Installing an Electric Vehicle Charging Station in your Strata…

Understanding Electrical Requirements
Service Division
Agenda

- Houle Electric
- Introduction
- Safety & Regulations
- How To Get Started
- What To Plan
- What To Do Next
- What To Purchase
- Q & A
Basic Types of EV Chargers:

- Level 1……15A 120V
- Level 2……32A to 80A Max 208/240V
- DC Fast Charge
- Tesla Wall Connector
- Houle Is A Qualified Tesla Installer
Introduction

- Level 1
  - 120V 12.5A
  - You Can Use A Typical 15A Wall Socket
  - Charging Time......3 To 8 Km Per Hour Of Charge Time Depending On Vehicle.
  - Relative Ease Of Installation.
  - Charger Is Portable And Can Be Plugged In Almost Anywhere.
Introduction

- **Level 2**
  - Typically 208/240V
  - 32A To 80A Maximum
  - 32A Charging Time……16 – 20 Km Per Hour Of Charge Time Depending On Vehicle
  - 80A Charging Time……64 – 77 Km Per Hour Of Charge Time.
  - Typically Hard Wired, But Can Come As A Plug In Model.
Introduction

- DC Fast Charge
  - Some Refer To It As Level 3.
  - Typically Gas Pump Sized.
  - Can Be Found On Highways, Shopping Malls Etc.
  - Can Charge An Electric Vehicle To 80% Of It’s Capacity In 30 Minutes
  - Hard Wired.
Introduction

- **Tesla**
  - 15A Up To 100A
  - Charging Times Per Hour Of Charge Time 8 To 11K For 15A, 72 to 84 For 100A.
  - Typically Hard Wired But Does Have Plug In Models.
- **Something To Note:**
  - A Tesla Vehicle Comes With Adapters For Use With A Standard Charger But Vehicles Other Than A Tesla Can Not Use A Tesla Wall Connector.
  - Sun Country Now Has A Model Out That Tesla Vehicles Can Use.
With Safety In Mind

- Always Use A Qualified Electrician.
- Provide A Location Where The Charging Cord Will Not Be A Tripping Hazard Or Use A Cord Management System.
- Always Keep Equipment In Good Operating Condition.
- Use The Right Equipment For The Right Job
The Canadian Electrical Code Requires That All EV Chargers Be Included In A Building Load Calculation At 100%.

- This May Require Your Electrician To Provide A Load Calculation To The Safety Authority For final Approval.
- This Will Limit The Total Number Of EV Chargers That Can Be Installed In Your Building.
How To Get Started

- Do Your Contractor A Huge Favor
- Check, Make Sure Everyone On The Board Is On Board.
How To Get Started

- Check To See If You Have Any Electrical Plans Onsite.
How To Get Started

- Plans Often Contain Information That Can Be Used For Load Calculations
- Plans Can Often Be Found At Your Local Building Department.
- An Engineer Can Be Hired To Provide Load Calculations.
- A Good Electrical Company May Also Be Able To Help You With This
After A Load Calculation.

- Is The Main Service Large Enough For The Extra Load?
- Is There A Sub Panel Large Enough For The Extra Load?
- Changing A Panel Is Costly But Not Prohibitive
- Increasing The Capacity Of An Existing Electrical Service Generally Not Feasible Due To The Prohibitive Cost.
Typical Main Service And Panel
Work With Your Strata Owners.

- Determine How Many EV Chargers You Would Like To Have Installed.
- Determine Your Preferred Parking Spot Locations – Confer With Your Local Bylaws.
- Decide Who Will Be Paying For Consumption And What Does That Look Like.
- Apply For Your MURB Grant.
- Choose The Best Electrical Company In Your Area.
Determine How Many EV Chargers.

- 1 to 5 Units Probably Not a Problem for the Average Service Size.
- The Average Condo Building May Have at Least 200A of Spare Capacity.
- Increasing the Capacity of an Existing Electrical Service Generally Not Feasible Due to the Prohibitive Cost Involved.
Determine Parking Spot Locations.

- Best To Group Multiple Units Together.
- Best To Provide EV Charging Spaces That Are Closest To The Electrical Room.
- Best To Choose A Place Where The EV Charge Can Be Mounted Against A Wall or Column.
- Pedestal Units Installed Away From The Wall May Require Civil Work.
- The Least Coring The Better!!!!
What are Typically the Biggest Expenses When Installing the first Charging Station?

- Panel Upgrades & Electrical Engineering.
- Coring And Scanning.
- Long Runs Of Conduit To Stalls.
- Stalls In Multiple Locations.
- Installing Pedestals With Civil Work.
- EV Charging Equipment.
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Apply For Your MURB Grant

Submit Your Application here:
pluginbc.ca/charging-program/murb/
- Simplest.....Flat Rate.
  - Decide How Much You Will Charge Each EV Charger User Per Month.
  - Challenge, Not Everyone's Consumption Would Be Equal IE: Tesla Vs Leaf, Local Driving Vs Long Distance Driving.
  - Remind Your Members That They Are Not Just Paying For Electricity But Also For Infrastructure
  - NOTE: To Qualify For The MURB Rebate You Will Have to Add A Revenue Meter Or The Equipment Must Be Able To Collect Data.
Usage Charges

- Install A Revenue Grade Meter
Install A Revenue Grade Meter

- To Charge Directly For Consumption This Meter Would Have To Be Associated With A BC Hydro Account.
- Hydro Power Can Only Be Sold By A Utility
- BC Hydro Would Have To Approve Additional Meter Or Meters For The Building.
- Same As Flat Rate The Resulting Monthly Bill Could Then Be Divided Up Amongst The Users.
The Number Of Meters Would Most Likely Be Limited.

Finding A Location For The Meter Can Be Tricky, Most Electrical Rooms Are Quite Full.

BC Hydro Meters Have A Monthly Rental Charge.

NOTE: Using An Empty Space In A Existing Meter Stack Is Possible.
Install A Power Monitoring Device.
- Install A Power Monitoring Device.
  - Relative Low Cost And Simple Installation.
  - Can Be Wireless But Would Require Internet Connection. Can Be Cloud Based.
  - Can Monitor Consumption But Does Not Track User ID. Some Suppliers Include Free Monitoring Administration Would Be Required.
  - Direct Charge For Power Consumption Would Be Based On Time Used. For Example So Much Per Hour, So Much Per Day, So Much Per Month Etc.
- Install A Kiosk
Install A Kiosk

- Initial Higher Cost To Purchase.
- Would Require Internet Connection And Is Cloud Based.
- Can Monitor Consumption And Track User Using A Smart Phone, Credit Card, RFID Fob Etc.
- Administration Would Be Included With A Fee.
- Billing Would Be Automated.
- Charges Would Be Based On Usage Of Space Or Time, And Again Not On Power Used.
Options

- Pedestal Vs Wall Mount.
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- Can Be Used With Any Type Of EV Charger.
- Required When Charger Can Not Be Located On A Wall Or Column.
- One Pedestal Can Be Equipped With Two Chargers.
- Would Most Likely Require Civil Work Which Can Be Expensive.
Options

- Optional Equipment
- Cord Management
- Longer Cords
- Holsters
- Key Locks, Digital Locks
- **Load Sharing**
  - Some manufactures have equipment designed to load share. This means that if you don’t have capacity for multiply EV chargers. These chargers will share the load over multiple vehicles.

- **Signage.**
Final Thoughts

- Should I Invest Money Into An EV Charger That I May Not Use Personally!
  - DEFINITELY YES!
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  **ONE – YOU INCREASE YOUR PROPERTY VALUE**
Final Thoughts

- Should I Invest Money Into An EV Charger That I May Not Use Personally!
  - Two – Do Something Good For The Environment
Final Thoughts

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About Houle Electric

- Started in 1944
- 800+ employees today
- Multi-disciplined company
- Multiple branches throughout BC
- Award winning quality workmanship
- Safety a #1 priority
Our Market Focus

The Industrial Sector

Government Projects

P3’s

Institutions

Commercial Businesses

Residential
Province Wide Throughout BC

Kitimat
Prince George
Kamloops
Kelowna
Nanaimo
Vancouver
Victoria
Dockside Green
VRCA Silver Award

- Highest scoring LEED Platinum building in the world
- Houle Electric contributed to over half of the LEED points
A Multi-Disciplined Company

- Electrical Construction
- Security Systems
- Data Networks
- DDC Building Controls
- Power Quality
- 24 Hr Emergency Service
- Industrial Construction

Industry Leader Through Customer Choice
Safety Is Our #1 Priority

- Houle Occupational Health & Safety Program (*BCCSA Audit standards*)
- BCCSA COR Program Certificate
- VRCA Safety Award Winner
  *Ten Time Winner*
  *Large Contractor Category*
- 100+ Field Safety Representatives
Complete Electrical Services including:

- ✔ 24 hr Emergency Service
- ✔ System changes & upgrades
- ✔ Testing & troubleshooting
- ✔ Construction contracting & renovations
- ✔ BC Hydro Powersmart Alliance Member
  & fully managed lighting upgrades
- ✔ Preventive maintenance, repairs & inspections
Power Quality – Why Now?

- Ageing systems built for different uses.
- Greater sensitivity of devices & equipment to power quality variations.
- The interconnection of sensitive loads in extensive networks & automated processes.
- An increase in loads that use power electronics in some type of power conversion process.

Source: BC Hydro
Benefits of Preventive Maintenance

✓ Reducing power outages & business interruptions
✓ Reducing risks to life safety
✓ Protecting & extending equipment life
✓ Reducing arc flash & fire hazards
✓ Maximizing energy savings
✓ Simplifying electrical asset management
Insurance & Certifications

- Many Insurance Companies and Certifying Entities require proactive electrical preventive maintenance.
- We will provide you with the necessary compliance certificates.
Tools & Custom Solutions

- Infrared thermography
- Ultrasonic Testing
- Voltage & Current Diagnostics (Fluke 43B)
- High Voltage Maintenance
- Arc Flash Analysis
- Power metering & data logging
- Asset Management & Labeling
- Reporting & Documentation
What The Eye Can’t See

Hot Spot???

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- Advanced Tools & Techniques
- Minimal Notice Required
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