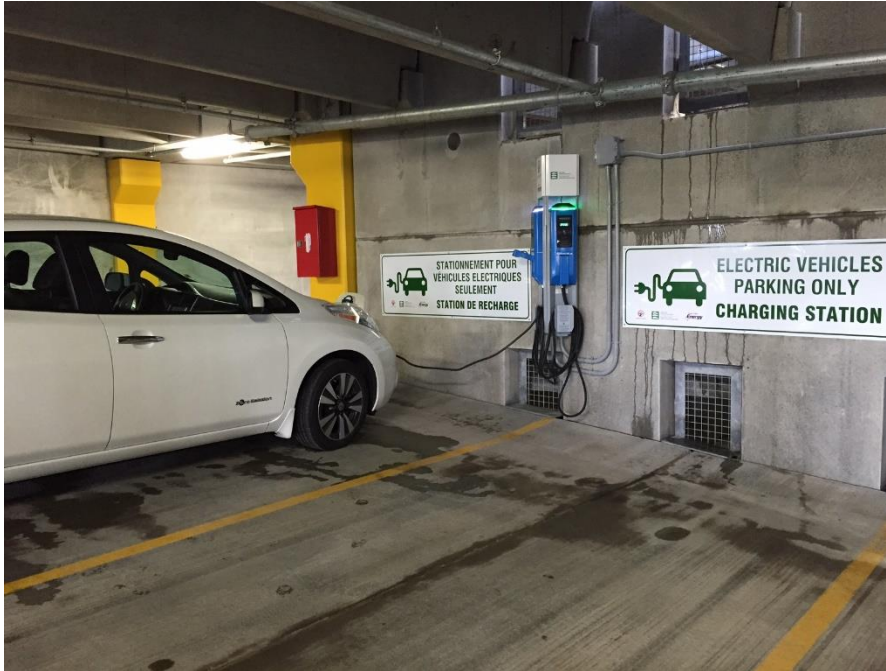


“Charge Up” at the Peel Plaza Parking Facility

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Drivers of electric vehicles can now “charge up” at one of two electric vehicle charging stations recently installed at the Peel Plaza Parking Facility.

The charging stations are the result of a partnership between Saint John Energy, the Saint John Parking Commission (SJPC) and The City of Saint John.

“At Saint John Energy, we are focused on environmental, social and economic sustainability. We were pleased to partner with the Parking Commission to provide a service that is becoming more in demand as drivers turn to electric vehicles,” says Darin Lamont, Manager Engineering.

Costs for the infrastructure purchase and install for the \$16,000 stations were shared between the two commissions.

“The Peel Plaza Parking Facility is a state of the art facility and the first of our facilities to offer the convenience of charging stations,” says Charles Bryant SJPC Board Member. “It’s also been designed so we can expand when we need to.”

The two J1772 plugs are located on the inside wall just around the first corner after entering from Carleton St. The City’s Energy Manager Samir Yammine worked with the partners to determine

the technology in accordance with the City's sustainable energy management goals and mission to reduce GHG emissions and increase awareness in the community about clean energy.

The cost to charge a car is \$1 per hour plus the cost of parking. Drivers must have a VERnetwork card. The stations are internet connected. Users will have the option to use their mobile devices to check the availability of the charging stations at Peel Plaza. Those using the stations will also have the ability to link their accounts to other charging stations across the country.

About Saint John Energy

Saint John Energy provides reliable services and competitive rates to more than 36,500 local customers through 13 substations spanning 316 square kilometers. Saint John Energy also provides street lighting, area lighting and more 20,000 water heater rentals. Toward our mission of excellence in energy solutions, we deliver value to our customers through our commitment to environmental, social and economic sustainability.

About the Saint John Parking Commission

The Saint John Parking Commission is responsible for researching, planning, acquiring, building and maintaining parking facilities on behalf of the City of Saint John This includes approximately 2200 spaces located in over 30 surface parking lots, 750 metered parking spaces and an additional 1650 parking spaces in three centrally located parking garages situated throughout the uptown area.