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## DISRUPTING THE ILLICIT DRUG TRADE WITH FIRST-IN-CANADA TECHNOLOGY

The Province is funding a pilot project that will enable police and scientists to use new digital technology and lab robotics to analyze and track the flow of toxic drugs and create earlier warning systems to alert people of increased danger of illicit drugs in their area.

“The illicit drug supply is changing faster than our warning systems,” said Nina Krieger, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “Track and Trace is an innovative technology that will allow early detection of emerging drug threats, provide clear insights into supply changes and risks, and improve co-ordination across jurisdictions in B.C.”

The Province is investing \$300,000 annually for two years to support Aidos Innovations’ Track and Trace pilot program. The program automates drug analysis using lab robotics and provides an artificial intelligence-assisted dashboard for law enforcement to map and track dangerous drugs in B.C. communities. The program is the first of its kind in Canada.

About Track and Trace  
Track and Trace is a program from Aidos Inno-



ventions, a non-profit science institute, developed in collaboration with the University of British Columbia (UBC). Track and Trace aims to save lives by helping front-line responders to more quickly identify and respond to the most dangerous substances in the illegal drug supply. Track and Trace will provide clearer insights into the illicit drug supply, determine where the greatest harms

originate and enable an earlier public health response by: providing forensic drug analysis using lab robotics to detect new toxic substances in the illicit drug supply using predictive geographic mapping to establish illicit drug supply distribution patterns and movement over time providing early warnings of changes to the toxic-drug supply to

support public health and safety providing law enforcement with advanced forensic intelligence tools to trace drug supply chains, detect diversion events and disrupt production methods fueling organized crime “B.C. continues to face a toxic-drug crisis that puts lives at risk due to increasingly dangerous substances in the unregulated drug supply,” said Josie Osborne,

Minister of Health. “Through this innovative Track and Trace technology, drugs can be quickly analyzed to identify harmful compounds and map how they move through communities. This approach supports informed health responses, helping to reduce harm and save lives.” How Track and Trace works The initiative uses advanced technology,

including laboratory robotics, to gather information from drugs seized by police. Data from each analysis, including detailed chemical signatures (a distinct molecular pattern), are uploaded to a secure database where artificial intelligence is used to map and track drug distribution patterns. This allows police to link and compare seized substances across communities and time periods, providing clearer insights into the illicit drug supply and where the greatest harms originate.

“Track and Trace gives police a more informed way to respond to the toxic-drug crisis,” said Fiona Wilson, chief constable, Victoria Police Department. “By improving real-time visibility into what is circulating, we can identify emerging risks sooner, share timely warnings with front-line responders and the public, and better understand patterns in the drug supply. This is a first step that supports stronger collaboration and more effective public safety and public health responses, with the goal of ultimately saving lives in our communities.”



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# Encouraging people to prepare for seasonal hazards

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Drought and water scarcity preparedness  
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regions of the province have experienced drought. This is expected to be a recurring concern due to climate change. By taking small steps now to use water efficiently, communities, businesses and people can create a lasting impact on water supply.

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The Province is preparing for drought and water scarcity by monitoring watershed risks and working on practical solutions informed by knowledge from local partners, including boosting water storage with farmers through the Agricultural Water Infrastructure Program.

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**Wildfire risk and preparedness**  
The BC Wildfire Service forecast indicates the potential for an active spring wildfire season due to persistent drought conditions. This activity is expected to increase if limited precipitation

continues over the next several weeks and months. Ahead of the 2026 wildfire season, the BC Wildfire Service has:

- improved recruitment
- expanded First Nations bootcamps
- provided specialized training for wildland-urban interface operations to more than 1,700 fire departments, First Nations and contractors
- invested \$14 million to expand on-the-ground firefighting equipment, such as trucks and camp infrastructure

Preparedness for the 2026 wildfire season builds on actions taken to strengthen the BC Wildfire Service in previous years, including:

- hosting the first National Wildfire Symposium, which focused on building a national leadership strategy that will shape wildfire resiliency across Canada
- investing in the Wildfire Reduction Equipment Support Trust to support

- wildfire-risk reduction and commercial thinning projects
- investing in predictive tools and technology, such as enhanced wildfire camera networks and an advanced fire-behaviour prediction system
- investing in a larger equipment depot in Prince George to help move equipment more efficiently throughout B.C.

“Through year-round positions, expanded technology and investments in new equipment, the BC Wildfire Service is ready for whatever may come this wildfire season,” said Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests. “I encourage everyone in B.C. to participate in FireSmart activities around their homes and communities, to be prepared by having a grab-and-go bag and to always be up to date on the current wildfire situation by downloading the BC Wildfire app.”

Before the wildfire season begins, people

can play a crucial role in protecting their homes and community from wildfire risk by following proven FireSmart steps. These include:

- removing dry leaves, pine needles and branches from roofs, gutters and yards
- creating space between buildings and anything that can burn, such as firewood and propane tanks
- moving other items, such as plastic toys and dog houses, at least 10 metres from structures
- keeping lawns cut short
- Prepare for all hazards

People are encouraged to build an emergency kit with essential supplies and prepare a grab-and-go bag for each household member, including pets. A grab-and-go bag is a small emergency kit that is easy to take with you, in case you need to leave right away. It’s a good idea to make grab-and-go bags for your home, workplace and vehicle. Now is also a good time to check existing emergency kit supplies and replace expired items, such as food and medications.

When evacuation orders are issued by local governments and First Nations, Emergency Support Services (ESS) can provide short-term supports for people who need help meeting their basic needs, such as accommodation, food and clothing. People are encouraged to create an ESS profile now, before there is an emergency, to make it quicker and easier to access support during an evacuation.

Information about current emergencies, including evacuation orders, alerts and recommended actions to take, will be available on [EmergencyInfoBC.ca](https://www.emergencyinfobc.ca) and on X and Facebook @EmergencyInfoBC. This resource is updated 24 hours a day.

# Kitselas Treaty Act introduced in B.C. legislature

The Province has introduced provincial treaty implementation legislation — the Kitselas Treaty Act, 2026 — in the B.C. legislature as the first step in the government’s ratification of the Kitselas Treaty.

“The introduction of the Kitselas Treaty Act is a significant milestone along the path of treaty-making in British Columbia,” said Premier David Eby. “The treaty, if fully ratified, will be an extraordinary instrument for the Kitselas people to create a better future for their families and future generations as a self-governing community, while at the same time creating jobs and opportunity for the entire region. At their heart, modern treaties like the Kitselas Treaty are creating a path to certainty for our province. A path to predictable relationships, fostering partnerships and a framework for all people in B.C. to live together and increase prosperity for everyone.”

The Kitselas Treaty Act provides for the first step in provincial ratification of the Kitselas Treaty. The Act establishes the legal status of the Kitselas Treaty, including statutory



provisions necessary to implement the treaty and consequential amendments to other statutes. The bill will be debated and put to a vote by members of the B.C. legislature.

“Making treaties with First Nations in B.C. leads to greater prosperity, certainty and togetherness for all of us in B.C.,” said Spencer Chandra Herbert, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. “And this historic moment shows that we are on the right path toward a bright future. I would like to express our government’s recognition, in particular, for the many years of dedicated service by Mel Bevan, who passed

away in October 2023 and who served as Kitselas chief negotiator for many years and worked so hard with so many others to bring a proposed treaty to the people.”

Once introduced and debated and if passed in the legislature, several provincial and federal steps must be undertaken to ratify and bring the treaty into force. The bill completes one of the two steps required for provincial ratification of the Kitselas Treaty. The other step for provincial ratification is signing of the treaty, which must be done by Kitselas, B.C. and Canada before the treaty is reviewed by the federal Parlia-

ment. If fully ratified by all parties, the Kitselas Treaty will be one of the first comprehensive treaties to come into effect since the Tla’amin Treaty in 2016.

“Kitselas first started working on this treaty 30-plus years ago, building on the vision of our Elder Sm’ooyget Sha-Gann Mel Bevan,” said Chief Glen Bennett, Kitselas First Nation. “We believe that only through our treaty, can Kitselas regain control of our lands, our laws and our rights, building a new self-governing future with Canada and B.C.”

This treaty represents the significant shifts in the treaty negotiation process in B.C.,

including the finalization of the Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy for Treaty Negotiations in 2019. These positive shifts reflect new collaborative approaches to negotiation that expedite and better address the needs and priorities of communities.

“Reaching this stage is a major step for Kitselas after many years of dedicated negotiation,” said Rebecca Alty, federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations. “The treaty clearly sets out rights, supports self-government and helps manage land and resources in a consistent way. This moves reconciliation forward and strengthens relationships between governments.”

Milestones in negotiating the Kitselas Treaty The Kitselas Treaty was negotiated under the B.C. Treaty Commission process. The Kitselas First Nation entered treaty negotiations in 1993 with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. In 2012, all negotiators reached an agreement-in-principle, with all parties signing in 2015, establishing agreement on the substantive elements to be detailed in

the completed treaty. In the years since, Kitselas, B.C. and Canada have engaged and informed Kitselas members, people throughout the region, neighbouring First Nations and all levels of government and industry partners. Engagement is an important aspect of treaty negotiations and the ratification process.

On June 24, 2024, chief negotiators initialled the Kitselas Treaty. Initialling marked an important milestone in the treaty journey, as it signalled the conclusion of substantive negotiations. Initialling was subject to important caveats, including Canada and B.C. fulfilling their duty to consult other First Nations and the completion of a final legal and technical review of the treaty. The legal and technical review of the treaty concluded in 2025, resulting in the ratification version of the Kitselas Treaty. Since then, minor change negotiations have been ongoing as outlined in the General Provisions Chapter of the Kitselas Treaty. At the same time, Crown consultation with neighbouring First Nations has remained ongoing.

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# Keeping people safe in Kelowna with early intervention program

The successful Safe Community Situation Table in Kelowna is building capacity to address complex social challenges by delivering faster access to services for people at high risk of harm, victimization or committing crime to survive.



“Situation tables support safe communities, ensuring police and front-line responders can access improved co-ordinated services for people in crisis or at risk due to mental health, addiction, brain injuries or other complex needs,” said Nina Krieger, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “Public safety challenges are best addressed through a collaborative, co-ordinated and community-based approach, and the situation table in Kelowna has demonstrated strong

benefits in the community.” The Province is providing \$100,000 to support training and capacity-building, to ensure the long-term success of Kelowna’s Safe Community Situation Table. The Kelowna situation table, known as the Kelowna Outreach and Support Table (KOaST), launched in February 2019, and is comprised of 16 community partners and agencies,

from the health, law enforcement, education, human services and non-profit sectors. The partners meet weekly to address issues pertaining to their community, such as mental health and addictions, homelessness, poverty, violent repeat offending and survival crime.

Investing in public safety Situation Table activity since its inception

highlights the complexity of client needs, as reflected in the following outcomes:

A total of 193 discussions about at-risk individuals or families have occurred, with eight in 2025.

The most common risk factors for clients were mental health, anti-social behaviour and emotional violence.

Almost all situation table interventions led to a client’s risk being lowered.

On average, clients had eight risk factors and around two agencies were involved per intervention.

“Public safety is a top priority for our council, and this investment strengthens a model that is already making a meaningful difference in Kelowna,” said Tom Dyas, mayor of Kelowna. “The Kelowna Outreach and Support

Table brings together front-line partners to identify risk early and connect people with the supports they need before situations escalate. By working collaboratively, we are helping individuals get back on a better path, while building a safer community for everyone.”

Community-centred support

Safe Community Situation Tables provide a structured, collaborative approach to managing complex or urgent circumstances by bringing together key groups and using systematic processes to mitigate risk and develop action plans to respond more effectively and efficiently to the needs of each individual. Furthermore, aggregate data analysis helps policy-makers assess gaps

and risks in their local communities.

The situation tables are considered a best practice for improving community safety and well-being by enabling community front-line workers to:

proactively identify risks through real-time information sharing

reduce long-term demand on emergency and police resources

leverage and co-ordinate existing community assets and relationships between health supports, victim services and culturally safe support and services

plan and deliver collaborative interventions before an incident occurs

reduce increased risk in people’s lives

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# Positioning B.C. life-sciences companies for global markets through new wet lab

More early-stage companies have access to the space they need to help them grow, solve health-care challenges and create jobs for people with the opening of a new, state-of-the-art wet lab facility.

In 2023, the Province invested \$10 million in adMare BioInnovations' facility in Vancouver that was announced alongside B.C.'s Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing Strategy. The M4 Innovation Centre is a ready-to-use, 30,000-square-foot facility providing wet-lab space designed for early-stage and growing life-sciences companies.

"By investing in world-class infrastructure, we're helping local companies scale, create good jobs and bring made-in-B.C. innovations to patients and markets around the world," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth. "These wet labs provide the space and equipment companies need to move from research to commercialization, helping to propel them forward and cement B.C.'s position as a hub and leader in life sciences, and that's exactly what our Look West strategy is built to do."

Helping B.C. biotech



companies scale and commercialize. A wet lab is a specific type of facility adapted for biotechnology and biopharmaceutical companies for the safe handling of chemicals and contaminants.

Access to specialized wet-lab space has long been one of the most significant barriers facing biotech companies, as these facilities are expensive, highly technical and in short supply.

The new adMare facility is a step forward, helping local companies save money by providing scientific spaces with advanced equipment, along with office and meeting spaces that support collaboration, investment attraction and quicker commercialization.

"The ability to scale and retain companies in B.C. is a key driver of job creation and global competitiveness," said Wendy Hurlburt, president and CEO, Life Sciences BC. "The adMare BioInnovations wet-lab facility addresses a long-standing gap for B.C.'s biotech startups as they work to achieve this. We are thrilled to see this facility open and congratulate the B.C. government on this strategic investment, one that is foundational to the sector and will enable companies to better navigate early-stage risk and scale, creating jobs here in B.C."

Local life-science companies will be able to use this facility to expand scientific research into bioman-

ufacturing, mRNA and lipid nanoparticle capabilities, and strengthen clinical trials and health-data access.

Delivering jobs, global competitiveness with the Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing Strategy

B.C.'s 2023 Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing Strategy aims to position the province as a global hub for life sciences by strengthening the innovation pipeline, from discovery and clinical trials to commercial-scale manufacturing.

Through targeted investments, the Province is strengthening innovation in B.C. by supporting local company growth and attracting global investors. The strategy supports high-quality

jobs, improved patient access to innovation, and a more resilient, globally competitive economy.

Since launching the strategy, B.C. has invested nearly \$824 million, leveraging more than \$1.8 billion in federal funding and private investment to accelerate growth throughout the life-sciences sector.

Recent implementation highlights include new workforce training to prepare young people for biomanufacturing careers through CASTL Elevate BC and the opening of B.C.'s first non-oncology Phase 1 clinical trials unit, addressing critical gaps that help companies grow, keep intellectual property in the province and move innovations to market quicker.

This work supports the Province's Look West strategy, which aims to double life-sciences employment to 40,000 and grow the sector's economic impact by 75%. The strategy focuses on delivering major projects more quickly, diversifying markets and growing targeted sectors, such as life sciences, technology, aerospace, marine, artificial intelligence and quantum, agriculture and

construction innovation.

Quotes:

Premier David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey -

"This new wet-lab facility is a huge win for our life-sciences ecosystem here in Vancouver. By building state-of-the-art infrastructure, we're giving early-stage companies the tools they need to grow, attract investment and create good local jobs. It means more made-in-B.C. discoveries can stay, grow and succeed right here, strengthening our economy and our neighbourhoods."

Matthew Carlyle, president and CEO, adMare BioInnovations -

"This project reflects a shared understanding by the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada of what life-sciences companies need to succeed. Through this partnership, the adMare M4 Innovation Centre provides the wet-lab infrastructure that enables companies to move faster, achieve scientific milestones and develop into strong, scalable businesses that contribute to British Columbia's life-sciences sector."

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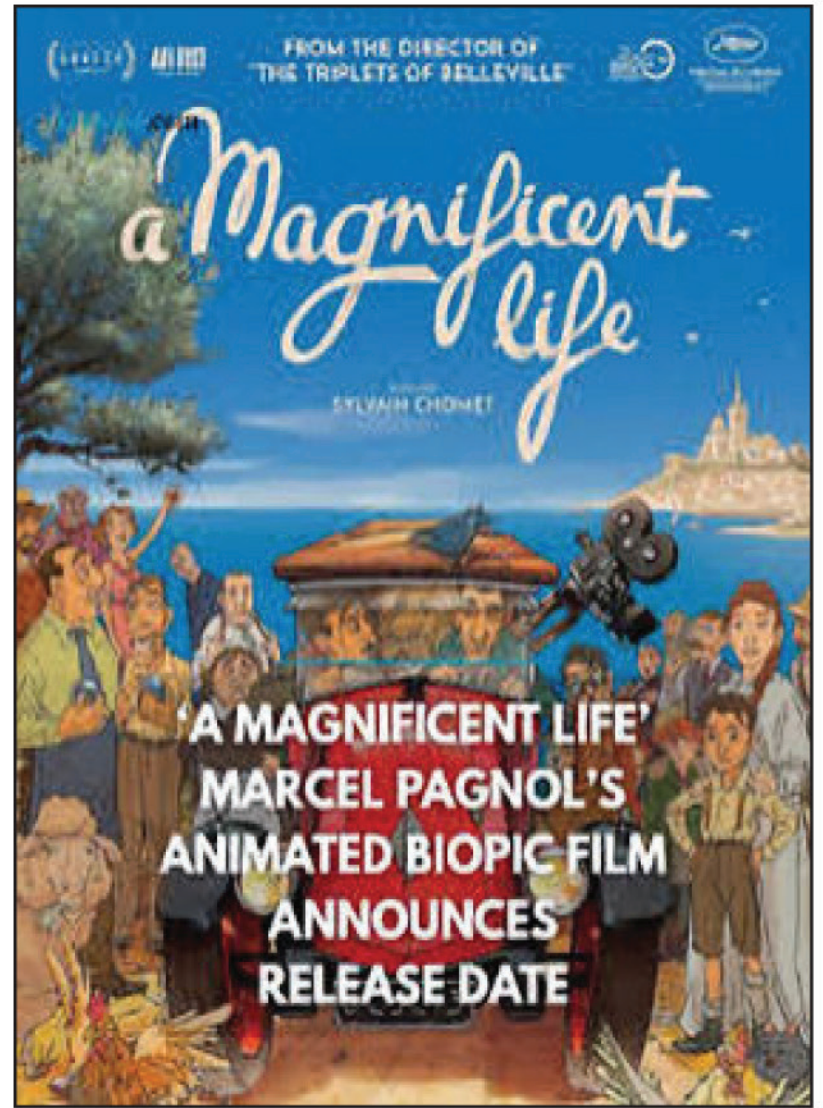
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### Through the Years!

Some movies you just wish wouldn't end. Animated films can tell quite a story. Sit back, relax and enjoy a breathtakingly beautiful true life story unfold in A Magnificent Life. Acclaimed at last years coveted Cannes Film Festival this French- Luxembourg-Belgian co-production is visually stunning and boasts a wonderful storyline. Brought to BC. By Mongrel Media this Sony Pictures Classics is an absolute charmer bound to make you fall in love with the lure of France and early cinema. It will be showing at the VIFF Centre in Vancouver. Made with a little help from Netflix and the good stewardship of the genius

behind The Triplets of Belleville A Magnificent Life brings to life the up and down world of once upon a time writer Marcel Pagnol. At the outset we see Marcel as an elderly man but thanks to a very smart creative twist a young boy helps take us back in time to see how this French artistic powerhouse came into being. With a focus on family we see just how a young boy deals with loss and a drive to become someone. Through schooling, drive and hard work Marcel becomes a playwright and the toast of the Marseilles theatrical circuit. Director /Writer Sylvain Chomet wisely divides the film into yearly time spans and per-

fectly captures the colorful atmosphere of the different time periods. Each character Marcel encounters is fully fleshed out and memorable. Backed up by some soothing music the animation effects are almost surreal and they paint a picture of the whole vibrancy that seems to surround this gifted artists life. A joy to watch A Magnificent Life is a love poem to fans of the movies and young lovers of all ages. It's a movie well worth seeing on the big screen and definitely worth seeking out.



### AKSHAY KUMAR LIKELY TO RETURN AS HOST FOR WHEEL OF FORTUNE INDIA SEASON 2

Akshay Kumar may soon be returning to television screens as host of Wheel Of Fortune India, with industry sources indicating that the game show has been greenlit for a second season. While an official announcement is still awaited, reports suggest the channel is keen to continue with the actor at the centre of the format following the re-

sponse to its debut run. The Indian adaptation of the globally recognised game show premiered on January 27, 2026, marking one of the first major reality television launches of the year. Based on the iconic American series Wheel of Fortune, the format has enjoyed decades of popularity internationally since first airing in 1975.



### SHIVALEEKA OBEROI AND ABHISHEK PATHAK WELCOME BABY GIRL

Actor Shivaleeka Oberoi and producer-director Abhishek Pathak have embraced parenthood as they welcomed their first child, a baby girl, on April 19, 2026. The couple announced the happy news on social media, revealing that their daughter arrived on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. Sharing the joyful update with fans

and well-wishers, the new parents posted a heartfelt message along with an elegant announcement image. "Our little Goddess Laxmi has arrived on an auspicious day. A blessing in its purest form." The announcement image featured an ornate gold-toned decorative design with circular patterns and floral detailing, creating a regal and celebratory aesthetic. The

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## *2026 Chevrolet Silverado Trail Boss Max. Full size EV pickup stands out!*

Review by Veeno Dewan.

The 2026 Chevrolet Silverado Trail Boss is full size. EV pickup offering a specialized, factory-lifted off-road package designed for rugged capability, featuring a 2-inch factory lift and Z71 suspension, skid plates, and off-road Tires specially tuned for off-road handling Available in gas and new EV, it features modern sleeker styling with functional off-road technology like Terrain Mode.

Powertrain options on the Silverado Trail Boss include a powerful 6.2L V8 engine on gas models, delivering 460 lb-ft of torque, paired with a 10-speed automatic transmission. The 2026 Electric (EV) Trail Boss Max Range (As tested) adds a new dimension to the lineup, offering gasoline free driving, zero emissions and high-torque off-road power and the ability to "crab" sideways for enhanced maneuverability. There is also a unique, cut-away front bumper with integrated tow hooks.

If you opt for the Extended 170. kWh battery pack buyers gain 625 horsepower and 775 pound-feet of torque, with 660 kilometers of EV range. The Trail Boss Max 205.0 kWh battery pack option adds an extra 100 hp and extend the driving range to a class leading 770 Kms.

In terms of electric charging, DC Fast charging can handle up to 350 kW of charging power, which can provide a 160-km charge in just 10 minutes.

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capacity- the Trail Boss also has more than 10 feet of available storage space in the bed when both the mid-gate and the Multi-Flex tailgate are lowered. It can carry up to up to 1,500 lbs of payload (Trail Boss Max Range), and the EV Trail Boss can tow up to 10,200 lbs, although towing greatly reduces EV driving range.

As for pricing, the standard Silverado EV Work Truck is priced from \$67,633 to \$86,333 with a standard battery pack. The high-end Trail

Boss Extended Range is \$92,399 while the Max Range models start at \$109,899.

Access to electric power can be found throughout the truck; there are multiple USB and USB-C ports for front and rear passengers; a 12-volt outlet at the front of the centre console; a 120-volt outlet at the rear of the centre console, another one in the 303-litre front trunk and four more in the bed. There is also a 240-volt outlet is also in the bed; and there's up to 10.2 kW of off-

board power available, via the bed making the Silverado EV a mighty useful source of remote power for camping and outdoor recreational activities.

The Silverado's interior cabin echoes the same as normal gas-powered version except for a slightly different gauge cluster. The dash is nicely designed, clean, logical, and features a nice big 17.7-inch touchscreen that is easy to use with bright graphics and quick responses. Accessing drive modes and the

multiple camera views around the truck proved to be simple. Thankfully, the Silverado EV does feature a plethora of tactile physical controls. On board storage space is plentiful, and the second-row rear cabin has good egress and entry. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, heated front and rear seats and cooled front seats, optional full-length moonroof and all the usual features and creature comforts are present. It is superbly roomy, comfortable luxury laden

truck in the Premium version as tested.

Downsides are few - The Silverado EV is expensive and I would not see this as a basic construction site work truck that you can beat up! Still, it is innovative, and is a terrific addition to the Silverado Lineup. Just the thing if large versatile EV pickup for recreational use is your future plans.

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