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Electric car joins Yukon government fleet vehicles

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko and Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and Highways and Public Works Scott Kent announced that a new electric car is being added to the Government of Yukon's vehicle fleet.

"The transportation sector is a significant contributor to energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in the territory," Istchenko said. "By renewing our fleet with energy efficient vehicles and ensuring that the vehicles are better matched to their uses, the Yukon government aims to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions as per the Climate Change Action Plan."

The 2016 Chevrolet Spark EV is a compact all-electric vehicle that seats four and comes with a standard cord that plugs into any household outlet for charging. The vehicle runs on an electric engine that produces no exhaust. A single charge allows for up to 131 km of travel.

"This pilot project will test the viability and practicality of electric vehicles in the North, while promoting the use of renewable energy sources and subsequently developing programs to encourage efficient transportation," Kent said.

This pilot project will also allow for a better understanding of how promising this technology is as a viable solution for northern residents. The Energy Branch and the Climate Change Secretariat will share the use of the electric vehicle while testing and tracking the test battery range and recharge times achieved at the temperature ranges experienced in Yukon. The vehicle will only be charged during off peak hours from renewable sources of electricity.

This pilot project complements the recently announced electric vehicle feasibility study at the Yukon Transportation Museum, which is supported with \$10,000 in funding from the Yukon government.

The vehicle will be featured at tonight's Shift Whitehorse Transportation Showcase.

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