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Lakeland EV Charging Secures New Federal Funding to Expand Public Fast-Charging Network Across Central Ontario

*New investment supports **26** additional Level 3 fast-charging ports across new station locations, bringing Lakeland's public network to **37 stations** throughout a broader stretch of Central Ontario.*

[Bracebridge, ON] Lakeland EV Charging is welcoming new federal support through Natural Resources Canada's Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP). The funding will help extend its network from the Muskoka/Parry Sound area farther across Central Ontario—supporting commuters, cottagers and travellers.

Bracebridge Generation Ltd., operating as Lakeland EV Charging, will receive **\$1,950,000** to support the expansion, with construction expected to wrap up by late 2027. Building on earlier phases in Muskoka and Parry Sound, the nine new station locations will extend the network into more communities—helping more drivers top up closer to where they're headed. One example is the expanded east corridor, with new locations planned in **Haliburton** and **Barry's Bay**.

With more chargers in more places, drivers can travel between the welcoming small towns and destination communities across the central portion of the province with confidence—supporting local main streets, regional tourism and day trips—while helping Canada shift to cleaner transportation.

"This funding will help us move closer to our goal of offering simple, dependable, and community-oriented EV travel throughout Central Ontario," said **Peter Ewald**, Director of Lakeland EV Charging.

The funding news was shared at the **EV & Charging Expo** in Toronto, where **Karim Bardeesy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry**, announced the new round of support. "We are investing in EV chargers where Canadians need them most, making it easier for drivers to get to where they live, work and play. This is how we build a strong and climate-competitive future," he said.

Lakeland EV Charging showcased its growing network—and the region's readiness for an electric future—at the EV Expo. Mr. Bardeesy stopped by the booth and even pulled on one of Lakeland's signature "Muskoka Dinner Jackets", a nod to the region the network was built to serve.



Photo: Karim Bardeesy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry (fourth from left), visits the Lakeland EV Charging booth at the EV & Charging Expo, alongside Madeleine Chenette, MP (third from left), Chris Litschko, CEO, Lakeland Holding Ltd. (second from left), and Peter Ewald, Director, Lakeland EV Charging (fifth from left).

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About Lakeland EV Charging

Lakeland EV Charging is the electric vehicle charging brand of Lakeland Solutions, an energy-innovation team within Bracebridge Generation Ltd. Lakeland Solutions works to transform how energy is generated, managed and used across Central Ontario.

Lakeland EV Charging is building and maintains a fast, reliable public EV charging network across Central Ontario. With head office and local technician support based in Bracebridge, Ont., and the Lakeland EV Charging app providing up-to-date availability and pricing, Lakeland helps drivers charge with confidence. The network is designed for dependable uptime, straightforward access and convenient locations near local points of interest.

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