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NEW PLAN HELPS PEOPLE SAVE MONEY, REDUCE ENERGY USE

Hundreds of thousands of people in British Columbia will soon be able to lower their bills and reduce energy use as BC Hydro launches Power Smart 2.0, its largest-ever conservation program.

“British Columbians are feeling the pressure of global inflation, and they’re looking for practical ways to reduce costs,” said Premier David Eby. “This plan helps do exactly that by making it easier for families and businesses to reduce their energy bills, while also offering rebates – putting more money back in people’s pockets.”

BC Hydro is launching Power Smart 2.0, the largest conservation investment in the utility’s history. This program builds on more than 35 years of conservation success in British Columbia and is built on a simple idea: The most affordable energy is the energy never needed. The plan invests more than \$1 billion to make energy efficiency easier, more accessible and more rewarding for households and businesses throughout the province.

“For over 35 years, Power Smart has been helping British Columbians save



energy, and money – at home, in the office and on the job site,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions. “Today, I’m thrilled to launch Power Smart 2.0, putting the power of history into new programs and investments for the next 35 years and beyond. Together, we can save money, reduce the need for new energy infrastructure and ensure our competitive, low rates stay that way.”

Helping people save every day Power Smart 2.0 is designed to offer custom-

ers practical ways to save with minimal effort. An average customer in an electrically heated home, taking full advantage of available programs and offers, can offset as much as one-third, and in some cases nearly half, of their annual BC Hydro bill. Free smart thermostats (a \$350 value) will be available in fall 2026 for homes with electric-baseboard heating, helping automate savings and improve comfort.

New rewards for residential customers will provide the ability to earn as much as \$200 per

year, plus additional bill savings from using less energy.

Enhanced support for income-qualified households can earn them as much as \$325 annually through expanded programs, in addition to bill savings, from making energy-efficient choices. A new mobile app will be launched in fall 2026, making it easier for customers to track usage, access programs and manage their accounts. Instant rebates at checkout can lead to with savings of \$10 to \$200 on energy-efficient products at more than 300 stores throughout B.C.

Together, these measures make the efficient choice the easy choice, whether upgrading appliances, managing home-energy use or participating in simple programs that reward everyday actions.

“The new BC Hydro Power Smart 2.0 plan is making it even easier for people to make their homes as energy efficient as possible, said Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. “This historic investment is providing cost savings to British Columbians and helping people to make energy-efficient choices even easier.”

A plan that keeps energy affordable

As demand for electricity continues to grow, Power Smart 2.0 focuses on using energy more efficiently to help keep costs down for everyone. By reducing overall demand, BC Hydro can avoid or delay the need for costly new infrastructure.

The plan is expected to deliver significant benefits by 2030, including:

- 800 megawatts of capacity savings
- 2,200 gigawatt hours of annual energy savings, which is enough to pow-

er 220,000 homes more than \$2 billion in avoided or deferred infrastructure costs. These savings help protect affordability for all customers, while supporting a more reliable electricity system.

Supporting businesses and the economy While people are at the heart of Power Smart 2.0, the plan also delivers strong benefits for businesses by helping them lower costs and improve efficiency.

Commercial and industrial customers will have access to expanded funding, including as much as 100% of eligible project costs in some cases. These investments support upgrades, process improvements and new technologies that help businesses stay competitive, while reducing energy use.

“This \$1-billion investment is about unlocking savings at every level – from households to large industries,” said Charlotte Mitha, president and CEO, BC Hydro. “We’re giving customers the tools, incentives and support they need to make lasting improvements that benefit them and the broader system.”



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US-bound plane diverts to Canada after person from Ebola-hit region boards 'in error'

A plane from Paris to Detroit was forced to divert to Canada after a passenger from the Ebola-hit Democratic Republic of Congo boarded the plane "in error", officials have said.

US entry restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of the deadly virus meant the passenger should not have boarded the Air France plane, the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency told the BBC.

Almost 140 people are believed to have died from Ebola in the outbreak in central Africa, with more than 600 suspected cases identified.

Officials did not specify when the person was last in DR Congo. Canadian health officials said the passenger did not show symptoms and has been flown back to France.

"A Public Health Agen-



cy of Canada Quarantine Officer assessed the traveller and determined they were asymptomatic," Health Canada said in a statement.

Infected people can

only spread Ebola once they start showing symptoms, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Symptoms can appear two to 21 days after exposure.

Cabin crew put on masks after the captain announced the diversion, a passenger on the flight told the BBC's US partner CBS News.

Deborah Mistor said

passengers were informed of the change four hours before they were due to land: "I think enough people must have been questioning what was going on because 30 minutes later, [the captain] came back on and said that he wanted to confirm that there was nothing wrong with the plane, there were no technical difficulties, that it was strictly because of US authorities not allowing us to land in the US."

Air France confirmed to US media that "at the request of US authorities, [the flight] was diverted to Montreal Airport after a Congolese passenger on board was denied entry into the United States".

The US border agency CBP said: "Air France boarded a passenger from the Democratic Republic of Congo in error on a flight to the

United States."

The agency said it took "decisive action" to stop the flight landing at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. It was diverted by about 500 miles (800km) to Montreal, Canada.

The US is restricting entry for people without US passports who were in DR Congo, South Sudan or Uganda in the last three weeks.

US passport holders and permanent residents who have been in those countries can only enter through Washington-Dulles International Airport in Virginia for enhanced screening.

The current Ebola outbreak has been declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization.

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Opening the new Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower at Royal Columbian Hospital

The new Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower at Royal Columbian Hospital will open for patients on May 31, 2026, bringing quicker access to specialized, life-saving treatment to people in the Lower Mainland and throughout the province.

"This new tower at Royal Columbian Hospital will give people throughout B.C. faster access to specialized, life-saving care, with a new emergency department, expanded inpatient units, modern operating rooms and enhanced cardiac, maternity and newborn services," said Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure. "It builds on Phase 1 of the hospital redevelopment, which opened in early 2020, and added a new mental-health centre, inpatient beds, seniors care, and advanced medical technology. Investments in modern health facilities are creating more space for care and helping people get treatment when they need it most."

Advancing health services for people in B.C.

Once the new tower opens, Royal Columbian Hospital will be the only hospital in B.C. with expanded trauma, cardiac care, neurosurgery, high-risk obstetrics, neonatal intensive care and acute mental health care on one site.

The new 388-bed, 10-storey tower will feature: a new, larger emergency department with 75 treatment spaces and a satellite medical



imaging unit that will reduce travel times for procedures a 47-bed intensive care unit, featuring a dedicated smudging room to provide a culturally safe space for Indigenous families a new 17-bed cardiac intensive care unit medical inpatient beds spanning five floors 48-bed obstetrics unit, co-located with a neonatal intensive care unit, which will include two obstetrical operating rooms 17 new operating rooms and interventional radiology and cardiac suites that will connect to the existing Health Care Centre to create an interventional "super floor" modern medical device reprocessing department a 356-stall underground parkade, and a 117-stall surface parking lot The tower will open in two stages.

On May 31, the hospital will launch the new emergency department, medical-surgical inpatient units, intensive care unit, cardiac intensive care unit, satellite medical imaging, main

entrance and parking facilities.

This fall, the obstetrics unit, pediatrics unit, neonatal intensive care unit, operating rooms, interventional radiology and cardiology suites, and a cardiac surgery intensive care unit will open.

Phase 1 of the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment opened in 2020. It included a new mental-health and substance-use wellness centre (with inpatient and outpatient services, including a specialized unit for seniors care), energy centre and parkade. This phase expanded access to mental-health and substance-use care and improved hospital services and facilities.

"As a grateful patient of Royal Columbian Hospital, it makes me incredibly happy that the new Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower will help expand their existing neuroscience and neurology departments," said Jasmine Martin, a former neurosurgery patient. "It makes me even happier to know

that more patients like me will now have access to more treatment spaces."

Indigenous partners helped shape the design of the new tower, ensuring it reflects the needs and values of the people it serves. Natural materials, calming colours and access to daylight were chosen to support healing and reduce stress during hospital stays.

"People in New Westminster and throughout the province will benefit from the increased capacity, advanced technology, and thoughtfully designed spaces in the new acute care tower," said Josie Osborne, Minister of Health. "Patients and families were involved throughout the design process and will benefit from enhanced health-care services in spaces that support patient safety, privacy and comfort."

Investing in the future of health care The new tower is the second phase of the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment project. Phase 1 included the opening of

the mental-health and substance-use wellness centre and energy centre. Phase 2 and 3 of the redevelopment are estimated to be nearly \$2 billion with contributions from the Province, Fraser Health and the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation. The tower is named after well-known business leader and philanthropist Jim Pattison, who donated \$30 million to the project.

Phase 3 will include upgrades to the existing health-care centre and Columbia Tower to support the beds and services added in Phase 2. Those renovations are expected to be complete in 2029.

Since 2017, the Province has provided \$14 billion to upgrade and build 30 new hospitals, and health-care facilities, as well as 37 long-term care facilities and four cancer centres to support people in British Columbia. The Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower is part of the Province's broader commitment to strengthen the health-care system and ensure people in the Lower Mainland and beyond have access to the care they need.

Quotes:

Jennifer Whiteside, MLA for New Westminster -

"As the oldest hospital in BC, Royal Columbian Hospital has long played a vital role in caring for the communities in New Westminster, the region, and province. I am delighted that the dedicated health-care teams at Royal Columbian Hospital will continue to provide exceptional quality

patient care at the new Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower. This state-of-the-art hospital is the result of the hard work of thousands of workers whose efforts will bring greater access to health care and improve the lives of patients and families for generations to come."

Dermot Kelly, president and CEO, Fraser Health -

"Today's announcement is about the people and families who will receive care here, the teams who will support them, and the many partners who helped bring the Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower to life. This new, modern facility expands access to specialized care for our growing communities and strengthens our ability to meet their needs now and into the future. Thank you to our staff, medical staff, partners, and community for making this possible and for the care you provide every day."

Jeff Norris, president and CEO, Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation -

"This moment reflects the collective efforts of many, including thousands of generous donors who believe in the future of care at Royal Columbian Hospital. We are deeply grateful for their support, and proud to celebrate the dedicated teams whose years of planning, collaboration and commitment have brought the Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower to life. Together, we are opening the door to a new era of care for British Columbians."

Alberta will vote on whether to remain part of Canada. What now?

The western Canadian province of Alberta will ask its citizens this October whether they want to remain part of Canada or kick-start the process of holding a binding referendum on separation, marking a major test of the country's unity, the first in decades.

Alberta's leader, Premier Danielle Smith, announced the coming vote on 21 May in a televised address.

She said she herself supports a unified Canada.

There has been a growing separatist sentiment in the oil-rich province in recent years, and plebiscite comes after 300,000 people signed a petition asking that a referendum be held on the matter.

Here's why some Albertans are calling for independence — and what comes next.

The question being put to voters won't be a simple "stay" or "leave".

Instead, Albertans will be asked: "Should Alberta remain a province of Canada or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Al-



berta should separate from Canada?"

The referendum question is a result of a push by a group of Albertans who have been advocating for the province to be independent from Canada.

Over the past year, they held townhalls across the province to gauge interest from the public. They then launched a citizen-led petition to separate earlier this year, which garnered more than 300,000 signatures.

But the petition was blocked by an Alberta court earlier this month.

A judge ruled that Alberta, which authorised the gathering of signatures for a proposed independence referendum under a citizen petition law, failed to consult indigenous First Nations whose land would be affected should the province become an independent state.

Meanwhile, another group led by a former deputy premier of Alberta, Thomas Lukaszuk, collected signatures for an anti-separation petition called Forever Canadian. That was signed by more than 400,000 Alber-

tans.

The province's population is slightly more than five million.

Smith said she was "deeply troubled" by the court decision, and will not let "a single judge silence the voices of hundreds of thousands of Albertans".

Her government has appealed the decision, she said. But in the meantime, "kicking the can down the road only prolongs a very emotional and important debate". She has also faced pressure from separatist Albertans to hold a referendum on independence regardless of the

legal decision.

The separatist movement is led by Mitch Sylvestre, a gun shop owner from the town of Bonnyville, and Jeffrey Rath, a lawyer based in Calgary. It has been supported by other figures along the way.

Both Sylvestre and Rath are members of a group called the Alberta Prosperity Project, which argues that the province's economic growth has been hindered by years of Liberal party rule in Ottawa.

In particular, many in the movement are frustrated with environmental policies that

they believe have stood in the way of building pipelines and unlocking resources from the oil-rich province, which traditionally leans conservative.

They also believe that Alberta contributes far more to the country than it receives, and that Ottawa has a disproportionate say in its internal matters.

The sentiment is rooted in "western alienation" — a term that has been used for decades to describe the sense by some in Canada's western provinces that they are often overlooked and underrepresented by federal politicians in Canada's capital.

But the movement is not uniform in its demands.

At a separatist townhall last year, some told the BBC that they wanted to use the threat of independence as a bargaining chip with Ottawa, while others said they would like to follow through with a provincial divorce.

A few said they would be open to Alberta joining the US.

Rath has told the BBC that he believes Alberta has more in common culturally with parts of the US than the rest of Canada.

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Museum of Surrey Announces Spring Exhibits

Surrey, BC – Get ready to dig deep beneath the surface at Museum of Surrey’s newest feature exhibition, Soil Superheroes, an exciting interactive experience from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum that uncovers the hidden world beneath our feet.

Opening Tuesday, May 19, 2026, Soil Superheroes invites families, children, and curious minds of all ages to explore the underground ecosystem where tiny organisms work every day to grow our food, clean our water, and help protect our climate. Through hands-on activities and engaging displays, visitors will discover why healthy soil plays a vital role in food security, climate resilience, and the health of our communities. The exhibition runs until Sunday, September 13, 2026.



Visitors can also experience two additional exhibitions during their visit to the Museum: In the Indigenous Hall, Sharing Stories showcases powerful artwork from the Cedar, Sage and Sweetgrass Indigenous Art Collective. This inspiring exhibition honours Indigenous artists and their creative voices and is on display until June 21, 2026. Upstairs in the Community Treasures gallery, Journeys in Care:

Stories from Nurses of Indian Heritage highlights the remarkable journeys, experiences, and contributions of nurses of Indian heritage in Canada. The exhibition runs until July 19, 2026. “At Museum of Surrey

we strive to provide residents and visitors with exhibitions that are relevant to their lives and teach us about the world around us,” said Lynn Saffery, Museum Manager. “These latest exhibitions provide a wide variety of stories that will appeal to the community and help build pride in Surrey.” Museum of Surrey is a dynamic and accessible community hub and cultural space that reflects the City of Surrey’s innovation and creativity.

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Creating new housing options for people experiencing homelessness in North Vancouver

People experiencing or at risk of homelessness in North Vancouver will soon have new housing options, as the Province and the District of North Vancouver partner to develop new temporary homes.

“This is an important collaboration with the District of North Vancouver to help end homelessness in the community,” said Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. “The new temporary homes will provide a safe, supportive place for people experiencing homelessness, while new permanent supportive housing continues to be developed in the community. Throughout B.C., communities are becoming stronger and safer for everyone as we work together to provide safe housing for people, ensuring better opportunities to connect to the supports and services they need to bring stability to their lives.”

As part of this partnership, the Province, through BC Housing, and the District of North Vancouver are exploring adding as many as 40 temporary



homes on vacant lots at 1182 Welch St. These additions would be part of the Homelessness Encampment Action Response Team (HEART) and Homelessness Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (HEARTH) program.

“Partnering with BC Housing on this important initiative will help bring support and stability to some of our most vulnerable community members,” said Mike Little, mayor, District of North Vancouver. “This project responds to needs we know exist in our community, especially for resi-

dents experiencing or at risk of homelessness.”

These proposed temporary homes with supports are subject to municipal and other approvals. Funding details will be available if the project is approved and as plans are finalized.

Supporting local residents to move indoors

These temporary homes would be prioritized for adults in the North Vancouver community who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and need support services to maintain stable housing.

BC Housing and the operator, Lookout Housing and Health Society, will use a community-based process to offer temporary housing to people suited to their individual needs and available supports. This process helps ensure residents are set up for success and more likely to remain housed. Lookout will provide a variety of services to residents to help them achieve their personal and housing goals. These include:

- at least three staff on site 24/7
- two meals a day
- skills training
- health and community support referrals

In addition to these services, there will be security features, such as fencing, camera monitoring and a controlled single point of entry.

These temporary homes will serve as a bridge, while new permanent supportive housing is built in the community. By helping more people come indoors, the community will be more connected and safer for everyone.

Advancing encamp-

ment response throughout B.C.

To put HEART and/or HEARTH in place, 16 local governments are partnering with the Province.

Phase 1 communities include Abbotsford, Campbell River, Chilliwack and Cheam First Nation (HEARTH only), Duncan (HEARTH only), Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Prince George, Victoria and Vancouver.

Phase 2 communities with new partnerships include Cranbrook, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Powell River, Smithers and Squamish.

This work is part of the Province’s Belonging in B.C. plan to help prevent homelessness and bring more people indoors quicker.

Quotes:

Bowinn Ma, MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale –

“Investing in our North Vancouver community with this new housing option will provide meaningful help to people who are struggling and need supports like food and health-care access. Everyone deserves a safe place to live and call home,

and make connections. The Province’s partnership with our local government will make such a positive difference in our district and community.”

Susie Chant, MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour –

“Opening new housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness will make our whole community safer and stronger. I’m proud of the work our government is doing to partner with North Vancouver to help people access housing where they can connect with others and the services and supports they need.”

Quick Facts:

The District of North Vancouver would lease the land to BC Housing.

Since 2017, the Province has more than 95,000 homes delivered or underway in communities throughout B.C. This includes more than 9,900 supportive homes open or underway.

The Province has almost 1,200 homes delivered or underway in North Vancouver, including more than 130 supportive homes.

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By Alan Samuel
GINEMA SCENE

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Vogue!

Let's dance! Well, maybe not so fast. Get caught up and swept away by the delicious eye candy that's fun and centre in *The Devil Wears Prada 2*. Let's all go back to the familiar territory made famous by the first juggernaut only now with an updated story. Made by 20th Century Fox and now showing at all Cineplex Cinemas and Landmark Theatres across BC this well grounded fantasy hits all the marks. Let's just assume that most of us know the characters from the original version *Prada No. 2* is updated and just not as fresh as the original as could be expected. But still it's a lot of fun and a visual delight. Oscar winner Meryl Streep (Out

of Africa) is catty as ever though someone muted in her performance here as Miranda Priestly. Faced with turmoil at her fashion house former assistant Andy Sachs returns to the fray. Again Anne Hathaway is sweet as punch and a great counterpoint to Streep. Together these two must contend with a takeover of the firm. So there is a strong dose of reality that runs through the entire storyline. Lush locations in Europe add to the whole aura of luxury that permeates the whole film. You'll be swept away! Clearly made for the large female audience both sexes will enjoy this real time romp which has at its heart

that theme of the importance of having a job, retaining it and fighting for it. People will appreciate this not so subtle message during these trying times which we all are living through these days.

The Devil Wears Prada Two



AKSHAY KUMAR TEAMS UP WITH VIPUL SHAH FOR ALIEN ACTION THRILLER SAMUK

Actor Akshay Kumar is set to headline a new large-scale sci-fi action thriller titled *Samuk*, directed by Kanishk Varma and produced by Vipul Amrutlal Shah. Positioned as an ambitious alien survival thriller, the film is currently in development and is expected to go on floors soon. The project marks Akshay Kumar's return to a full-scale action role and will reportedly combine elements of survival horror, military real-

ism, and alien thriller storytelling. The makers are also bringing together an international technical team with experience across several Hollywood franchise films. Speaking about the project, producer Vipul Shah said, "We always try to challenge ourselves with different genres, and *Samuk* is something Indian cinema hasn't attempted before. Our aim is to create a world-class alien thriller for audiences."



BOBBY DEOL TAKES A BREAK FROM UK FOR BANDAR PROMOTIONS AHEAD OF RELEASE

Actor Bobby Deol is currently witnessing a massive wave of career reinvention. Popularly crowned as "Lord Bobby" by the internet, the actor has successfully transitioned into one of the most bankable and ruthless antagonists in Indian cinema. Following the phenomenal impact of his silent villainous role in *Animal*, he is steering his career forward with deep, dark, and unconventional

character arcs. In a significant move for his upcoming release, the actor has made a quick trip back home to immerse himself in the promotional campaign of his next big theatrical project. A source close to the film shared exclusive insights regarding his schedule with Bollywood Hungama.



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Windsor, Ontario - The 2026 Fiat 500e will be available in Stellantis Canada showrooms in summer 2026. The new model year will offer a new colour to its existing palette called Miami Sunset. The new addition joins existing colours Rose Gold, Tennis Ball, Tuxedo Black, Marine Layer Mist, Ocean Green, Glacier White and (RED).

The all-electric take on the FIAT brand's most storied and iconic model and the lightest passenger battery-electric vehicle (BEV) in the market, the two-door fully electric 500e boasts an estimated range of 227 kilometres, enabled by a 42-kWh battery with a Level 2 (11-kW) charge time of six hours. BEV capability combined with quintessential design cues make it unmistakably FIAT, with style and sustainability at its core. The car is a clear expression of form following function, a logical and economical use of materials, and a belief that quality design should be accessible to all. At just over 1,361 kilograms (3,000 pounds), the Fiat 500e is the lightest passenger BEV in the segment.

On the outside, the 2026 Fiat 500e has a noticeably present stance while remaining true to the historic lines that have made the 500 an icon. The exterior features front and rear LED lighting, e-latch aero door handles and gloss black mirror caps to give the vehicle a fresh yet elegant appearance. These features combine fashion and function as they contribute to improved aerodynamics, which increases the electric



range. The 500e stands on brilliant, 17-inch, diamond-cut wheels for a bold, dynamic presentation.

New for 2026 on the Pop trim level is a body-coloured dashboard. For Icona, regardless of body colour, a pearl dashboard is standard. Classic meets contemporary with a 10.25-inch center screen with Uconnect 5 services, combined with a 7-inch full digital cluster for a harmonious user experience. The seats feature a fresh design as well, with six-way adjustabil-

ity for the driver, including height adjustment for an improved driving position. The front passenger seat features four-way adjustability.

The 500e also includes a 1.3-kW Level 1 charger with standard 110V socket for easy charging at home or on the road, which can be scheduled ahead of time through Uconnect or the Uconnect mobile app. Estimated charge time from 0% to 80% is approximately 35 minutes with an 85-kW DC fast charge; estimated time from 0%

to 100% is six hours with a Level 2 (11-kW) wall box charging station, which is available for purchase. Fiat 500e customers with model years 2024-2026 can now access Tesla V3 and V4 Superchargers using a Free2move Charge North American Charging System (NACS)-CCS1 DC adaptor, available for purchase at Stellantis certified dealerships and at mopar.ca. Customers can also access a Tesla "Magic Dock" Supercharger, which features a built-in adaptor. Only Stellantis-approved NACS adap-

tors can be used with a Tesla Supercharger. Public charging on the go is simple through the free Free2move Charge app, where customers set up an account and payment method. The app helps locate and identify available Tesla Supercharger locations, along with other publicly available AC and DC fast-charging stations.

The Fiat 500e comes equipped with standard safety features, such as automatic emergency braking, Pedestrian Alert and Lane Keep As-

sist, giving drivers great confidence to navigate busy urban traffic with ease. Driven by strong consumer interest as Canada's most affordable EV hatchback, the model has built impressive momentum, earning its sales position.

The 2026 Fiat 500e is built at the Mirafiori Assembly Plant in Turin, Italy, and will be available in Stellantis Canada showrooms starting in summer 2026. Final pricing will be announced.



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