

Canada: Ten new hydrogen stations planned in British Columbia

Canadian province allocates \$10m in funding for the development of ten hydrogen filling stations that will complement its current seven locations.



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The Government of British Columbia has allocated \$10m in funding for the construction and operation of ten hydrogen filling stations in the province, as well as three years of support for Hydrogen BC, a new entity of the Canadian Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA).

The funding announcement was made by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Bruce Ralston, at the f-cell+HFC 2020 online conference, which brings together international specialists focused on developing hydrogen and fuel cells clean energy solutions.

British Columbia already operates the largest hydrogen filling network in Canada, with three public hydrogen stations in operation and three more set to open by the end of 2021. The sites operating are located in Vancouver, Burnaby and North Vancouver, and the three locations under development are in Saanich, Kelowna and Burnaby.

The \$10m in funding were released before the fall 2020 announcement of a Hydrogen Strategy for British Columbia, which will set a vision for how the province will work on achieving its clean energy targets by supporting the use of hydrogen.

“With ministry support, the CHFCA’s Hydrogen BC branch will engage the private sector and stakeholders, leveraging the additional \$10m funding for new hydrogen fuelling stations. This leads to at least ten additional stations to complement the current seven stations in the province and will ensure that BC stays at the forefront of the vital hydrogen energy and fuel cell sector, even as interest, activity and investment ramps up around the world,” said President and CEO of CHFCA, Mark Kirby.