

This is a provincial reporting survey for the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), completed and submitted by the City of Colwood in 2024 for the 2023 reporting period.

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).

Attestation Form

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.

Reporting Requirements

- 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.

- 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.
- 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](#).

Thank you!
 The LGCAP Team
LGCAP@gov.bc.ca.

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.

1.0

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.

0.77

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 adaptation)
2023-08

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

Climate Action Plan: <https://www.colwood.ca/sites/default/files/climate-action/colwood-climate-action-plan-approved-jan2024.pdf> (adopted August 2023, updated January 2024). This and other related documents can be found on this webpage: www.colwood.ca/climateaction

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.

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(same document as above - it is both a corporate and community-wide action plan.

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 financial resources.

Competing priorities.

Other.

A relatively small municipality such as Colwood currently is limited by the size of our staff regarding advancing climate action. We have one full-time climate planner and have been integrating climate action across departments and positions, but we do have the challenge of limited staff/ staff time.

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

No

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.

362

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.

142

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.

504

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

2023 B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantification GHG Emissions, Local Governments & Public Sector Organizations

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

171

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

333

Please provide the link to the public report if available.
Optional

www.colwood.ca/climateaction

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?

In-progress

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

Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC).

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)?

2022, every 2 years (coordinated by the Capital Regional District – for the region and for each member municipality)

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

45350

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

23827.00

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

1688.00

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)

30

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

2007

2050

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

100

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 formatting of the above table does not allow for us to provide all our critical information. 2030 targets: 30% territorial emissions/ 50% per capita emissions. Reduction of Corporate emissions: target 2045 100% baseline 2007

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).

Commute by mode: Employed labour force by mode of commute Walk

score: Proximity to services

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 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.

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

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

Optional

In 2023 – Step 3 with low carbon energy system or Step 5 (changed in 2024)

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions.

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

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

In 2023 – Step 3 with low carbon energy system or Step 5 (changed in 2024)

Please enter the step for part 3 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).
Optional

Work on this in 2023 (EL-4 adopted in early 2024)

Please enter the step for part 9 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).
Optional

Work on this in 2023 (EL-4 adopted in early 2024)

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.

In 2023 there were proposals and presentations to Council about the adoption of the Zero Carbon Step Code (which occurred in early 2024 at EL-4 level).

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.

Active transportation infrastructure investments.
Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet).
Electric vehicle charging studies/planning.
Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments.
Other.

EV transition fleet planning roadmap and purchased new Fleet EVs including the first municipal EV dump truck in North America.

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.

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).

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.

*Completed draft Active Transportation Network Plan: <https://letstalkcolwood.ca/activetransportationnetwork>
The draft Plan is (at this point) will be finalized pending an update to Colwood's Transportation Master Plan. The draft plan is being used as a guide for staff and includes an overview of current infrastructure, community feedback, a framework of vision/objectives/targets, details of a long-term network, infrastructure design/best practices, design principles, public realm enhancements, and implementation strategies. Though this is a draft plan, implementation priorities have already been moving forward in 2023, with overall expansion of the active transportation network including the start of a bridge project to connect the regional trail across Sooke Road (Island Hwy) and associated projects nearby such as the redesign of an intersection to facilitate regional trail use and safety. Other projects completed or underway in 2023 include bike lane and sidewalk expansions, protected bike lane pilots, and installation of 7 permanent pedestrian and bike counters.*

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

Other.

Completed and endorsed an integrated Climate Action Plan (mitigation and adaptation; corporate and community planning) as well as an Implementation Plan for 2024, which included a Communication and Engagement Strategy. Other projects related to initiatives identified in this section will be reported on for 2024.

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions.

Complete, compact communities

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

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.

Colwood finalized the Colwood Gateway & Triangle Lands Vision and Action Plan, which was endorsed by Council on May 23, 2023. This plan for a compact and complete community guides the City in the development of this central hub/ town centre for Colwood and the West Shore communities. The plan expands the active transportation network, including a pedestrian and cycling bridge connecting the regional trail across Sooke Road. The area is served by the regional RapidBus and guides increased density and services, pedestrian-friendly streets and gathering areas, sustainable land development, and enhanced stewardship of natural systems. Phase 2 of this project process will be starting soon.

https://www.colwood.ca/sites/default/files/planning/gateway-vision/2023_12_15_Colwood_Gateway___Triangle_Lands_Vision_and_Action_Plan_Final.pdf

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.

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

Creating data systems to support climate action.

Other.

In 2023, the City of Colwood successfully applied for UBCM funding to complete an HRVA and related projects and policies, which also includes emergency/ hazard response plans (project start 2024, which will be for both corporate and community).

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

Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives.

Public engagement on climate risks and actions.

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

Other.

The City of Colwood completed phase one of two for the development of an Urban Forest Strategy in 2023.

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.

*Extreme Heat Risks & Regional Collaboration Colwood worked with regional partners on two projects to learn more about risks and vulnerabilities related to extreme heat events and to help us incorporate ongoing planning. 1. UVic and CRD Research project: Colwood and other regional partners collaborated with UVic researcher Sarah Wiebe (and her research team) along with CRD lead Kristen Mah (and the regional Safe & Healthy Environments subcommittee of the Community Health Network). Colwood provided a venue for a focus group session and a staff lead to aid with that session and the final presentation meeting. Colwood staff directly involved in the project included our Climate Planner and Assistant Fire Chief. (<https://storymaps.com/stories/989b03cc3bc042fa8d7fc6e80c712464>) 2. CRD collaborated with municipal partners (including Colwood), Island Health and the Province, to develop and launch the Capital Region Extreme Heat Information Portal. This tool helps residents and community planners explore and understand the capital region's vulnerability and exposure to extreme heat. The process included data collation, engagement and validation along with an analysis of how extreme heat is distributed across the region and the development of two indices examining the impact of socio-demographic and building-specific factors on heat vulnerability. (Portal: <https://heat.prepareyourself.ca/>) Colwood staff participated in both of these projects and, in particular, the active participation of the Assistant Fire Chief has supported these projects to inform Colwood's current programs and planning. This information will also support our current Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation project over the next two years (which includes risk assessment, HRVA update, disaster planning, mental health strategy, nature-based solutions and more via funding from the UBCM).
Integrating Climate Implications in Decision-making In 2023 the City of Colwood began integrating climate implications into the decision-making processes of Mayor and Council. All staff reports to Council and Council appointed Committees now include a section for "Climate Implications". A staff guide was developed to support staff in providing information in this section of reports as well as communications with staff to raise awareness and offer support. This is the first step in a larger process of integrating decision-making as a Climate Lens Framework is under development for 2024.*

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 community level

Yes – previously with ICLEI for the City in 2021 and ongoing regional assessments coordinated by the CRD for all member municipalities (the last completed assessment in 2017, in 2023 an updated assessment was in process)

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

short

Wildfire

short/medium

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

short/medium

Wind, rain, and other storm events

short/medium

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

short/medium

Human health impacts

short/medium

Power outages

short/medium

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.

Not sure

Other

We have UBCM DRR-CA funding and have just started our process/projects to be completed by January 2026. This process will help us understand more about what information we are currently missing or need more data for. We will be assessing community vulnerabilities, hazards, etc. We will be looking at examples of actions taken by other communities (for this and other climate action projects), so this would be valuable.

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?

Not sure

Other

We feel it is important to have more engagement and data in order to answer this question. Better understanding the answer(s) to this question will be part of our DRR-CA funded project that just started.

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

Regional planning for extreme heat measures (research project and extreme heat dashboard/data); cool

Extreme cold, snow and ice

Adaptation measure

Increased coordination with road maintenance crews to ensure safe and effective emergency vehicle ac

Water shortages

Adaptation measure

Modified operational processes that require increased water use (including training and equipment to

Wildfire

Adaptation measure

Increased fire prevention activities through outreach, education, and awareness (ie. FireSmart)

Wildfire smoke

Adaptation measure

Public messaging to highlight the hazard and remain indoors when possible.

Overland flooding

Adaptation measure

Ensure drains and ditches remain unobstructed. Make sandbags and sand available to the public.

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

Adaptation measure

Waterfront Stewardship Plan in process & significant funding acquired in 2023 for implementation. In

Wind, rain, and other storm events

Adaptation measure

Promote emergency preparedness practices to ensure residents are prepared for emergency events (outr

Ecological impacts

Adaptation measure

Adopted Climate Action Plan (2023) includes measures for biodiversity – including a State of Biodive

Human health impacts

Adaptation measure

Linkages with extreme heat planning/ projects; important element of funding application to UBCM in 2

Cultural impacts

Adaptation measure

Identified disaster/emergency planning as a priority request for collaboration with Songhees and Esq

Power outages

Adaptation measure

Promote emergency preparedness practices to ensure residents are prepared for emergency events (outr

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 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.

In 2023 Council directed the priority development of an Equity Len (for 2024) as part of our Climate Action Plan. (Note: for question 19 above, it would be good to have space to enter information not included in the choices provided or to qualify a selection. Some of our climate information and projects are through regional collaboration and include collecting and analyzing disaggregated data and considering equity in public participation processes. These and more will also be part of future processes for Colwood climate projects.)

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, City of Colwood received 148082. Please ensure the amount(s) entered for Question 20 equal this amount in total.

Corporate
Community
Funds on hold
63857.00

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
83,000

Community 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.

Other
\$1225 - completion of Community-wide Climate Action Plan

Funds on hold - How will funds be allocated?

Please indicate the project(s) funds have been allocated to.

Funds were not allocated in 2023. Budget processes included allocation of LGCAP/ Climate Reserve spending for 2024 (which includes this amount, but not itemized). If it is helpful, we could identify that the Building Retrofit Strategy development for 2024 was covered (in part) by the 2023 funds on hold.

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

In 2023, Colwood used the LGCAP funding to hire a new Climate Planner position (started March 2023). This enabled completion of the City's Climate Action Plan, and begin capacity building for scaling up climate action and integrated decision-making. The Climate Planner reviewed previous engagement and draft climate planning work to re-draft a feasible and engaging Climate Action Plan for integrated climate mitigation and adaption with a scope of corporate and community-wide planning and initiatives. In this process, an interdepartmental Colwood Climate Action Team (CCAT) was created, and leadership established across departments. CCAT leaders supported the development of the final plan as well as the implementation planning and other corporate capacity building measures. In August 2023, Council endorsed the Climate Action Plan and in December one level of integrated decision-making was established through staff reports to Council. Also in December, the Phase One Implementation 2023-2024 and Strategic Communications and Engagement 2024 for the Climate Action Plan were endorsed by the Council appointed Environment Committee (and subsequently by Council in early January 2024). In support of this work and priorities identified in the plan, funding applications were submitted in the fall of 2023 that successfully provided grant funding for 2024 priority initiatives under the Climate Action Plan.

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 of Colwood places all LGCAP funding in a Climate Reserve Fund. Decisions for the spending of funding are guided by the adopted Climate Action Plan and all spending must be approved by Mayor and Council. The Climate Action Plan includes guidance on prioritization of actions/ projects.

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

The continuation of LGCAP provides stable and much needed funding for priority climate action initiatives and capacity building, including integration of climate action and decision-making across departments. This funding is an essential part of the long-term stability of Colwood's climate action program and the successful delivery of targets and objectives within our Climate Action Plan.

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:

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Attested by (first name, last name)

Jenn Hepting

Professional title

Director of Finance

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

City of Colwood

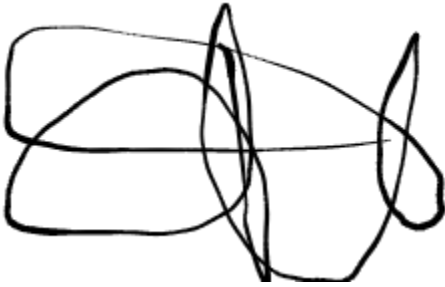
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