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LGCAP Year 2 Survey

Introduction

Reaching [net-zero emissions](#) and adapting to a changing climate will require a whole-of-society approach. The new Local Government Climate Action Program (the Program or LGCAP) aims to catalyze the efficient flow of financial resources, data and knowledge between Modern Treaty Nations, local governments, and the Provincial Government to allow for cost effective, impactful, locally implemented climate action. For more information about the Program you can refer to the [website](#) and [Program Guide](#).

What is climate action?

For the purposes of this program, a climate initiative or action is one that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and/or strengthens resilience to the impacts of climate change (adaptation). This includes (but is not limited to): climate-related hazards; integrating climate change measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and impact reduction and early warning systems.

Information collected will:

- Highlight local government and Indigenous climate leadership;
- Profile action by including local government and Modern Treaty Nation emissions, resilience and climate action performance data in the annual [Climate Change Accountability Report](#);
- Help inform policy development and monitor progress on achieving provincial and local climate objectives; and
- Support provincial efforts to better collaborate with and support communities to advance climate action.

The survey was informed by:

- Feedback from local governments, Modern Treaty Nations and ministerial partners;
- National and international GHG reporting protocols; and
- The [CDP](#) (global disclosure system).

Instructions

**Please do not provide any personal information (e.g. email, phone number) in the survey.*

Survey: Word Version

A survey template (i.e. a Word version) is available on the [Local Government Climate Action Program webpage](#). The template can be used to gather information from staff across departments. Then simply cut and paste into the online version where you'll be submitting the survey.

Survey: Online Version

SimpleSurvey allows multiple users to access your survey, though two people **cannot** enter information at the same time.

- For other users to contribute to your survey, simply share the unique link with your team members.
- Users must select "Save and continue later" when they are done updating the survey but not ready to submit.

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*). You will not be able to submit the survey and attestation form without completing these fields.

- Some fields have formatting considerations (i.e. numbers only). You will not be able to submit the survey and attestation form until all required fields are completed properly. The red text error message will indicate what is needed.

Attestation Form

The attestation form is filled in after survey questions are completed. It is the second page of the SimpleSurvey submission.

- The attestation form is where the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, attest to the following:
 - That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
 - That Local Government Climate Action Program funds held in reserve will be spent by March 31, 2025.
 - That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2023.

Requirements

1. Reporting

1. Report on **at least one** project linked to objectives from the [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) and/or [Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#). If your community reports one initiative related to one sector (e.g. buildings) you have satisfied this requirement. Funding for the project(s) does **not** need to come from this program.
 2. Attest that funds will be allocated to climate initiatives before submitting your survey.
 3. For communities with populations of 15,000+, measuring and reporting local government or Nation's corporate emissions is required.
- Optional open-ended questions asking for one or more initiatives related to climate action may be highlighted in the LGCAP Year 2 Summary Report or other Program materials to acknowledge innovative local climate solutions.

2. Deadline to submit the survey & attestation form

- The deadline for submitting your survey and attestation form is 4 PM PDT on July 31, 2023.

3. Posting the survey & attestation form publicly

- The design / format of the form **can** be changed however all information from required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and answers can be omitted.
- The deadline to post the survey and attestation form publicly is September 30, 2023.

Download a copy for your records!

Once submitted, you can **download a copy of the completed survey** and attestation form (PDF, Excel, and Word options). If you close this window before the download link appears, please reach out for a copy of your submission.

Support

If the survey is accidentally submitted, a submitted survey needs to be revised, or if you have any questions, please reach out to us at LGCAP@gov.bc.ca. We will be happy to provide assistance.

Thank you!

The LGCAP Team

The Survey

Climate Action Planning

Climate Action Plans are strategic roadmaps that identify how an organization will reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (mitigation), increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change (adaptation), or a combination of both.

To answer the following questions, consider staff that contribute to activities that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and/or strengthen resilience and the ability to adapt to climate-induced impacts. This includes (but is not limited to): climate-related hazards; integrating climate change measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and impact reduction and early warning systems.

Question 1: How many staff in full time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to working on climate action?

For example: Can include staff in engineering, emergency management, sustainability, transportation, waste management, etc. If a staff member is a climate action coordinator and works 100% on climate-related issues, add 1.0. If a staff member works approximately 25% (please estimate) on climate-related issues, add 0.25. Working on climate-related issues does not need to be written into the staff member's job description to be counted here.

3.5

Question 2: Does your local government or Nation have a climate action plan or other guiding document(s)?

Yes

Please select the type of plan(s) from the list.

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation, adaptation and/or energy use)

Please indicate the date the plan was adopted/approved.
If you don't remember the month, you can enter "01" for January.

2021-04

Please include a link to the document or webpage if available.

<https://www.vernon.ca/homes-building/environment-sustainability/climate-action>

Question 3: Has your local government or Nation declared a climate emergency?

No

Question 4: Please select the top 3 challenges impeding the advancement of climate action in your community.

Lack of jurisdiction.

Lack of staff capacity or expertise.

Lack of data or information.

Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Measuring corporate emissions is a Program requirement for all communities with a 2020 population of 15,000 and above ([see population statistics here](#)). Corporate GHG emissions are those produced by the delivery of local government or Modern Treaty Nation “traditional services” including:

- Fire protection,
- Solid waste management,
- Recreational / cultural services,
- Road and traffic operations,
- Water and wastewater management, and
- Local government administration.

Please see the following resources for guidance:

- [Scope Summary Document](#),
- [Corporate Inventory Reporting Tool](#),
- [Becoming Carbon Neutral Guidebook](#) (Scope),
- [Carbon Neutral Workbook](#) (Scope),
- [Contracted Services Emissions Guidance](#),
- [Contracted Emissions Calculator](#),
- [2022 BC Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions](#), and
- [Emission Factors Catalogue](#).

Question 5: For the 2022 calendar year, has your local government or Nation measured and reported associated corporate GHG emissions?

Yes

If your local government or Nation measured 2022 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions from services delivered directly by your local government (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).

3154.68

If your local government or Nation measured 2022 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions from contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).

498.28

If your local government or Nation measured 2022 corporate GHG emissions, please report the total number of corporate GHG emissions from both directly delivered and contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).

This would be the sum of the two questions above.

3652.97

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO₂e are associated with facilities.

2089.91

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO₂e are associated with mobile sources.

1563.05

Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions

B.C. Climate Action Charter signatories have committed to measuring and reporting their community-wide GHG emissions generated from all GHG sources (anthropogenic) within their community boundary.

The Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) initiative provides a provincial framework for tracking and reporting energy and GHG emissions at a community-wide scale. It is published with a two-year lag, however, raw data can be requested by local governments that wish to measure and report their community-wide emissions for the buildings and solid waste sectors ahead of publication.

The Climate Action Secretariat (CAS) is aware that some local governments are developing their own community-wide GHG emissions inventories (separate from the provincial CEEI) . A better understanding of community-wide emissions measurement across B.C. will help CAS as we upgrade CEEI.

Question 6: For the 2022 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation?

No

If not, please select all that apply from the list.

No, we do not measure and report community-wide emissions annually. (Please indicate most recent year completed: YYYY)
2020

If not, has your community or Nation measured and reported community-wide emissions in the past?

Yes

When was the last year your community or Nation reported its community-wide emissions and what is the interval for reporting (ex. every 5 years)?

We have a 5 year measurement and reporting cycle, with our first inventory prepared in 2020 using 2017 data, and our next anticipated report to be prepared in 2025.

Question 7: Currently, the Province's legislated GHG emission reduction targets are 40% by 2030, 60% by 2040 and 80% by 2050, relative to 2007. Please state your local government or Nation's target(s).

2030

Reduction (format: e.g., 40%)
50

Baseline Year (format: 2007)
2017

2040

Reduction (format: e.g., 40%)
75

Baseline Year (format: 2007)
2017

2050

Reduction (format: e.g., 40%)
100

Baseline Year (format: 2007)
2017

Question 8: The Province has also committed to introducing a target of net-zero emissions by 2050. Does your local government or Nation have a net-zero or carbon-neutral emissions target?

Yes: Net-zero (Net-zero refers to a jurisdiction achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and removed from the atmosphere (e.g. planting trees or using carbon capture technologies))

Question 9: If data was provided by the Province, which three supporting indicators would be most valuable to your local government or Nation to advance climate action?

Housing type: Private dwellings by structural type

Floor area: Average floor area by building category and era

Proximity to transit: Persons, dwelling units and employment within walking distance of a "quality" transit stop/line

Provincial Policy Alignment - Mitigation

The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 is B.C.'s plan to meet provincial emissions reduction targets to be 40% below 2007 levels for 2030 and set on course to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

One requirement of this Program is that you must **report on a minimum of one project** linked to objectives from the [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) and/or [Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#) (CPAS). Funding does **not** need to come from this program. For questions 10-12, if your community reports one initiative related to one sector (e.g. buildings) you have satisfied this requirement. That said, please select all that apply.

Question 10: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to the buildings sector.

The buildings and communities sectoral target for the province is 59% to 64% emissions reductions by 2030.

Step Code adoption

Efficiency upgrades to public buildings

Optional: Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to buildings.

The City of Vernon requires new construction to meet the BC Energy Step Code, as referenced in Part 15 of our Building Bylaw #5900. A building regulated by Part 3 of the Building Code must be designed and constructed to meet the minimum performance requirements specified in a) Step 1 of the Step Code as of July 1, 2022 for all Part 3 (commercial) buildings. A building regulated by Part 9 of the Building Code, of new residential construction, must be designed and constructed to meet the minimum performance requirements specified in Step 1 of the Step Code since January 10, 2022 for all Part 9 residential buildings and Step 3 of the Step Code since January 1, 2023 for all Part 9 residential buildings.

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to the transportation sector.

The transportation sectoral target for the province is 27% to 32% emissions reductions by 2030.

Demand-side management to reduce distance travelled (single-occupancy vehicle commute reduction programs, parking disincentives)

Improving or expanding public transportation

Revising existing bylaws or implementing new ones to support active transportation

Active transportation planning

Active transportation infrastructure investments

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

Other

Preparing EV-ready bylaw amendments; Preparing bylaw amendments to reduce parking requirements and add end of trip facilities for active transportation; Reviewing and updating Official Community Plan and Transportation Master Plan; Pilot city in BC Hydro / Community Energy Association's Electric Mobility Accelerator; Pilot city in Provincial electric kick-scooter study; Increasing investment in public active transportation infrastructure and end of trip facilities

Optional: Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to transportation.

This past year has seen the ongoing construction of a new multi-use pathway along Silver Star Road. This path supports safe and convenient active transportation between the Foothills Neighborhood Plan Area, Silver Star Elementary school, and to Pleasant Valley Road, which connects to downtown Vernon. For more information on the project, visit: <https://www.vernon.ca/roads-transportation/projects/silver-star-road-multi-use-path-phase-2-0>

Question 12: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to community-wide action.

Complete, compact communities

Organics diversion

Complete, Compact Communities - Please select all that apply.

See Complete Communities Guide and Program for supports advancing identified community goals through the creation of more complete, compact and energy efficient communities.

Rezoning

Smaller lots

Density bonuses

Secondary suites and laneway homes

Infill development

Urban containment boundaries

Official Community Plans

Regional Growth Strategies

Community Development Plans

Optional: Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to community-wide action.

On September 26, 2022, Council endorsed the City's first Housing Action Plan (HAP), building on a decade of research, policy development and action to increase the supply of attainable and affordable housing in the community. The HAP promotes actions that encourage higher density, compact urban development and the smaller floorspace living needed to reduce GHGs. The City is now implementing the HAP and will be incorporating its goals and actions into the upcoming Official Community Plan and Master Transportation Plan reviews.

Provincial Policy Alignment - Resilience and Adaptation

The goal of climate adaptation is to reduce risk and vulnerability associated with climate change impacts. To manage climate impacts, local governments and Nations are integrating adaptation principles into decisions and everyday activities. One requirement of this program is to report on projects linked to one or more objectives from the CleanBC Roadmap and/or the CPAS.

One requirement of this Program is that you must report on **at least one or more** project(s) linked to one or more objectives from the [CleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) and/or [Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#) (CPAS) in Questions 10-13. If your community reports one initiative related to one sector you have satisfied this requirement, but please select all that apply for Questions 10-13.

Question 13: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation completed or had in-progress in the 2022 calendar year to adapt to and build resilience to climate impacts.

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions.

Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives

Monitoring climate risks (floods, wildfire, etc.)

Public engagement on climate risks and actions

Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)

Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (putting climate considerations into decision-making processes)

Creating data systems to support climate action

Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions

Developing emergency/hazard response plans

Optional: Please highlight one or more climate adaptation project(s) that were completed or in-progress in the 2022 calendar year to reduce risk and increase resilience.

The City of Vernon has focused on increasing corporate and community resilience to increased risks of flooding. On the basis of extensive regional and municipal flood mapping in and around Okanagan Lake, on February 28, 2022, Vernon City Council approved a series of infrastructure improvements to mitigate the flood hazards identified in the mapping. On July 27, 2022, City Council approved a new Floodplain Development Bylaw and a Flood Hazard Development Permit Area that will ensure that new development in floodplain areas is undertaken safely and meets appropriate Flood Construction Levels (FCLs). Finally, the City has initiated a project to naturalize a historically channelized creek in Vernon's flagship park, Polson Park, to reduce flood risk and to support and complement the Okanagan Nation Alliance's (First Nation) work to reintroduce sc'win (sockeye) and ntytyix (chinook) salmon to the region. Further project details available here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/52bd6ea1a03>

Question 14: Has a climate risk and vulnerability or similar assessment been undertaken for your local government or Nation?

Yes

Please provide the link to the public assessment if available.

The City retained a report entitled "Climate Change Adaptation Action Planning" in March 2020 and the full copy of the report is included as Appendix 5 in the Climate Action Plan (p. 179), available at: Climate Action | City of Vernon.

Question 15: What are the most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction and what is the timeframe of their expected impact to your community?

For each selection, please then indicate if the timeframe of their expected impact is short, medium, long or not sure. (short [current/by 2025]; medium [2026-2050]; long [beyond 2050])

Extreme heat and heat stress

Short

Extreme cold, snow and ice

Short

Water shortages

Medium

Wildfire

Short

Overland flooding

Short

Wind, rain, and other storm events

Short

Ecological impacts (examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss and erosion)

Medium

Cultural impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods)

Medium

Human health impacts

Short

Question 16: What information do you need to know to be able to plan effectively for the future of your community, with respect to the impacts identified in Question 15? Please select one or more of what you consider the most valuable types of information for planning.

- Local observations and/or Indigenous knowledge
- Localized climate modelling and projected scenarios
- Assessment of potential community impacts
- Assessment of community vulnerabilities
- Risk assessment of hazards
- Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards
- Demographic information
- Projected development
- Adaptation planning information
- Technical expertise to implement solutions
- Community/stakeholder engagement and support
- Information on partnership opportunities
- Examples of actions taken by other communities

Question 17: Based on the hazards you indicated as most significant in Question 15, which groups are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate hazards?

- Low-income households
- Indigenous Peoples
- Racialized communities
- Newcomers to Canada (immigrants and refugees)
- People experiencing homelessness
- Seniors
- Women and girls
- Persons with disabilities
- LGBTQIA2S+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit, and additional sexual orientations and gender identities

Question 18: Of the hazards identified in Question 15, please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2022 calendar year, if any.

If entering a hazard under "Other", please also write the hazard in the "Adaption measure" textbox.

Extreme heat and heat stress

Adaptation measure

Heat Response Plan; Public education; Partnership with Social Planning Council of the North Okanagan

Extreme cold, snow and ice

Adaptation measure

Public education: Partnership with Social Planning Council of the North Okanagan on heat response

Water shortages

Adaptation measure

Not in City jurisdiction (Regional District)

Wildfire

Adaptation measure

New Community Wildfire Protection Plan; FireSmart education

Overland flooding

Adaptation measure

Implementation of infrastructure improvements to mitigate flood hazards, Floodplain Protection Bylaw

Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards

Adaptation measure

N/A

Wind, rain, and other storm events

Adaptation measure

Infrastructure improvements to mitigate flood hazards

Ecological impacts

Adaptation measure

Infrastructure improvements to mitigate flood hazards

Human health impacts

Adaptation measure

Public education and heat response plan

Cultural impacts

Adaptation measure

Public education and heat response plan; Partnership with Okanagan Nation Alliance on Polson Park

Equity

Taking an equity-informed approach to climate action is about enhancing climate resilience for everyone in B.C., regardless of where and how they live and requires a just approach that integrates equity considerations into climate planning and adaptation responses.

Question 19: How does your community ensure equitable access to and distribution of climate action opportunities and benefits?

Please select all that apply.

By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate policy and change.

By designing and implementing climate actions that remove barriers to participation in planning and programs faced by equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change.

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2022 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

In 2022, the City was successful in obtaining funding from ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives)'s Agents of Change Program to build volunteer engagement programming to engage residents in their local climate action planning process. The focus of this work was on diversity, equity and inclusion and benefitted from extensive support from the City's Climate Action Advisory Committee. In addition, the City extended both financial and staff support for youth climate engagement at the 2nd Climate Action Ripple Effect (CARE) Summit. More than 120 Grade 11 students from four high schools in Vernon, BC created climate-action projects to support the City's 2021 Climate Action Plan and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. More than 30 projects were displayed and judged at the Vernon Youth Climate Action Summit May 31st, 2022. For further details, see: <https://freshoutlookfoundation.org/vernon-youth-climate-action-summit-june-2022/>

LGCAP Year 1 Funding

The Program must be able to demonstrate the impact this funding has on greenhouse gas emissions reductions and resilience and adaptation in B.C. To substantiate the Program, we must develop a baseline understanding of where local governments and Nations are at with respect to climate action and track progress over time.

Please do your best to specify how much of your LGCAP funds was invested for each initiative undertaken without double counting.

Question 20: What did/will your local government or Nation spend its LGCAP funding on for year one of the Program (2022)? Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative.

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Put in reserve for future project
205,082

Reserve funding - How will funds be allocated?

No decision has been made.

Optional: Please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP year one funding will support.

Integrating climate action and resilience and enhancing complete, compact community development into the upcoming Official Community Plan review; continuing climate engagement programming; corporate energy efficiency and emissions reduction initiatives; investing in resilient community infrastructure; EV readiness and active transportation initiatives.

Question 21: How much additional funding for climate action were you able to invest by leveraging your LGCAP funds? This could include matching grants as well as private investment.

Format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal places

25000

Question 22: Please estimate the total investment in climate mitigation your local government or Nation made in 2022, including from sources beyond your LGCAP funds. For guidance, this includes (but is not limited to): integrating climate change mitigation (i.e. GHG reduction) measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, and increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation.

Format: no dollar sign and up to two decimals If no estimate is possible, please provide 0 as an answer.

16000

Question 24: Please estimate the total investment in climate adaptation and resilience your local government or Nation made in 2022, including from sources beyond your LGCAP funds. For guidance, this includes all actions that strengthen resilience and the ability to adapt to climate-induced impacts. Examples include (but are not limited to): addressing climate-related hazards; integrating adaptation measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate adaptation, and impact reduction and early warning systems.

Format: no dollar sign and two decimal places If no estimate is possible, please provide 0 as an answer.

7428000

Question 25: Does your community or Nation use a formal framework to apply a climate lens on infrastructure planning and decision-making?

This could include the Provincial preliminary GHG assessment guidance, the Federal climate lens guidance, or another climate lens framework.

No

Question 26: What is the value in the Program's continuity for your community?

Optional Note on posting the survey publicly: - Optional questions and responses such as this one can be omitted. - The Province will use the information for internal purposes only. - When posting the survey publicly, the design / format of the form can be changed. - All information from required questions must be included.

Provincial financial support is essential for municipalities to undertake the policy, engagement, investments and technical projects required to transition to net zero by 2050. The City of Vernon is grateful for support received under the Local Government Climate Action Program.

Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form

Instructions for the Attestor (CFO or equivalent staff person):

Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.

I, the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, attest to the following:

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2. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds held in reserve will be spent by March 31, 2025.
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Attested by (first name, last name)

Terry Martens

Professional title

Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

City of Vernon

Date

2023-07-31

Attestor signature

Signature captured

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Terry Martens', written over a light gray background.