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Council Policy

City Owned Electric Vehicle Chargers

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Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide for the intent and guiding principles of the City of Grand Forks' Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers.

Scope

This Policy applies to all City owned EV Chargers available for use by the public. City owned EV Chargers may also be installed at City facilities for City fleet use; however, those are excluded from this Policy.

Policy Statements

Objectives

The intent of City owned EV Chargers is to provide charging opportunities for the public, primarily to entice economic growth for the business community, and secondly as a support service for recreational activities.

Locations

To support these Objectives, City owned EV Chargers should be located in the following locations as long as the EV Chargers can be reasonably connected to the City's electrical utility infrastructure:

1. Downtown business core
2. Close to recreational facilities
3. Other locations as determined through a business case and approved by Council

Guiding Principles - User Fees

The City will set and collect fees to ensure the following Guiding Principles are met:

1. No price competition with private businesses – this will ensure that the user fee per hour for City owned EV chargers will at least be the same amount as the user fee per hour for businesses for the same type of charger
2. Managing an increasing EV Charging demand and limiting length of charging sessions – charging fees encourages EV drivers to move their vehicles once charging is complete
3. Provide charging to the general public in a fair and equitably way
4. Reduce range anxiety for current and prospective EV drivers – fees help to ensure that stations are available for EV drivers that require a charge to complete their travels

Resolutions and Amendments

20 July 2020 – R166/20/07/20 – Council Policy 1301 Established