
- ▶ eBuses work and have worked for over a decade now in similar conditions to Ottawa
- ▶ eBuses have comparable range to existing and other alternative buses
- ▶ They are not significantly heavier and have no compromises when compared to other buses
- ▶ They come in multiple sizes suitable for OC Transpo's current and future needs.
- ▶ They are charger agnostic and capable of both AC and DC fast charging using industry standards.
- ▶ The current pathfinding buses should set the city up for success in a quick transition to all-electric buses.

See [www.plugincanada.ca](http://www.plugincanada.ca) for more info

# Past Events

Reaching outside the bubble!

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# VIRTUAL GREEN DRINKS MARCH 11, 2021 A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HEAT PUMPS



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Ottawa-Renewable-Green-Energy-Meetup



# Upcoming Events

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# Upcoming Events - regular

April 15 - Green Drinks

Virtual via Zoom

<http://bit.ly/GDOTTApr2021>

April 26 - Next EVCO meeting

# VIRTUAL GREEN DRINKS APRIL 15, 2021 ORGANIZATIONS WITH IMPACT

Join Us  
On Zoom



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Founder,  
The Good Choice Initiative



Kathryn Norman  
Program & Communication  
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Kathleen O'Hara  
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# Upcoming Events

▶ March 31<sup>st</sup> -

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# Presentations

- ▶ If you would like to present at a future meeting:
  - ▶ Send me e-mail, I will send you the template
  - ▶ Provide your slides by the Sunday before the meeting
  - ▶ I will integrate into overall presentation



# Roundtable!!

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