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Westario Power and Bruce Power partner with Brockton to Lead the Charge for improved Electric Vehicle infrastructure in rural Ontario



Pictured from L-R is Mike Rencheck, President and CEO of Bruce Power, Jenny Alfandary, President and CEO of Westario Power, and Chris Peabody, Mayor of the Municipality of Brockton (Photo Credit: CAH Photography)

WALKERTON, ON – Westario Power and Bruce Power Net Zero announced the first Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations of their Lead the Charge initiative are on track to be installed in the Municipality of Brockton this summer.

Jenny Alfandary, President and CEO of Westario Power, and Mike Rencheck, President and CEO of Bruce Power, were joined by Chris Peabody, Mayor of the Municipality of Brockton at the Walkerton Community Centre today to introduce the planned site of a Level 2 EV charging station.

The installation of the first of a potential three EV charging stations in Brockton is set to get underway at the community centre, which serves as a local hub in its centralized location in downtown Walkerton.

The Westario Power and Bruce Power partnership offers hands-on support and funding to municipalities in Bruce, Grey, and Huron to increase the availability of EV chargers to address growing needs.

Currently, there are only 45 accessible stations across the three counties that combined are home to more than 200,000 people.

“Our collaboration with Bruce Power and the Municipality to bring EV charging stations to Brockton is another example of our commitment to community prosperity,” said Alfandary. “Through this partnership, we are living up to our mission of powering people’s lives, while also responding to climate change and supporting the transition to Net Zero.”

“Bruce Power is pleased to partner with Westario Power and Brockton to ‘Lead the Charge’ towards a Net Zero future right here in the Clean Energy Frontier,” said Mike Rencheck. “The Nuclear Innovation Institute’s ‘Plugging In’ report highlighted the need to improve EV access in our area and we are proud to be doing our part in making this a reality.”

“I am excited about the opportunity to bring a clean energy option to Brockton, which fulfils our community’s vision of environmental integrity and progressive economic development,” said Mayor Peabody. “Council will diligently finalize plans in the weeks ahead that will allow us to get the stations up and running.”

In addition to the Walkerton site, Brockton is currently also considering charging stations at the Elmwood Community Centre and the Cargill Community Centre to serve EV users across the community.

Westario Power and Bruce Power share a commitment to offsetting carbon emissions and expanding clean energy use, as underscored in their jointly signed Memorandum of Understanding.

The Lead the Charge initiative kickstarted in Brockton this week delivers on this commitment and the two organizations look forward to partnering with other municipalities to make EV charging accessible for their residents and visitors.

About Westario Power

Westario Power is an electricity distribution company that is focused on providing superior value to their approximately 25, 000 customers across the fifteen communities we proudly serve, driven by a vision of growth, community prosperity and excellence. Through our core values of passion, leadership, and commitment, Westario Power is powering people’s lives.

About Bruce Power Net Zero

Bruce Power Net Zero Inc. is focused on unlocking the potential of other complementary technologies to nuclear including storage, renewables, hydrogen, and electrified transportation to achieve a Net Zero future. Bruce Power Net Zero Inc. also operates Huron Wind, a 9-Megawatt wind farm located in Tiverton. Huron Wind was the first commercial wind farm in Ontario. Bruce Power Net Zero Inc. is owned jointly by TC Energy and OMERS.

About the Municipality of Brockton

Nestled in the rolling countryside of the Saugeen and Teeswater Rivers, the Municipality of Brockton is a friendly rural community with innovative industry and a vibrant downtown core. The Municipality was incorporated in 1999 when the former municipalities of Brant, Greenock and Walkerton were amalgamated. The name Brockton was chosen as a combination of these names. With a population nearing 9,500 and growing, Brockton is a wonderful place to live, work and play.