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Via email: iec@toronto.ca

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto
55 John Street, 2nd Floor
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Subject: Toronto's Electric Vehicle Strategy

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of our membership which includes companies involved in the manufacture, sale and servicing of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and Plug-In-Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs) across Canada, as well as suppliers of electric vehicle charging equipment, electric utilities and research organizations. Our mission is to strategically accelerate the transition to electric mobility in all modes of transportation.

We are pleased that the City of Toronto is taking important leadership in sustainable transportation by developing Toronto's Electric Vehicle Strategy which includes 10 broad actions aimed at accelerating the transition towards zero-emission vehicles. We also note that Toronto declared a climate emergency in October 2019 and committed to a goal of net zero emissions by 2050.

A recent report from the Toronto Atmospheric Fund shows that transportation accounts for 38% of Toronto's total carbon emissions. This is much higher than the national average and a clear indication that the electrification of transportation in large urban areas is vital to meeting international, national and sub-national targets to combat climate change. Given the recent swell of public support for climate change actions, we think it is important to seek every possibility to accelerate progress on the electrification of transportation.

We therefore urge your committee to not only adopt the measures proposed in the strategy report but also examine every possibility to advance the timelines proposed for the implementation of these measures and to position Toronto as a leading city in efforts to support electric transportation programs.

May I also take this opportunity to invite the City to send delegates to our 11th annual national conference taking place in Mississauga April 28 to 30, 2020. See <https://emc-mec.ca/ev2020ve/> for more information on our EV2020VÉ conference. I would also like to invite Toronto to compete for our second Annual Municipal Electric Award which will be presented during our conference. Information on the award program is attached.

Yours sincerely,



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