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Lakeland EV Charging Network Set to Double: Transforming EV Travel Across Central Ontario

Bracebridge, ON – May 31, 2025 - Drivers, start your engines — or rather, charge your batteries! This summer, planning an electric vehicle (EV) road trip to Muskoka and Parry Sound will be as smooth as a sunset lake cruise. Thanks to the completion of Phase I of Lakeland's fast, locally-owned EV charging network—and a new partnership with ChargeHub—EV drivers can now hit the road worry-free, knowing reliable public charging is available and easy to plan.

From scenic highways to small-town main streets, Lakeland's network of 16 fast charging stations with 58 ports is here to keep drivers moving — and there's more good news — Lakeland EV Charging is set to double in size!

Through the support of Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) to Bracebridge Generation Ltd. and Ontario's EV ChargeON program, Lakeland is expanding its public network to include **17 new sites across central Ontario, bringing the total to 33 stations by Fall 2026**. The expansion will add 50 new chargers, including 26 dual-port DC fast chargers (DCFC) at 180kW (charging 100km in 10 minutes, on average).

"The Government of Canada is ensuring that Canadians have reliable and readily available charging options, wherever they go. We are pleased to invest in building EV charging stations for drivers in Ontario and across Canada as they explore our great country," said the Honourable Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources.

"Increasing access to EV chargers outside large urban centres fills gaps in local charging infrastructure and reduces range anxiety," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ontario's Minister of Transportation. "Through the EV ChargeON Community Sites Stream Program, our government has approved 270 projects to date, including this one by Lakeland EV Charging, demonstrating our commitment to protect Ontario by transforming the province into a global clean energy superpower."

Along with Lakeland's app, to make planning even more seamless, Lakeland EV Charging has joined the ChargeHub Passport Hub, Canada's largest EV charging network. This integration means drivers can now easily locate and access Lakeland EV chargers using the ChargeHub app, which connects users to thousands of charging stations across Canada.



Phase II funding announcement at Lakeland's Electric Vehicle & Charging Event on May 31st, Bracebridge, Ont., (I to r) Peter Ewald, Director Lakeland EV Charging, Chris Litschko, CEO Lakeland Holding, Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound - Muskoka, Vince Kulchycki, COO Lakeland Holding.



Director of Lakeland EV Charging, Peter Ewald, is thrilled with these latest developments and exclaimed "here we go! Now people can thoroughly enjoy exploring this beautiful part of Ontario we call home in the perfect way... with their EV's!" He added "now EV drivers can confidently make their summer travel plans to the Muskoka / Parry Sound area, and next year more broadly throughout central Ontario, knowing they can count on fast, reliable, and easy to locate charging. With our head office in Bracebridge, Ontario, our local technicians ensure regular upkeep and are rapidly deployed for service support."

Whether you're a local, a cottager, or just passing through, Lakeland EV Charging is ready to power your journey. Download the Lakeland EV Charging App from the Apple Store or Google Play, or visit <u>www.lakelandevcharging.ca</u> to learn more.

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About Lakeland Solutions/ EV Charging

Lakeland Solutions is an arm of Lakeland Generation dedicated to furthering energy innovation and transforming the way power is utilized. One of these initiatives is the building and maintenance of the Lakeland EV CHARGING Public Network. The first phase of this network covers from Bracebridge, north of Huntsville to Burk's Falls, and across the Almaguin Highlands to Parry Sound - and much more to come. The business's mission is to provide the fastest and most reliable EV charger network in the region. With the head office in Bracebridge, Ontario our local technicians are rapidly deployed for service support. And the Lakeland EV Charging App provides up-to-date information that can be counted on for charger availability, options and price.

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Drivers, start your engines — or rather, your batteries! This summer, planning an electric vehicle road trip to Muskoka and Parry Sound just got a whole lot easier. Thanks to the fast, reliable, and locally owned Lakeland EV Charging Network, EV drivers can now hit the road worry-free, knowing that public charging is ready and waiting across cottage country.

From scenic highways to small-town main streets, Lakeland's network of 16 fast charging stations_with 58 ports is here to keep drivers moving — and there's more good news just around the corner: Lakeland EV Charging is about to double in size.

With the support of Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) and Ontario's ChargeON initiative, Lakeland is expanding its public network to include 17 new sites across Central Ontario, bringing the total to 33 stations by Fall 2026. The expansion will add 50 new chargers, including 26 dual-port DC fast chargers (DCFC) at 180kW.

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And now even easier trip planning with ChargeHub integration!

To make planning even more seamless, Lakeland EV Charging has joined the ChargeHub Passport Hub, Canada's largest interoperable EV charging network.

This integration means drivers can now easily locate and access Lakeland chargers using the ChargeHub app, which connects users to thousands of charging stations across Canada — all from one place.

Director of Lakeland EV Charging, Peter Ewald, is thrilled with these latest developments and exclaimed "Here we go! Now people can thoroughly enjoy this beautiful part of Ontario we call home, exploring it in the perfect way... with their EV's!" He added "Now EV drivers can easily and confidently make their summer travel plans to the Muskoka / Parry Sound area, and next year more broadly throughout Central Ontario, knowing they can count on fast and reliable charging. The current network features 180kW Fast Chargers that on average can charge 100km in 10mins, plus, with our head office in Bracebridge, Ontario, our local technicians ensure regular upkeep and are rapidly deployed for service support."

For the most seamless experience, download the App to access all real time Charger information. Whether you're a local, a cottager, or just passing through, Lakeland EV Charging is ready to power your journey. Download the Lakeland EV Charging App from the Apple Store or Google Play, or visit



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