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### **Municipality of Middlesex Centre Leads in Developing Its Green Fleet Plan**

Ilderton: The Municipality of Middlesex Centre, Ontario, Canada recently purchased two 2018 Chevrolet Bolt battery electric vehicles (BEVs) -- level three electric vehicles -- in the Municipality's response to the development of its Comprehensive Fleet Review, Analysis and Green Fleet Plan in partnership with Richmond Sustainability Initiatives - Fleet Challenge, Toronto, Ontario; to combat climate change and poor air quality -- and has become one of several governments in Canada to include level three electric vehicles in its fleet.

Chevrolet Bolt BEVs with a driving range of approximately 380 km possesses DC fast-charging capabilities, facilitating the vehicle to be fully charged in 45 minutes, is definitely an important improvement on the Municipality's fleet. A staff report on the Comprehensive Fleet Review, Analysis and Green Fleet Plan was considered and unanimously endorsed by Council on December 20, 2017.

The Municipality of Middlesex Centre continues to be a leader in sustainability having recently implemented and developed a net zero energy fire hall building, and now through the deployment of our green fleet. Such investments demonstrates the Municipality's ongoing efforts to reduce our corporate environmental impact while pursuing life-cycle cost-effective solutions.

The Municipality currently has over a dozen vehicles and pieces of equipment in its fleet, which includes electric, hybrid, fuel-efficient and alternative fuel vehicles, as well as conventional vehicles with fuel conserving technologies. With a current fleet complement of over 100 vehicles and equipment, the Municipality of Middlesex Centre's Comprehensive Fleet Review, Analysis and Green Fleet Plan aims to choose vehicles and equipment that consume less fuel and emit less greenhouses gases and air pollution, are economically viable, meet the Municipality's operational requirements, and are sustainable.

The Municipality's Comprehensive Fleet Review, Analysis and Green Fleet Plan is the result of cooperation between all Corporate divisions managed through the leadership of the Municipality's Public Works and Engineering Division. The Comprehensive Fleet Review, Analysis and Green Fleet Plan, focuses on emissions from the operation of the on-road and off-road vehicles and equipment owned and operated by the Municipality of Middlesex Centre home to a diverse and vibrant population of approximately 18,000 people -- and ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in Ontario by moneysence.ca as being the best places to live in 2017.

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