

The Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce operate the Parksville Visitor Centre located at 1275 E Island Hwy, just off Exit 46 at the Entrance to Parksville and the surrounding Regions of Areas E,F & G.

As the move to reduce Green House Gas Emissions accelerates; the operation of Electric Vehicles becomes a more common occurrence than the rarity it was 5 years ago. In order to further support Electric Vehicles in our community it is necessary to provide the infrastructure required to sustain and operate them.

The vast majority of electric car charging happens at home or at work, and in British Columbia 95% of all car trips in BC's urban areas are less than 30km, well within the range of a typical electric car. As the use of Electric Vehicles increases in rural areas and for vacations public charging infrastructure is needed to allow people to top up while they go about their daily errands, to support longer road trips, and to provide peace of mind for drivers, should they need those extra kms.

Parksville is ideally located as people move about the Island in Electric Vehicles. Most Electric Vehicles can travel from Victoria to Parksville on a single charge, but need to recharge in Parksville to go any further. People stopping for a charge will be required to stay in the region while their vehicle is charging. For many using a Level 2 Charging Station the stay will be four to six hours.

The Parksville Visitor Centre is on a transit route and It is our intention to make other active transportation systems available such as bicycles to allow Electric Vehicle travellers to move about the community, shopping, sightseeing and contributing to our economy.