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LGCAP 2024

Introduction

Reaching [net-zero emissions](#) and adapting to a changing climate will require a whole-of-society approach. The 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](#).

What is climate action?

For the purposes of this program, a climate initiative or action is one that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (mitigation) 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 (formerly [Carbon Disclosure Project](#), a global non-financial 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.

There is a 9,999 character limit for the open-ended questions.

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, attests 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 for years 1 and 2 received in 2022 and 2023 will be spent by March 31, 2025.
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 - That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2024.

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. For communities with populations of 10,000+ (based on 2020 BC Census data figures), measuring and reporting local government's traditional services emissions is required.
 3. Attest that funds will be allocated to climate initiatives before submitting your survey.
- Open-ended questions asking for one or more initiatives related to climate action may be highlighted in Provincial materials to acknowledge innovative local climate solutions. A template to submit climate action success stories for publication can be found on the [Local Government Climate Action Program webpage](#).

2. Deadline to submit the survey & attestation form

- The deadline for submitting your survey and attestation form is 4 PM PDT on July 31, 2024.

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, 2024.

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

If a staff member is a climate action coordinator and works 100% on climate-related issues, add 1.0.

0.6

Question 1 b): How many staff in full time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to working on climate action in other departments such as transportation or engineering?

For example: Can include staff in engineering, emergency management, transportation, waste management, etc. related to climate work but whose primary role is not working on climate action. 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.

1.5

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

No

If not, please select one or more options from the list.

No, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be completed in the next two years.

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

No

If not, please select one or more options from the list.

No, we are not intending to undertake one due to lack of financial capacity.

No, we are not intending to undertake one due to lack of expertise or technical capacity.

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

No

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

Lack of financial resources.

Lack of data or information.

Other.

Political opposition

Optional: Is local political support a challenge your local government faces that is impeding climate action?

Yes

Traditional Services Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Measuring traditional services emissions (defined in previous years as corporate emissions) is a Program requirement for all communities with a 2020 population of 10,000 and above ([see population statistics here](#)). Traditional services 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:

- [LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance](#),
- [Scope Summary Document](#),
- [Traditional Services Inventory Reporting Tool](#),
- [Contracted Services Emissions Guidance](#),
- [Contracted Emissions Calculator](#),
- [BC Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions](#), and
- [Emission Factors Catalogue](#).

Question 5: For the 2023 calendar year, has your local government or Nation measured and reported associated traditional services GHG emissions?

Yes

If your local government or Nation measured 2023 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from services delivered directly by your local government (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and 2 sources.

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If your local government or Nation measured 2023 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and scope 2 sources.

0

If your local government or Nation measured 2023 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the total GHG emissions from both directly delivered and contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and scope 2 sources.
This would be the sum of the two questions above.

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If your local government or Nation measured 2023 traditional services GHG emissions, please report what protocol you used to measure emissions.

LGCAP methodology

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

368

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

213

Optional: Please provide any further comments you wish to share on traditional services emissions measurement and reporting here (e.g. system or approach used to measure traditional services emissions).

We struggled with the accounting service that was being utilized to report emissions and are trying to catch up on reporting with in-house resources.

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 2023 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 data due to lack of financial capacity.

No, we do not measure and report community-wide emissions data due to lack of staff and technical capacity.

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

No

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).

Please enter "0" if no targets or baseline are established for the years given in the table.

2030

Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)

20

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)

2007

2040

Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)

0

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)

0

2050

Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)

80

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)

2007

If your local government or Nation's targets don't conform to the target years noted above, please enter them here. Format e.g.: target 2035 50% baseline 2010, target 2060 70% baseline 2010, ...

The Town intends to align with the Provincial targets in the new Climate Action Plan upon adoption.

Question 8: Does your local government or Nation have net-zero or carbon-neutral emissions target(s)?

Please select all that apply.

No

Question 9: Please select up to three supporting indicators that would be most valuable to your local government or Nation to advance climate action (these indicators were previously reported through the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative).

Floor area: Average floor area by building category and era

Residential density: Population and dwelling units per "net" land area

Walk score: Proximity to services

Optional: Please provide any further comments you wish to share on community-wide emissions measurement and reporting here.

N/A

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 us 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 10-13, 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, ongoing or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to the buildings sector. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Community

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions.

BC Energy Step Code adoption (Step 3 or higher).

Please enter the step for part 3 buildings (Energy Step Code).

Optional

Step 3

Please enter the step for part 9 buildings (Energy Step Code).

Optional

Step 3

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to buildings. Please enter NA if your community reported no buildings initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2023.

The Town of Creston hosted an education modern practices building workshop for 80 participants to enhance their skills related to energy efficiency and low carbon practices.

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to the transportation sector. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Community

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions.

Mode shift targets for passenger and/or commercial transportation (shifting from private vehicles to sustainable modes like walking, cycling and public transit) in Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy or other guiding documents.

Active transportation planning.

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning.

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments.

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to transportation. Please enter NA if your community reported no transportation initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2023.

Installation of EV charging infrastructure; acquired funding through the province for active transportation amenities, which is currently being implemented; planning spent on acquiring funding for transportation goals outlined in the Multi-modal transportation plan.

Question 12: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to community-wide and corporate action. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate
Community

Corporate climate policies, programs and actions

Sustainable procurement policy.
Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass).

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions.

Complete, compact communities
Organics diversion
Other
Annual water restrictions

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
Secondary suites and laneway homes
Infill development
Community Development Plans

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to community-wide or corporate action. Please enter NA if your community reported no community-wide or corporate initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2023.

Integration of environmentally friendly practices considerations into procurement policy; waste methane recovery at the waste water treatment plant; working on a Climate Action Plan; acquired grant funding to develop a Stormwater Master Plan; the development of a tree planting program and tree protection bylaw; zoning changes working toward complete communities.

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 climate

adaptation principles into decisions and everyday activities.

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 the [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 had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2023 calendar year to adapt to and build resilience to climate impacts. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate
Community

Corporate resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions.

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 or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.).

Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills).

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

Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions.

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 or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.).

Public engagement on climate risks and actions.

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

Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.

Please highlight one or more climate adaptation project(s) that were completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2023 calendar year to reduce risk and increase resilience. Please enter NA if your community reported no community-wide or corporate initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2023.

Please note that highlights for resilience actions may be shared with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) for them to use on ClimateReadyBC as part of their work on sharing info on climate resilience in BC. EMCR may follow up for more details if needed.

Annual water restrictions

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

Please select all that apply. In the textbox, please provide the link to the public assessment if available.

No

If not, please select one or more options from the list.

No, we are waiting for direction from the Provincial Government before undertaking an assessment.

Question 14 b): Are you integrating climate risk into asset management, budgeting and climate action plans?

Yes, in climate action plans

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

For each selection, please 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

long

Wildfire

not sure

Wildfire smoke

long

Wind, rain, and other storm events

long

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

not sure

Human health impacts

long

Power outages

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 hazards and impacts identified in Question 15? Please select one or more of what you consider the most valuable types of information for planning.

Local 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

Optional: What resilience indicators are of most value to your local government or Nation?

Health and well-being; biodiversity.

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

Other

Any of the groups could be significantly impacted. The largest vulnerable population in Creston are seniors.

Question 18: Of the hazards and impacts identified in Question 15, please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2023 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

Cooling stations set up.

Extreme cold, snow and ice

Adaptation measure

Worked with a local non-profit to set up a temporary homeless shelter.

Water shortages

Adaptation measure

Water restrictions.

Wildfire

Adaptation measure

Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Wildfire smoke

Adaptation measure

N/A

Overland flooding

Adaptation measure

Will be upgrading the Stormwater Management Master plan to guide future infrastructure

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

Adaptation measure

N/A

Wind, rain, and other storm events

Adaptation measure

N/A

Ecological impacts

Adaptation measure

N/A

Human health impacts

Adaptation measure

N/A

Cultural impacts

Adaptation measure

N/A

Power outages

Adaptation measure

Acquiring a back-up generator for the Fire Hall, also designated as an EOC and reception center.

Other

Adaptation measure

N/A

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 local government or Nation ensure equitable access to and distribution of climate action opportunities and benefits?

Please select all that apply.

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.

There are no specific measures in place to ensure equitable access to and distribution of opportunities and benefits.

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2023 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

The Town of Creston Climate Action Plan

LGCAP Year 2 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 two of the Program (2023)? Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative. For LGCAP 2023 funding, Town of Creston received 78082. Please ensure the amount(s) entered for Question 20 equal this amount in total.

Corporate

Funds on hold

18619

Corporate Initiatives

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.

Staffing

44983

Other

Climate data collection: 10000; Climate open house for CAP and advertising costs, and training expenses for Staff member; 4480

Funds on hold - How will funds be allocated?

No decision has been made.

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

Climate action staff, tree planting program

Question 21 a): 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

0

Question 21 b): Please list the funding programs leveraged and associated funders (i.e. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Canada/Province).

Please enter "NA" if no funds were leveraged.

The funders of the above projects include, Kootenay Rockies Tourism for EV chargers, Fortis for the building seminar, CEPF for the stormwater funding, CBT for the generator, and the B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for end of trip amenities.

Question 22: What is your internal decision criteria for spending LGCAP dollars?

The Climate Coordinator and Planning Manager work together to determine projects that align with the strategic plan and direction from Council. Then other relevant staff are consulted to ensure available staff capacity.

Question 23: Does your local government 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.

Yes

Question 24: What is the value in the Program's continuity for your community?

Optional

The LGCAP funding is extremely valuable. Long-term stable funding is essential in moving forward with climate action work. Having the funding available for staffing is especially critical for moving projects forward and applying for further grants. On top of the funding provided, the LGCAP program has enabled staff to develop relationships with other staff working in the climate field and learn about opportunities for collaboration around the province. In terms of leveraging funding, no funds were directly leveraged, however, staff were able to apply for grants for climate action projects. This includes \$150,000 for stormwater management, \$150,000 for a back-up generator, \$160,010 for active transportation amenities, \$18,428 for EV chargers, and \$36,000 for a building seminar.

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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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Attested by (first name, last name)

Steffan Klassen

Professional title

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

Town of Creston

Date

2024-07-16

Attestor signature

Please note: We did hear feedback to allow for file upload e-signatures and have looked into this. Unfortunately, uploaded files do not appear on the final report. If you require a redo for the digitally-drawn signature, please click the trash can. If that doesn't work, please submit your survey then contact us at LGCAP@gov.bc.ca.

Signature captured

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. W. H.', written in a cursive style.

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