

# Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Reporting - Carbon Neutral Progress Survey 2014

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## Measuring Corporate GHG Emissions

### MEASURING CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS

#### Q1. Did you measure your local government's corporate GHG emissions in 2014?

Many local governments use SMARTTool, a web-based inventory and reporting tool, to track and measure their corporate GHG emissions. If your local government has chosen to use another inventory tool, please make sure that you are using the same methodologies and emission factors as SMARTTool. The most recent edition of the B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions provides this information and is available on the BC Climate Action Toolkit. If you would like to know more about using SMARTTool to measure GHG emissions, please contact Jennifer Hill at Jennifer.Hill@gov.bc.ca or 250-387-0089. Survey Navigation Tip: If you are not yet measuring your local government's GHG emissions, a 'no' answer to this question will bring you directly to the 'Making Progress Towards Carbon Neutrality' page of the survey when you click 'Next'.

Yes

## Reporting Corporate GHG Emissions and Reductions

### REPORTING CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS AND REDUCTIONS

A local government's Total Corporate GHG Emissions include direct and contracted GHG emissions that result from the delivery of "traditional services". Traditional services - services that are commonly provided by a majority of local governments and include: administration and governance; drinking, storm and waste water; solid waste collection, transportation and diversion; roads and traffic operations; arts, recreation and cultural services; and fire protection. Direct GHG emissions - emissions that are generated by the delivery of a traditional service by local government staff or a subsidiary organization. Contracted GHG emissions - emissions that are generated by the delivery of traditional services by contractors on behalf of local governments. For more information, see Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia and The Workbook: Helping Local Governments Understand How to be Carbon Neutral in their Corporate Operations.

## Reporting Emissions

**Q2. What were your local government's 2014 corporate GHG emissions from services delivered directly by your local government?**

(in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent, tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

178.6

**Q3. What were your local government's 2014 corporate GHG emissions from contracted services?**

(in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent, tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

(0)

**Total Corporate GHG Emissions for 2014 = 178.6 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

## Reporting Reductions and Offsets

To be carbon neutral, a local government must: balance their TOTAL corporate GHG emissions by undertaking Option 1 (GCC-supported) or Option 2 (alternative) community GHG emissions reduction projects that meet project eligibility requirements; and/or; purchase carbon offsets from a credible offset provider.

**Q4. If applicable, please report the 2014 GHG emissions reductions being claimed from Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects.**

### Energy Efficient Building Retrofits

none

### Solar Thermal

none

### Household Organic Waste Composting

none

**Low Emission Vehicles**

none

**Avoided Forest Conversion**

none

**Reductions from Option 1 Projects = 0.0 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

**Q5. If applicable, please list the names of and report the 2014 GHG emissions reductions being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects.**

Option 2 Project Name	GHG Emissions Reduced

**Reductions from Option 2 Projects = 0 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**

**Q6. If applicable, please report the number of offsets you purchased from an offset provider for the 2014 reporting year.**

NOTE: Please do not include any climate action reserve funds in your response. Some local governments have put funds that they would otherwise use to purchase offsets into climate action reserve funds. A climate action reserve fund is a way of setting aside funding for emission reduction projects, and worth publicly reporting, but does not get a local government to carbon neutrality under the GCC's Carbon Neutral Framework.(in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent)

**Q7. If you have purchased offsets, please identify the name of your offset provider.**

None

## Total Reductions from Projects and Offsets for 2014 = 0.0

### Corporate GHG Emissions Balance

Your local government's Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is the difference between total corporate GHG emissions (direct + contracted emissions) and the GHG emissions reduced through GCC Option 1 and Option 2 projects and/or the purchase of offsets.

### Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2014 = 178.6

If your Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is negative or zero, your local government is carbon neutral. Congratulations!

Survey Navigation Tip: If your local government is carbon neutral for 2014, you can skip directly to the GCC Climate Action Recognition Program survey page by clicking on that tab in the list of tabs at the top of the page.

### Making Progress Towards Carbon Neutrality

#### MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY

Even if your local government did not measure corporate GHG emissions or achieve carbon neutrality for the 2014 reporting year, by identifying and committing to taking actions next year to bring you closer to carbon neutrality, your local government is meeting the spirit of the Climate Action Charter.

#### Q8. If you did not achieve carbon neutrality in 2014, did you undertake any of the following commonly reported corporate GHG reduction activities?

(No response)

#### Q9. If you did not achieve carbon neutrality in 2014, please identify up to three key actions for 2015 that will help you make progress towards becoming carbon neutral.

Variable

Response

[Actions\_2015.0] Q9. If you did not achieve carbon neutrality in 2014, please identify up to three key actions for 2015 that will help you make progress towards becoming carbon

Start the collections of organics and divert from waste stream

neutral. |

[Actions\_2015.1] Q9. If you did not achieve carbon neutrality in 2014, please identify up to three key actions for 2015 that will help you make progress towards becoming carbon neutral. |

[Actions\_2015.2] Q9. If you did not achieve carbon neutrality in 2014, please identify up to three key actions for 2015 that will help you make progress towards becoming carbon neutral. |

Start the renovation of municipal office building with energy efficient and green energy alternatives

Pedestrian and cyclist pathway improvements

## **Q10. Are you familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI)?**

Familiarity with your community's CEEI helps qualify you for Level 2 of the GCC Recognition Program. For more information about CEEI, please see: <http://www.toolkit.bc.ca/community-energy-and-emissions-inventory-initiative>

Yes

### **GCC Climate Action Recognition Program**

## **GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE (GCC) CLIMATE ACTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program again this year. This multi-level program provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (Charter) signatory. Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their Charter commitments, according to the following: Level 1 - Progress on Charter Commitments (L1): for local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their Charter commitments Level 2 - Measurement (L2): for local governments who have measured their Corporate GHG Emissions for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) Level 3 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality (L3): for local governments who achieve carbon neutrality in the reporting year

## **Q11. Based on your local government's 2014 CARIP Public Report, please check the GCC Climate Action Recognition Program level that best applies:**

Level 2 - Measurement

## Local Government Information

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Variable	Response
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION   Name of Local Government	Lake Cowichan, Town of
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION   Name of member Regional District (RD)	Cowichan Valley
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION   Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) in your region	No
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION   Population	0-4,999

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**This year we replaced the CARIP Public Reporting Template with two online surveys to streamline and improve the reporting process. We would like to know what you think.**

Please check the answer that best describes your thoughts on how the Carbon Neutral Progress Survey and the new survey process compares to the previous year's process.

Somewhat improved

**Before submitting your survey, please ensure that it is your local government's complete and final 2014 Carbon Neutral Progress Survey. Please submit this survey only once.**

Is this your local government's complete and final 2014 Carbon Neutral Progress Survey?

Yes