

Gord Hayes

From: TRANS Minister <transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 9:54 AM
To: 'ghayes01@shaw.ca'
Cc: Corinna Mulyk
Subject: Electric Vehicle Adoption Proposal in Alberta

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Premier Rachel Notley forwarded your email regarding potential program, policy, and investment initiatives linked to the Climate Leadership Plan. As Ministerial Assistant to Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Alberta Transportation, I am able to provide the following information.

I would like to thank you for work you submitted detailing a range of investment, regulatory, and consumer rebate options that could help contribute to a greater usage of electric vehicles in Alberta. Electric vehicles, when aligned with clean energy generation, offer one means of lowering greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air contaminants. Recognizing this, the Government of Alberta has committed to closing 12 of Alberta's 18 coal power generation facilities by 2030. A transition to clean electricity generation is first required in order to realize emission reduction benefits of electric vehicles, as electric vehicles running on coal-generated electricity operate at a higher carbon footprint than some conventional vehicles and hybrids.

As for your specific proposals, under the Climate Leadership Plan, the Government of Alberta has allocated \$2.2 billion to support green infrastructure and \$645 million to support energy efficiency programs over the next five years as part of its 2016-19 Fiscal Plan. Alberta Transportation, working with the Alberta Climate Change Office, is investigating and evaluating options for investing these funds responsibly and sustainably.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I will forward your submission to staff for their consideration. I encourage you to contact Ms. Corinna Mulyk, Director of Strategic Policy, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-415-9961, or at corinna.mulyk@gov.ab.ca, to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honourable Rachel Notley
Premier of Alberta

Corinna. Mulyk, Director of Strategic Policy

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