



Celebrating Municipal Excellence
2025 Nomination Form
Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Nominee Information	
Name of municipality leading project:	Town of Radisson
Additional municipalities included in nomination: <small>(please include the names of all partner municipalities)</small>	n/a
Contact Name:	Councillor Diane Rimmer
Contact role in project:	Councillor Diane Rimmer
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Name of Nominated Practice or Project:	Installation of EV Charging Stations
Date of Project or Practice Initiation:	May 2025
Date of Project or Practice Completion: <small>(if ongoing, please indicate)</small>	September 2025
	Ongoing: <input type="checkbox"/>

Nominator Contact Information (if different than above)	
Name:	Mayor and Council
Organization:	Town of Radisson
Position:	Councillor
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Please provide as much detail as possible. Winning practices are posted in the Best Practices Library as a reference or resource for others. Nominations that clearly outline the practice and all steps involved have a higher chance of being selected for an award.

The Practice

1. What issue inspired the nominated project or practice?

As a member of the only UNESCO site called the Redberry Biosphere, the Town of Radisson recently adopted a Sustainable Official Community Plan that aligns with the Redberry Biosphere Regional Sustainable Community Plan. Through a thorough community engagement process, and led by an eight-member Steering Committee, Radisson's new Sustainable Official Community Plan encourages the adoption of green technologies that will promote good stewardship with nature. In keeping with our new Sustainable Community Plan, Mayor and Council felt the addition of an electric vehicle charging station in Radisson would help reduce Green House Gas Emissions and promote greener transportation options.

2. What has this project or practice done to address the issue?

The goal of the project was to construct four Level 2 EV Chargers in the downtown core area. With funding assistance from Aviva Canada, the Town of Radisson hired contractors to install the EV Charging stations on Main Street right across from the Sesula Gem and Rock Shop. Our object is to build a stronger, more resilient, and greener community by offering clean electric charging options that will draw travellers off the four lane Highway 16 and into the downtown core area, prior to the 2025 tourist season.

The Process

This section should be the longest and most detailed part of your nomination. Include enough information, such as steps, resources accessed, and considerations to support a municipality interested in applying to a similar project or practice.

3. Indicate who had a direct role in this project or practice:

- Municipal Council
- Municipal Administration
- Other

Aviva Canada

4. What was the role of the municipal council and/or municipal staff in this project or practice?

Councillor Diane Rimmer was the push behind keeping the project top of mind for Council. When our first application was declined, Councillor Rimmer insisted that we try again. Her thought was that, being in the middle between two cities, - Saskatoon and North Battleford - Radisson was the perfect stopping spot for electric car drivers to fuel up. Council agreed and felt that an electric charging station offered a wonderful economic development opportunity for the downtown core business area. Travelers would come off the four-lane Highway 16 and into the downtown stores to shop while their vehicle was charging up which can take anywhere from 20 to 60 minutes. The Administrator gathered the quotes and support letters from various businesses around town and wrote the grant applications.

5. Were other groups were involved in developing this project or practice? If so, who were they and what role did they play?

Aviva Canada provided 100% funding to install four EV Chargers. Their Project Manager offered guidance on the amenities that were needed for an EV Charging station ie: nearby public washrooms 24/7, park to walk a pet, overhead lighting for public safety, access to nearby businesses to shop or stop for a meal. Aviva Canada guided the Town of Radisson into what was needed to make a successful second application.

6. What resources were involved?

Funding from Aviva Canada and support from Council;
Professional Grant Writing expertise from the Administrator;
An electrical contractor who was familiar with installation of EV Chargers;
A concrete contractor who could do the necessary concrete cuts and repairs;
IT Support and advice to do the software install and update and load the information on the website.

The Town of Radisson received overwhelming support from the downtown businesses for the EV Charger Station installation.

7. How was the project or practice developed?

Timeline for Project:

- May 20 - panel prep, cable measurement, trench prepping
- May 21 - OH mast install, meter base and service entry, panel replacement and labelling
- May 22 - trenching, pulling cables, backfilling
- June 2 - backfilling, install strut, pipe, pull feeds
- June 4 - installed EV Chargers, breakers, connected feeds
- June 5 - installed bollards, blocks, EV posts to pedestal, clean up
- June 11 - Software 1-year subscription
- June 13 - leveled EV chargers, cable management
- June 24 - Ordered Aviva Canada decals
- June 27- Connect to Internet - sent request to be on PlugShare (Can and American sites)
- July 28th - 1st Test - 1 EV Charger failed - all fees were incorrect
- August 5th - 2nd Test - 3 EV Chargers failed - fees were correct
- Between August 5th and 15th - IT Support and Electric Ave - performed trouble shooting - determined data cables needed to be run as antennas on EV Chargers were not picking up Wi-Fi signals
- August 15th - A to Z Electrical installed data cables
- August 15th - 3rd Test - all EV Chargers functioning properly!!
- August 26th - Install decals
- Grand Opening

The Results

8. What effect did this project or practice have on the community?

It brought the entire downtown business sector together in support of one project. The EV Chargers are bringing in travellers off the Highway and into the downtown core and shops, generating much needed economic activity year-round. Residents are beginning to talk more about electric vehicle travel and think more about using an electric vehicle for commuting to work in the city.

9. Was a formal evaluation done after the project or practice was completed? Please explain.

A formal evaluation was done upon project completion and the results reported to Council and the funder - Aviva Canada in our final report.

10. Describe any challenges faced.

The biggest challenges were two-fold. First, the Town of Radisson does not own an electric vehicle (nor do any residents) to test the EV Chargers to see if they were working so needed to borrow a vehicle from Wheaton GMC in Saskatoon which meant sending in a summer student to pick up, test, and drop back off. Because of the slow Internet speed at the time, (Radisson now has fibreoptics), the wireless connection between the shop and the antennae on the EV Chargers was not strong and consistent enough for steady operations. Therefore, often the EV Chargers did not work. Therefore, we had to hard wire in with data cables the Internet in order to provide strong enough signal for the software to operate. This took three return trips to the city to borrow Wheaton GMC's electric car for testing and a few extra months of time.

Lessons Learned

11. What lessons were learned and what would you recommend doing differently?

Make sure you have an experienced, good electrical contractor like we did as it saves Project Management time and effort.

Make sure you have a good Internet connection.

Understand that there is an annual subscription fee for the software to operate as we did not know that and have a \$1300 fee each year that must be part of the annual budget.

Make sure that you get your EV Charger on all the app sites possible right away so that every electric car that goes by knows you are there.

All nominations will be listed on the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards website as a resource for other municipalities. Be sure to include specific information.

Please submit your completed nomination package to:

E-mail: awards@municipalawards.ca (preferred)

Fax: Attn: Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Program

Mail: Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Unit 305 – 4741 Parliament Avenue, Regina, SK S4W 0T9

Questions?

Contact Stephanie Bourassa at 306-525-4318.

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the 19th annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.



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ELECTRIC
VEHICLE
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ONLY WHILE
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