

Hillary, Point Well Taken
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I was very pleased to read Hillary Mueller's article, "First-hand EV owner's Experience" in the February 28th edition of the Inverness Oran because she brings attention to the various issues pertaining to EVs. I am also wondering how many other EV owners have written to those responsible for providing the essential infrastructure that EV owners need and If not, why not?

The public needs a great deal more charging stations, especially in rural areas and between towns and cities all across Canada. The time it takes to charge an EV is what everyone is concerned about, so we, the public, need to be pushing for and/or demanding more common sense solutions. Every single one of these charging stations should be level 2 or 3 and they should all function without the consumer having to have an 'app' in order to access their service. The requirement to have an 'app' is a HUGE waste of everyone's time and effort and it needs to be eliminated. Everyone should be able to pay with a credit card without having to use an 'app' and every one of these charging stations should be operational 24/7. There should be numerous charging units at every station and they should have services like restaurants with high speed internet available so the EV owners are not wasting their time while the vehicle is being charged. Yes, playgrounds to entertain the kids and a dog park to walk their pets would also be what I call "Two-eyed Seeing" or 'intelligent design'. EVs are a move in a positive direction to reduce greenhouse gases but there are many other solutions and we need to push for the ones that will reduce greenhouse gases in the quickest, least harmful and most socially appropriate way possible.

Why is there such a shortage of EVs here in the Atlantic provinces while B.C., Ontario and Quebec have a much greater supply and choice of all the various makers and models of EVs?

A reminder that our world is pushing the planet's thermostat beyond safe levels came out this past week when Simon Stiell, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change said "the next two years are "essential in saving our planet" and yes, we have seen yet another increase in the CO2 levels this past year. Every single one of us contributed to this but now we all need to be part of the solution.

In my opinion, the political 'leaders' of our society have NOT taken climate change seriously enough and the future course we are presently heading for is not a pleasant one. We all need to wake up!!