



Attachment 1

*Local Government Climate Action Program
Completed Survey and Signed Attestation
Form*

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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.
 - That Local Government Climate Action Program funds for years 3-5 received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
 - 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.

3.0

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.

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

Yes

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

In the textbox, indicate the date the plan was adopted/approved in format YYYY-MM. If you don't remember the month, you can enter "01" for January.

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation and energy)
2022-10

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

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/environment/energy-emissions-and-climate-change#ceep-community-energy-and-emission-plan>

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

Yes

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

In the textbox, indicate the date the plan was adopted/approved in format YYYY-MM. If you don't remember the month, you can enter "01" for January.

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation and energy)
2020-09

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

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/environment/energy-emissions-and-climate-change#corporate-energy-and-ghg-reduction>

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

Yes

Question 4: Please select up to 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.

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.

2524

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.

148

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.

2672

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

LGCAP scope and boundaries

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

1363

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

1309

Please provide the link to the public report if available.

Optional

The City annually measures corporate GHG emissions. The corporate GHG emissions report for 2023 has not yet been presented to Council or been publicly disclosed. The report, along with this survey, will be presented to Council in September 2024 as a requirement of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) and annual reporting.

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).

The Corporate Energy and Emission Reduction Strategy was developed in 2020 to help identify actionable strategies to be implemented in order to achieve its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

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, community GHG emissions were not reported because the 2023 Provincial Community Energy and Emissions Inventory data has not been released.

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. 2022, every 5 years)?

2016

Please report your community-wide transportation sector emissions in tonnes of CO₂e for the most recent year available.

142553

Please report your community-wide buildings sector emissions in tonnes of CO₂e for the most recent year available.

126896

Please report your community-wide solid waste sector emissions in tonnes of CO₂e for the most recent year available.

6482

If your local government or Nation measured your community-wide emissions, please report the protocol(s) you used to measure emissions.

Regional specific methodology (CEEI).

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)

45

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

2010

2040

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

65

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

2010

2050

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

100

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

2010

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

Please select all that apply.

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

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

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

Commute by mode: Employed labour force by mode of commute

Other

Community level data on participation levels, actions and energy and emission outcomes of utility, provincial and federal retrofit programs, and natural gas consumption for multi-unit residential buildings. Currently MURBS are considered a Commercial account and not possible to partition out from other commercial accounts.

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

In 2022, the City became a member of the Climate Disclosure Project (CDP). CDP in partnership with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability is a global platform for cities to measure, manage and report their environmental data.

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.

Corporate

Community

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions.

Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment.

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits.

Other.

New City-owned buildings, or new additions/major building renovations with a floor space greater than 500 square metres or greater, shall achieve a minimum LEED Gold certification, achieve CaGBC's Zero Carbon Building Standard certification for Design (in the case of a new building) or Performance (in the case of an existing building), and use the LEED rating system and accompanying Reference Guide as a design and measurement tool.

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions.

Topping up Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs.

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

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

Optional

Step 2 (commercial), Step 3 (multi family)

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.

On December 11, 2023 Council adopted amendments to the Building Bylaw that accelerated Energy Step Code adoption and introduced implementation of the Zero Carbon Step Code. This involved implementing a two option framework for Part 9 buildings and a measure only carbon performance for Part 3 buildings that came into effect January 1, 2024. Staff consulted with the development community and put forth a timeline of future Energy and Zero Carbon adoption out to 2027. A timeline to 2027 provides transparency to builders and developers about the upcoming requirements. Implementing the Zero Carbon Step Code aligns with the City's climate action strategies, and increasing the ESC at the same time will reduce electricity demands and reduce ongoing operating costs.

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.

Corporate

Community

Corporate transportation policies, programs and actions.

Programs to increase high-occupancy (2 or more people) vehicle trips (i.e. carpooling).

Implemented zero-emission vehicle first procurement policy for all local government on and off-road vehicles purchases.

Implemented a zero-emission vehicle preference or requirement for contracted work from a service provider.

Active transportation infrastructure investments.

Active transportation education and encouragement programs.

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters).

Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet).

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning.

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions.

Improving or expanding public transportation.

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.

Established personal (passenger) transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for active transportation and zero-emission vehicles.

Bylaws updated to prioritize energy efficient transportation hierarchy (i.e. pedestrians first).

Revising existing bylaws or implementing new ones to support active transportation.

Active transportation planning.

Active transportation infrastructure investments.

Active transportation education and encouragement programs.

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters).

Bylaws that reduce or eliminate off street parking requirements.

Implement pedestrian plazas, car-free streets (temporary or permanent) or limited-access automobile streets.

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning.

Mandatory EV infrastructure in new construction.

Established electric vehicle charging ready bylaws.

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.

The Agnes Street Greenway was completed and opened in June 2023 and is a significant step forward in the City's sustainability and climate action goals. This project was made possible with funding contributions from TransLink in the amount of \$2.12 million, and with a \$500,000 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant from the Province of B.C. It includes a two-way protected lane for cycling and rolling, new landscaping and trees, a rain garden, a dog parklet, seating and bike racks, a water fountain and misting station, and improvements to existing intersections and sidewalks.

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).
Compliance carbon offset projects.

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions.

Complete, compact communities
Organics diversion
Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass)
Other
The City has a robust Urban Forest Management Strategy and strong tree canopy cover targets that support sequestration efforts.

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

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.

The Emergency Management Office (EMO), in collaboration with other City Departments such as the Climate Action Team, and Fraser Health Home Health, Senior Services Society and community organizations, continues to develop and implement extreme heat mitigation strategies. On July 10th, 2023 Council approved the Accelerated Heat Plan with a budget of \$268,000 funded from the Climate levy, collected from electric utility bills, in the Climate Action Reserve Fund. The Accelerated Heat Plan includes supporting additional staff resources for EMO, project budget enhancement for the Climate Action Team, administrative support for the Seniors Services Society and the purchase and installation of air conditioners. It will build on the current short term efforts such as creating cool rooms in common areas inside identified buildings and continued collaboration with Fraser Health. In summer 2023, Council also approved alignment of the Accelerated Heat Plan with the BC Hydro portable air conditioner program.

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.

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the asset or project level.
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.).
Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes).
Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.
Developing emergency/hazard response plans.

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

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the community level.
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.
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.
Developing emergency/hazard response plans.

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.

In 2023, we completed the 5th Street and 8th Avenue Rain Gardens project in collaboration with the Transportation department as part of a traffic calming initiative. This project included the installation of three rain gardens within the boulevard curb extensions and a pedestrian crossing with a half signal across 8th Avenue. The total area of the three rain gardens is approximately 240m². The new rain gardens will provide significant benefits, such as reducing stormwater runoff, improving water quality, and enhancing urban green spaces. These features help mitigate flood risks and support local biodiversity.

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.

Yes at the asset or project level

This work is in progress, and is being included as part of updating asset renewal and management plans. The Emergency Management Office has identified heat vulnerable buildings in the community and uses this assessment to inform community programming and tree planting.

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

Yes, in asset management

Yes, in budgeting

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

short

Extreme cold, snow and ice

short

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

Long

Wind, rain, and other storm events

Short

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

Long

Human health impacts

Short

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
Assessment of potential community impacts
Assessment of community vulnerabilities
Risk assessment of hazards
Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards
Adaptation planning information
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?

Resilience indicators that provide detailed insights into health outcomes and equity, particularly in the context of energy poverty, racialized communities, and reconciliation would be valuable. Understanding who is most impacted, beyond mere statistics, and including lived experiences is crucial for effective program design. It is important to incorporate these comprehensive insights to ensure our programs and services address the specific needs of the most affected populations.

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?

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
People living alone/isolated

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

Community connectedness, cooling centers, misting stations, partnerships with other organizations

Extreme cold, snow and ice

Adaptation measure

Warming shelters

Overland flooding

Adaptation measure

Flood Management Strategy update, installation of integrated stormwater management projects

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

Adaptation measure

Flood Management Strategy update

Wind, rain, and other storm events

Adaptation measure

Ongoing assessment of public trees near overhead electrical distribution infrastructure

Ecological impacts

Adaptation measure

Biodiversity Strategy implementation

Human health impacts

Adaptation measure

Community connectedness program

Power outages

Adaptation measure

Distribution network undergrounding strategy, outage response protocol

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 collecting and analyzing disaggregated and/or spatial data on the impacts of climate policy and change.

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 2023 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

A principal goal of the CEEP is to ensure the transition to a low-carbon community benefits everyone. The plan is informed by New Westminster's diverse community, including directly engaging with residents with lived and living experience in poverty. Addressing the needs and priorities of vulnerable and at-risk community members is an emerging priority. The City of New Westminster is actively designing heat programs to address the needs of underserved and vulnerable populations. The Emergency Management Office (EMO) and Fire Department have identified 126 multifamily residences housing the most vulnerable populations and have partnered with organizations like the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and the Seniors Services Society to provide targeted outreach and support. Key initiatives include distributing portable AC units to residents with mobility issues, creating cooling rooms in common areas of targeted buildings, and implementing educational outreach on heat preparedness.

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, The Corporation of the City of New Westminster received 285082. Please ensure the amount(s) entered for Question 20 equal this amount in total.

Funds on hold
285082

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.

LGCAP funding received in year one and year two has been placed in a Climate Action Reserve (CAR) fund. The City has hired a consultant to develop a climate action decision making framework to aid climate action project prioritization and allocation of funds from the CAR. The framework will support the existing budgeting framework which guides the City's work planning and budget process through a climate action lens to support advancing the City towards a zero-carbon future by 2050. The framework will be put into use in 2024.

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.

NA

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

The City has hired a consultant to develop a climate action decision making framework to aid climate action project prioritization and allocation of funds from the Climate Action Reserve, including LGCAP dollars. The framework will support the existing budgeting framework which guides the City's work planning and budget process through a climate action lens to support advancing the City towards a zero-carbon future by 2050. The framework will be put into use in 2024 to inform the 2025 budget allocation.

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.

No

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

Optional

Increased funding from the LGCAP program supports advancing the initiatives outlined in the CEEP and the 7 Bold Steps for Climate Action. These funds will help expedite the implementation of cost-prohibitive climate action projects within the City's existing five-year capital plan. The Province's commitment to long-term stable funding demonstrates their commitment to working with local governments and to reducing the climate response burden imposed on municipalities. The funding enables strategic planning and execution of climate action initiatives, reinforcing the Province's partnership with local governments and supporting collaborative opportunities. This is crucial for achieving a net-zero emissions target by 2050.

Please note on posting the survey publicly:

- All information from required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and responses 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.

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:

1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
2. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds for years 1 and 2 received in 2022 and 2023 will be spent by March 31, 2025.
3. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds for years 3-5 received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.

4. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2024.

Attested by (first name, last name)

Shehzad Somji

Professional title

Chief Financial Officer

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

City of New Westminster

Date

2024-07-30

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



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