

Climate Action Revenue Incentive (CARIP) Public Report for 2019



Local Government: City of Colwood

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Please note in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in response to a high volume of requests from local governments, CARIP reporting requirements were waived by the Province for the 2019 reporting year. Colwood has completed voluntary public reporting submission requirements for 2019 CARIP survey. The CARIP report summarizes actions taken in 2019 and proposed for 2020 to reduce corporate and community-wide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and reports on progress towards achieving carbon neutrality.

2019 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Survey

Overview

INTRODUCTION:

The 2019 CARIP survey highlights and celebrates local government climate action in British Columbia. Detailed survey instructions, FAQs and definitions can be found in the [2019 CARIP Program Guide](#).

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Section 1 – Local Government Information

Name of Local Government:

City of Colwood

Name of Regional District:

Capital Regional District

Does your region have a Regional Growth Strategy (RGS):

Yes

Population:

10,000 to 49,999

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Section 2 - Narrative Focus

Local government signatories to the B.C. Climate Action Charter have committed to taking climate action by:

- Working towards achieving corporate carbon neutrality;
- Measuring and reporting on their community-wide GHG emissions; and
- Creating complete, compact, energy-efficient communities.

A key part of the 2019 CARIP survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia.

In 2019, what actions has your local government taken to support the creation of compact, complete, and energy efficient communities?

Continued implementation of the Official Community Plan

2019 CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION:

Corporate climate actions refer to actions that reduce the GHG emissions produced as a result of a local government's delivery of "traditional services", including fire protection, solid waste management, recreational/cultural services, road and traffic operations, water and wastewater management, and local government administration.

In 2019, when it comes to corporate climate action, did your local government undertake any of the following (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Building and Lighting Actions
- Energy Generation Actions
- Greenspace Actions
- Planning Actions
- Solid Waste Actions
- Transportation Actions
- Water and Wastewater Actions
- Other Climate Actions (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other Climate Actions'

Support of expansion of Community Garden on City land

When it comes to corporate Building and Lighting Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or upgraded energy-efficient lighting systems
- New or upgraded energy-efficient heating systems
- New or upgraded building envelope initiatives
- Upgrades to amenities in recreation facilities
- Studies related to building and/or lighting energy efficiency
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Energy Generation Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Solar power projects
- Heat recovery or heat reclamation projects
- Biomass or bio-gas projects
- Geo-exchange or geothermal projects
- Studies related to energy generation
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

When it comes to **corporate** Greenspace Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Tree planting
- Greenspace acquisition
- New or upgraded amenities in parks
- Invasive species management

Plans or strategies related to greenspace

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Planning Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

Energy/Emissions Management Plan (New or Updated)

Asset Management Plan (New or Updated)

Corporate Climate Action Plan (New or Updated)

Strategic Plan (New or Updated)

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Please specify 'Other'

Council resolved near term and long term responses to declaration of a climate emergency which included the following principles be used to guide initial response to the climate emergency:

- a. Given the limited nature of City resources and the imperative to reduce emissions, mitigation measures should focus on actions with the lowest ratio of cost to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions;
- b. Measures that have co-benefits in other areas should be prioritized;
- c. Alignment with the Province's Clean BC plan for climate action should be sought;
- d. Actions shall be equitable in that they should not disproportionately impact middle- and lower-income households; and
- e. Mitigation efforts should be focused on actions in Colwood as much as possible.

When it comes to corporate Solid Waste Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

Introduction, expansion or improvement of recycling initiatives at corporate facilities

Introduction, expansion or improvement of composting initiatives at corporate facilities

Communication or education for staff related to corporate solid waste initiatives

- Studies or research related to corporate solid waste initiatives
- Plans or strategies related to corporate solid waste initiatives
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

When it comes to corporate Transportation Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Fleet replacement or upgrades
- New or improved electric vehicle initiatives
- New or improved active transportation infrastructure for staff
- Communication or outreach for staff related to corporate transportation initiatives
- New or improved public transportation initiatives for staff

When it comes to corporate Water and Wastewater Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or improved water or wastewater infrastructure
- Studies or research related to water conservation
- Plans or strategies related to water or wastewater
- Water reduction initiative(s)
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

As mentioned, a key part of the 2019 CARIP Survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia. This question provides local governments the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and innovative approaches to reduce corporate GHG emissions.

When it comes to the corporate climate action, please highlight up to three significant actions focused on reducing GHG emissions that your local government undertook in 2019:

Corporate Action #1

The City is working to establish a climate action reserve fund be to dedicate funds to mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Corporate Action #2

The City is working towards incorporating climate implications section in staff reports to provide assessment of the potential impacts that major decisions could have on GHG emissions and community resiliency.

Corporate Action #3

The costs of developing a low carbon resiliency plan addressing climate mitigation and adaptation are to be incorporated into the 2020 Financial Plan for Council consideration.

2019 COMMUNITY-WIDE CLIMATE ACTION:

Community-wide actions refer to actions that reduce GHG emissions across the community (i.e. actions not related to “traditional services” in corporate operations).

When it comes to community-wide climate action in 2019, did your local government undertake any of the following (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Building and Lighting Actions
- Energy Generation Actions
- Greenspace Actions
- Planning Actions
- Solid Waste Actions
- Transportation Actions
- Water and Wastewater Actions
- Other Climate Actions (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other Climate Actions'

Climate Emergency Declaration and Response

When it comes to community-wide Building and Lighting Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or upgraded energy-efficient lighting systems
- New or upgraded energy-efficient heating systems
- BC Energy Step Code related projects
- Incentives/rebate programs related to energy-efficient building or lighting
- Outreach, education or communication related to energy-efficient building or lighting
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

Notice of Consultation on the BC Energy Step Code to the Province

When it comes to community-wide Energy Generation Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Solar power projects
- Heat recovery or heat reclamation projects
- Landfill gas capture/utilization projects –
- Micro-hydro projects
- Studies or research related to energy generation
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to community-wide Greenspace Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Tree planting
- Greenspace restoration or maintenance
- Greenspace acquisition
- Invasive species management
- Plans or strategies related to greenspace
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

Expansion of Community Garden on City lands

When it comes to community-wide Planning Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Official Community Plan (New or Updated)
- Climate Action Plan (New or Updated)
- Regional Growth Strategy (New or Updated)
- New or updated bylaw(s) or zoning addressing climate issues
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

Climate Emergency Declaration and Response

When it comes to community-wide Solid Waste Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Introduction, expansion or improvement of recycling initiatives
- Introduction, expansion or improvement of composting initiatives
- Community clean-up initiatives
- General waste reduction initiative (including landfill diversion strategies)
- Outreach, education or communication related to solid waste
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to community-wide Transportation Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or improved active transportation infrastructure
- New or improved public transportation initiatives
- New or improved electric vehicle initiatives
- Outreach, education or communication related to transportation
- Plans or strategies related to transportation
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

Improvements to transit infrastructure

When it comes to community-wide Water and Wastewater Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Water restrictions
- Incentives/rebate programs related to water or wastewater
- Outreach, education or communication related to water or wastewater
- Studies or research related to water or wastewater
- Plans or strategies related to water or wastewater
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

As mentioned, a key part of the 2019 CARIP survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia. This question provides local governments the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and innovative approaches to reduce community-wide GHG emissions.

When it comes to the community-wide climate action, please highlight up to three significant actions focused on reducing GHG emissions that your local government undertook in 2019:

Community-Wide Action #1

The City made a Climate Emergency Declaration and followed-up with a Climate Emergency Response. Council endorsed guiding principles for the climate emergency response and directed undertaking of immediate and near term accelerated actions.

Community-Wide Action #2

As part of Low Carbon Resiliency approach:

1. Participating in the Adaptation to Climate Change Team (ACT) with Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the Integrated Climate Action in BC Communities Initiative (ICABBC) to integrate climate action framework streamlining climate change adaptation and mitigation in decision-making and planning.
2. Participating in the Together for Climate project with ICLEI Canada in developing a community climate change adaptation plan.

Community-Wide Action #3

Established a Waterfront Coastal Processes Committee to advise Council on matters related to coastal processes of erosion, transportation and deposition; and may include considerations linked to programming and community use of the waterfront. The purpose of the Committee is to develop a better understanding of coastal processes and provide recommendations to Council. The outcome of this Committee will inform the decision-making processes while preserving and enhancing Colwood's coastline over the short, mid and long term.

2019 CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS AND ADAPTATION ACTION:

This section of the 2019 CARIP survey is designed to collect information related to the types of climate impacts local governments are experiencing and how they are being addressed.

Please identify the climate impacts that are most relevant to your local government (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Increased temperatures increasing wildfire activity
- Extreme weather events contributing to urban and overland flooding
- Changes to temperature and precipitation causing seasonal drought
- Warmer winter temperatures reducing snowpack
- Sea level rise and storms causing coastal flooding and/or erosion
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

In 2019, did your local government take any of the following actions in an effort to consider or address the impacts of climate change? (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

- Emergency response planning
- Asset management
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Public education and awareness
- Strategic and financial planning
- Risk and vulnerability assessments
- Risk reduction strategies
- Official Community Plan policy changes
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

In 2019, did your local government partnered with any of the following organizations to prepare for, and adapt to, a changing climate? (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

- Adaptation to Climate Change Team (SFU)
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (UBCM)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Fraser Basin Council
- Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (UVIC)
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

ICLEI Canada

As mentioned, a key part of the 2019 CARIP survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia. This question provides local governments the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and innovative approaches to adapting to a changing climate.

When it comes to climate preparedness and adaptation actions, please highlight up to three significant actions/initiatives that your local government undertook in 2019:

Adaptation Action #1

Participation in the Together for Climate project with ICLEI Canada in developing a community climate change adaptation plan.

Adaptation Action #2

Participation in the Adaptation to Climate Change Team (ACT) with Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the Integrated Climate Action in BC Communities Initiative (ICABBC) to integrate climate action framework streamlining climate change adaptation and mitigation in decision-making and planning.

Adaptation Action #3

Completed a preliminary design of a relocated Ocean Boulevard wastewater pump station.

Section 3: 2019 Carbon Neutral Reporting

Local governments are required to report on their progress in achieving their corporate carbon neutral goal under the B.C. Climate Action Charter. Working with B.C. local governments, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee has established a common approach to determining corporate carbon neutrality for the purposes of the Charter, including a Carbon Neutral Framework and supporting guidance for local governments on how to become carbon neutral.

Prior to completing this portion of the survey, please ensure that you are familiar with guidance available on the B.C. Climate Action Toolkit website, specifically the Workbook (WILL BE UPDATED) and Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia (WILL BE UPDATED).

Please note: As a result of the BC Recycling Regulation, local governments are no longer required to account for GHG emissions from vehicles, equipment and machinery required for the collection, transportation and diversion of packaging and printed paper, in their annual CARIP reports.

2019 CARBON EMISSIONS

Did your local government measure corporate GHG emissions for 2019?

Yes

If your local government measured 2019 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) from:

Service Delivery Type	2019 Corporate GHG Emissions
Services Delivered Directly by your Local Government	219
Contracted Services	194

TOTAL A - CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS (DIRECT + CONTRACTED) FOR 2019:

413

2019 CARBON REDUCTIONS

To be carbon neutral, a local government must balance their TOTAL corporate GHG emissions generated in 2019 by one or a combination of the following actions:

- Undertake Green Communities Committee-supported Option 1 Project(s)
- Undertake Green Communities Committee-supported Option 2 Project(s)
- Purchase carbon offsets from a credible offset provider

For more information about options to balance or offset corporate GHG emissions please refer to *Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guidebook for Local Governments in British Columbia*.

If applicable, please report the 2019 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) being claimed from any of the following Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects:

Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects	2019 GHG Emissions Reductions
1A Energy Efficiency Retrofits	
1B Solar Thermal	
1C Household Organic Waste	269
1D Low Emission Vehicles	
1E Avoided Forest Conversion	
1F Trenchless Technology	

TOTAL B - REDUCTIONS FROM ALL OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2019:

269

If applicable, please report the names and 2019 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects:

TOTAL C - REDUCTIONS FROM ALL OPTION 2 PROJECTS FOR 2019:

None Claimed

2019 CARBON OFFSETS

If applicable, please report the name of the offset provider, type of project and number of offsets purchased (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) from an offset provider for the 2019 reporting year:

TOTAL D - OFFSETS PURCHASED FOR 2019:

None Purchased

TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2019 (Total B+C+D):

269

Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2019

Your local government's corporate GHG emissions balance is the difference between total corporate offsettable GHG emissions (direct + contracted emissions) and the GHG emissions reduced through Green Communities Committee Option 1 and Option 2 projects and/or the purchase of offsets.

CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS BALANCE FOR 2019 = (Total A – (B+C+D))

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GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE CLIMATE ACTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

The joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program again this year. This multi-level program provides the Green Communities Committee 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 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments: For local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their Charter commitments.

Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions: For local governments that achieve Level 1, who measure their corporate GHG emissions for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with their community's energy and emissions inventory (i.e. CEEI).

Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments: For those local governments who have achieved Level 1 and 2 and demonstrate significant action (corporately or community-wide) in reducing GHG emissions in the reporting year (e.g. through undertaking a GHG reduction project, purchasing offsets, establishing a reserve fund).

Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality: For local governments who achieve corporate carbon neutrality in the reporting year.

Based on your local government's 2018 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey, please check the Green Communities Committee Climate Action Recognition Program level that best applies:

- Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments
- Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions
- Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments
- Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality
- Don't know

Related to Level 3 recognition, if applicable, please identify any new or ongoing corporate or community-wide GHG reduction projects (other than an Option 1 or Option 2 project) undertaken by your local government that reflects a significant investment of time and/or financial resources and is intended to result in significant GHG reductions:

Have committed to establishing a Climate Action Reserve Fund for 2020

Does your local government set aside funds in a climate reserve fund or similar?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please note as of 2020 there is a Climate Action Reserve Fund (CARFund) where CARIP funds will be held for GHG specific reduction projects; 2019 CARIP funds are earmarked for the CARFund