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LGCAP 2025

Introduction

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, planning and investments; improving education; raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions; increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, impact reduction and early warning systems.

Information collected will:

- Highlight local government and Modern Treaty Nation 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, LGCAP Summary Report and on the Program's public facing website;
- Help inform policy development and monitor progress on achieving provincial and local climate objectives; and
- Support provincial efforts to better collaborate with and enable communities to advance climate action.

The survey was informed by:

- Feedback from local governments, Modern Treaty Nations, external and ministerial partners;
- National and international GHG reporting protocols; and
- The CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project, a global non-financial disclosure system).

Instructions

Survey: Word Version

This version can be used to gather information from staff across departments. Then simply cut and paste into the online version where you will be submitting the survey. You can download the Word version here: Local Government LGCAP 2025 Survey Template.

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.

Please note:

- Please do not provide any personal information (e.g. email, phone number) in the survey.
- 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.
- No commas are to be used in numerical fields.
- There is a 9,999 character limit for the open-ended questions, unless otherwise noted.
- If any questions are left blank, including optional ones, SimpleSurvey will notify you when you move to the next page with “You have unanswered questions, do you wish to continue?” If you are choosing to leave optional questions blank, simply click yes to move to the next page.
- Questions with substantial updates from last year's survey are flagged with an exclamation mark (!).
- You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data.
- For Questions 10-13 and 20 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.
    - **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
    - **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.
- Please ensure responses align with your community’s most recent Official Community Plan (OCP) or Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) update, particularly when answering Question 7.

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:

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 received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2026.

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.

    - Please note the Province is currently considering recommendations from the independent and advisory CleanBC Review; any changes that are made will be thoughtful, practical and focused on affordability for people. Program areas will reach out to partners and stakeholders if there are any next steps related to CleanBC policies and programs.
2. For communities with populations of 5,000+ (based on 2020 B.C. 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.

Climate action success stories

Open-ended survey questions that describe one or more climate action initiatives may be highlighted in Provincial materials to acknowledge innovative local climate solutions. To be considered for inclusion on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, responses must be at least two complete sentences and provide enough detail for us to understand the initiative's key elements (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories Submission Form for guidance on how to complete the highlights sections for Questions 10–13, Question 19 and Question 20.

Climate action success stories are accepted year-round
In addition to mining LGCAP survey data, we accept success stories for publication any time of year. The template to submit stories outside of the LGCAP survey can be found on the Local government climate action highlights webpage.

2. Deadline to submit the survey & attestation form

- The deadline for submitting your survey and attestation form is July 31, 2026.

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, 2026.

Note: Eligibility for the Program is determined solely by meeting the stated requirements. Additional climate action initiatives or dedicated climate action staff are not required and do not affect eligibility.

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.

If you would like page numbers on your final report, please download the Word version and add them.

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 help.

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 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, impact reduction and early warning systems.

Question 1: How many full time equivalent (FTE) staff work on climate action in your organization?
Include only staff who have climate action as part of their job duties. Estimate FTE(s) in decimal format (0.00) by reporting the portion of time spent on climate work. For example, say your community had: Climate Coordinator: 100% time = 1.0 FTE Planner II: 50% time = 0.5 FTE Engineering Technologist: 25% time = 0.25 FTE Facilities Manager: 10% time = 0.1 FTE Total (what you would enter below) = 1.85 If there are no staff dedicated to working on climate action, that's 0% time, please enter 0.0.

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Question 2: 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)
2021-08

Standalone adaptation plan
2023-01

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

https://www.smithers.ca/sites/default/files/2023-04/2021_Smithers_CEEP_Report.pdf

Question 3: Does your local government or Nation have a corporate climate action plan or other guiding document(s)?

No

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

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

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

Lack of financial resources
Lack of provincial or federal government support or collaboration
Competing priorities

Traditional Services Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Measuring and reporting traditional services emissions (defined in previous years as corporate emissions) is a Program requirement for all communities with a 2020 population of 5,000 residents and above (see population statistics here).

This requirement can be fulfilled using an established reporting framework of your choosing (CDP, GHG Protocol for Cities, etc.), including the LGCAP scope and boundaries described in the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Contracted emissions must be accounted for regardless of which protocol your local government employs. Local governments with populations below 5,000 and Modern Treaty Nations are not required to report traditional services greenhouse gas emissions but are encouraged and supported to do so on a voluntary basis.

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 for Traditional Services GHG Emissions
- Traditional Services Emissions Inventory Reporting Tool
- Contracted Services Emissions Guidance
- Contracted Services Emissions Calculator
- B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions
- Emission Factors Catalogue

Question 5: For the 2025 calendar year, has your local government or Nation measured and reported associated traditional services GHG emissions?
If your local government or Nation is only reporting traditional services inventory through this LGCAP survey, please select “Yes”.

Yes

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from services delivered directly (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and 2 sources.
For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

632.03

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 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.
For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

77.48

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 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.
For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. This would be the sum of the two questions above. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

709.51

Optional: If your local government or Nation estimated fuel consumption and emissions from contracted services (because you were unable to obtain fuel consumption data directly from all contractors), please report the average percentage you applied to all contracts that was associated with fuel consumption (calculated from a sample of contracts and entered in the Contracted Services Emissions Calculator in the field 'Fuel % cost of overall contracted service cost').
This information will allow us to modify our Contracted Services Emissions Calculator to provide default percentages for small, medium and large communities. Format: Numbers, no percentage sign (e.g. 45)

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If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report what protocol you used to measure emissions.

LGCAP methodology (our guidance documents such as the BC Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions and the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance)

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO2e are associated with facilities.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

405.55

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO2e are associated with mobile sources.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

226.48

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 unprocessed data can be requested by local governments that wish to measure and report their community-wide emissions for the buildings, on-road transportation and municipal solid waste sectors ahead of publication.

The Communities Team 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 at the local level will help the Communities Team as we upgrade the CEEI.

(!) Question 6: For the 2025 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation (including on your behalf by your regional district)?

Yes/In-progress

What is the reporting year for your most recent inventory of community-wide emissions?
Format: numerical YYYY

2023

What is the interval for reporting community-wide emissions?
Format: open-text (e.g. every 6 months, every 5 years...)

Annually

For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report your community-wide on-road transportation sector emissions in tonnes of CO2e.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

40421

For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report your community-wide buildings sector emissions in tonnes of CO2e.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

28321

For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report your community-wide municipal solid waste sector emissions in tonnes of CO2e.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

9521

For the most recent year your local government or Nation measured community-wide GHG emissions, please report the total for the on-road transportation, buildings, and solid waste sectors.
This would be the sum of the three questions above. Please note: No commas are to be used in numerical fields.

78263

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

Regional specific methodology (CEEI)

For the most recent year available, did your community use raw data from the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative to calculate community-wide emissions?

Yes

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 ensure your response reflects your community's most recent OCP or RGS update. Please enter "0" if no targets or baseline are established for the years given in the table.

2030

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

40

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

2007

2040

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

70

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

2007

2050

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

100

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

2007

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

For the purposes of our reporting, we're only asking about net-zero and carbon neutrality, but acknowledge that there are a variety of corporate targets. 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) Carbon neutral refers to an organization reducing emissions as much as practicable and then offsetting the remainder by purchasing offsets or other similar mechanisms Please select all that apply.

Yes: Community-wide net-zero target

Yes: Corporate carbon neutrality

Yes: Corporate net-zero target

Question 9: Please select up to three supporting indicators that would be most valuable to your local government or Nation to advance climate action.

Previously, the Province reported these indicators through the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative. The Province could prioritize publishing these indicators again in the future.

Housing type: Private dwellings by structural type

Residential density: Population and dwelling units per square land area (km²)

Other (please specify):
Source of heating

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

Given the northern climate, analyzing data on heating sources is critical (Homes and commercial buildings are responsible for 26% of the greenhouse gas emissions in Smithers, of which the vast majority is from natural gas used for space and water heating). Analyzing building types by age will also be beneficial as the older structures are likely to be less energy efficient.

"Waste commitment" value used for community-wide solid waste emissions.

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.

For questions 10-13, please note the following regarding "**Ongoing**" initiatives. "Ongoing" includes initiatives that are either:

- Implemented in previous years and still active (e.g., an organics diversion project started in 2022 that continues to divert waste).
- Currently available or in effect in 2025 (e.g., supplementing Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs).

For questions 10-13 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.

- **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.

- **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.

Question 10: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to the buildings sector.
This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to buildings.

Please enter NA if your community reported no buildings initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

Funding for two REALice water filtration systems were secured in 2025 and units installed in early 2026 at the Town's two ice arenas. REALice removes the need to heat water before flooding and resurfacing which was historically done through the use of gas-fired water heaters. A significant savings in natural gas and carbon emissions are expected as we head into our next ice season.

Town Hall electrification project was completed in 2025. The Town Hall was running 7 gas-fired furnaces approaching end of life, with 3 of 7 units out of commission in 2024. The remaining furnaces, along with electric baseboard heaters, were operating at higher demands to compensate for the loss. A building wide Energy Audit and HVAC System Design were completed in 2024 to ensure the replacement equipment met the community's emissions reduction goals and fit within the building's electrical service limitations. All 7 heaters and air conditioner units were replaced with Cold Climate Heat Pumps and back up electric duct heaters. The single gas-fired domestic hot water heater was replaced with an electric unit, fully electrifying the building.

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 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

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

Other (please specify):
Fuel efficiency improvements

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions

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 bikes/scooter uses)

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to transportation.

Please enter NA if your community reported no transportation initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

Hydrogen Fuel Enhancement Systems were installed on two of the fleet's highest fuel consuming Heavy-duty diesel units; garbage truck and dump truck. The systems generate and inject small amounts of hydrogen into the engine's air intake to improve the combustion rate of the diesel fuel. A 10-20% fuel efficiency improvement is expected along with a decrease in diesel particulate matter, improving engine performance and reducing maintenance requirements.

The procurement of a replacement garbage truck with a larger capacity was finalized in 2025. The larger waste holding capacity will reduce the number of trips to the recycling depot and transfer stations, reducing fuel use of our largest diesel fuel consuming vehicles.

Active transportation for pedestrians and cyclists has been supported through a number of Town projects. Construction began Mid 2025 and completed early 2026 on the Princess Street reconstruction and redesign incorporating a separated multi-use pathway. Construction of the Cycle 16 - Fulton Ave Connector, a 1.8km active transportation corridor to link Smithers core to the existing Cycle 16 pathway, was completed in 2025.

Question 12: Please indicate all other climate initiatives (excluding buildings, transportation, and adaptation and resilience) your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to community-wide and corporate action.

This section includes initiatives such as land-use planning, renewable energy projects, waste diversion, etc. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate climate policies, programs and actions

Circular economy or zero waste strategy

Supporting green/blue carbon sequestration

Developing voluntary carbon offset projects

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions

Organics diversion

Circular economy or zero waste strategy

Supporting green/blue carbon sequestration

Climate engagement

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 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 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

Organic Waste Diversion Feasibility study completed and pilot programs and funding opportunities considered/monitored.

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 2025 calendar year to adapt to and build resilience to climate impacts.

This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions

Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives

Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.)

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions

Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives

Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.)

Public engagement on climate risks and actions

Please highlight one or more climate adaptation project(s) that were completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year to reduce risk and increase resilience.

Please enter NA if your community reported no initiatives to reduce risk and increase resilience that were ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section. The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness may use these on ClimateReadyBC.

The Integrated Climate Change Natural Asset Management Plan is currently underway. Funding was secured and consultant selection completed in 2025 with the final Plan to be completed late 2026. The project aims to support resilience building through a better understanding of the role and condition of our local natural infrastructure and resources. It will involve evaluating existing natural systems, integrating climate projections, and aligning outcomes with the Town's long-term Asset Management Plan. The plan will help identify risks from climate-related impacts while highlighting opportunities for ecosystem-based adaptation and management.

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. If completed, please provide the year of completion in the textbox (YYYY).

Yes at the community level
2022

Yes at the asset or project level
2026

If available, please provide a link to the document:
https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/application/files/7916/8609/1664/Final_HRVA_Report_EA_A-20230526SOnilPEM.pdf

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 a): Please select the most significant climate hazards faced by your community and please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year, if any.
I.e. for extreme heat: cooling stations. If entering a hazard under "Other", please write the hazard and related measure(s) in the textbox. Textbox limit: 998 characters

Extreme heat
Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment 2023

Extreme cold, snow and/or ice
Extreme Cold Emergency Response Plan, planning 2025 and completed early 2026

Wildfire
Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan 2023

Wildfire smoke
Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan 2023

Overland/riverine flooding
Flood Risk Assessment and dashboard 2024

Landslides
Bulkley River riverbank stabilization project 2025

(!) Question 15 b): Please select the impacts your community experienced in the 2025 calendar year related to the hazards above.
Select all that apply

Heat-related illness

Respiratory impacts (e.g., reduced air quality, smoke exposure)

Damage to roads, bridges, or transportation networks

Water shortages or restrictions

Power outages or electrical system strain

Increased erosion or slope instability

Other (please specify):
Ice jam of Bulkley River December 2025

Question 16: What information do you need to know to be able to plan effectively for the future of your community, with respect to the hazards and impacts identified in Question 15?
Please select one or more of what you consider the most valuable types of information for planning.

Local knowledge
Localized climate modelling and projected scenarios
Assessment of potential community impacts
Assessment of community vulnerabilities
Risk assessment of hazards
Projected development
Adaptation planning information
Technical expertise to implement solutions
Community/partner engagement and support
Examples of actions taken by other communities

Question 17: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year related to working with neighbouring communities.
Please select all that apply.

Entering into agreements related to emergency management planning and/or multijurisdictional emergency management organization (this option excludes mutual aid agreements such as fire protection services)
Collaborating on providing emergency management training and/or conducting training exercises to major emergency event

(!) Question 18: Has your local government or Nation completed a natural asset inventory (an assessment of natural resources like forests, wetlands, and waterways for their ecosystem services and value)?

In progress

What types of natural assets are being inventoried?
Select all that apply.

Wetlands
Rivers, streams, lakes, and riparian areas
Forests and urban forest
Grasslands, meadows, and agricultural lands
Parks and natural areas / urban green space

Equity

Certain populations are more vulnerable to climate hazards and impacts (e.g. people experiencing homelessness, low-income households, seniors/elders, people living alone).

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 partnering with other organizations (such as health authorities, social service agencies, or Indigenous leadership bodies)

By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change

By designing and/or implementing climate actions that address the needs of equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.
Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

NA

LGCAP Funding

The Program must be able to demonstrate the impact this funding has on greenhouse gas emissions reductions, resilience and adaptation, and building local capacity to advance climate action 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.

For Question 20 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.

- **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.

- **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.

Question 20: In the previous calendar year (2025), how did your local government or Nation spend or commit to spend its remaining LGCAP funding received in the March 2024 3-year lump sum? Based on our records for your community, these funds total: $197,093. This is the amount of your March 2024 3-year lump sum that was reported on hold in the LGCAP 2024 survey, if any.
Instructions: Please ensure the amount(s) entered below equals the dollar amount displayed above. Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative. Please select “funds on hold” for any funding that was not spent or committed to be spent during the 2025 calendar year. For the purposes of this question, "committed to be spent" refers to having officially allocated funding for specific projects with certainty, even if it has not yet been spent. You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP funding in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data. Format: no dollar sign, no comma and up to two decimal places.

Corporate

Funds on hold
128736.10

Corporate Initiatives

Other corporate-wide initiatives

Corporate climate policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Staffing
68356.90

(!) Funds on hold - How will funds be allocated?

If a decision has been made, please enter the project(s) and the amount of funding that will go towards each (if known):
Staffing for 2026/27

To expand upon your selection(s), please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP funding received in March 2024 has been spent on or committed towards in the 2025 calendar year.

Please provide specifics on your selections made above such as the kind of technology used, the scale/scope, the building/location, or the expected impact (i.e. the make and model of an EV, the kilometres of a bike lane built...). Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

All LGCAP funding has been used for capacity building with the funding allocated to staff wages for the Climate Action Specialist (1xFTE position). The CAS role is a position dedicated to the implementation of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan, identifying and prioritizing climate action projects, sourcing and managing project funding, managing Climate Action projects to full completion (tendering, budgeting, document reviews and project lead), and emissions reporting. Since 2022, the staff position has successfully secured and managed $585,000 in additional external grant funding to support Climate Action initiatives.

The March 2024 3-year lump sum reported on hold in the 2024 survey has been amended to $197,092.69 by the LGCAP team. The original 2024 value for funds on hold ($100,986.16) was misreported due to a double counting of funds spent on staff wages.

Question 21 a): What is your internal decision criteria for spending LGCAP dollars?

All LGCAP funds are allocated to staffing based on Council direction.

Question 21 b): 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 22 a): In the previous calendar year (2025), how much additional external funding for climate action were you able to acquire by leveraging your 2024 LGCAP funds? This could include matching grants as well as private investment.

Format: no dollar sign, no comma, and up to two decimal places

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Question 22 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.

Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program, administered by the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) funded $199,300 for the Natural Asset Management Plan. Innovate BC funded $28,000 for the purchase and installation of the two Hydrogen Fuel Enhancement Systems. Both programs funded 100% of project costs which were managed by the LGCAP funded Climate Action Specialist position.

Question 23 a): What is the value of the Program's continuity for your community or Nation, and how does it support other priority initiatives for your local government or Nation (e.g., affordability, housing, safer communities/public safety, emergency preparedness and response, economic growth and good jobs, protecting critical services people rely on)?
Optional

The staff capacity gained by the availability of LGCAP funds to support the Climate Action Specialist role is critical in continuing the Climate Action projects managed by the position. The CAS role has created a foundation of corporate and community climate action planning and prioritization over the first two years of the program, and has recently entered into the implementation phase where energy efficiency and upgrade projects are being completed and emissions reduction outcomes will become tangible.

An organizational culture shift has gained momentum, where climate action projects are recognized and supported by the greater workforce. This is creating an opportunity where larger policy/bylaw amendments can be considered and pursued to support emergency preparedness, community wide mitigation efforts, affordability and housing improvements, and Natural Asset Management.

Without the CAS LGCAP funded position, this workload will fall to the desk of another position already at full capacity, funding opportunities will be missed, projects in development will no longer be completed, and funds already invested will be lost due to a lack of capacity to manage projects to completion.

Also, increasing pressure from the Province to complete additional assessments, such as the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Local Authority Risk Assessment, would be supported by the CAS position. Without this position, the workload would fall to other already overburdened positions, most likely within the Fire Department.

(!) Question 23 b:) Which provincial priorities does the LGCAP help advance in your community?
Optional. Select all the apply.

Protecting critical services people rely on
Infrastructure resilience
Emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction
Energy efficiency in buildings
Community health and well-being
Affordability
Reconciliation efforts
Protecting the natural environment and ecosystems

(!) Question 23 c): On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is LGCAP funding to your community's ability to advance the provincial priorities identified above?
Optional

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(!) Question 23 d): Which of the following tangible outcomes has your community directly experienced as a result of LGCAP-supported initiatives, if any?
Optional. Select all that apply:

Reduced long-term infrastructure, maintenance, or asset management costs
Energy cost savings for the local government and/or community
Improved natural asset management (e.g., wetlands, forests, shorelines)
Biodiversity or ecosystem benefits
Advanced reconciliation efforts
Improved relationship with the Province
Improved decision-making or integration of climate considerations into planning and operations

(!) Question 23 e): On a scale of 1 to 5, to what extent has LGCAP funding helped your community move work forward sooner, or enabled work that would not have happened without the funding?
Optional

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Please note on posting the survey publicly:

- All information from the required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and responses can be omitted.
  - The Province will use the information from optional questions 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 received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2026.

Attested by (first name, last name)

Kevin Welsh

Professional title

Director of FInance

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

Town of Smithers

Date

2026-07-29

Attestor signature

Please note: File upload e-signatures are not enabled as 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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Once submitted, please download a copy of the completed survey and attestation form (PDF, Excel, and Word options).