

Local Government Climate Action Program

2023 Survey Responses – City of Victoria

Submission date: July 21, 2024

- 1) a. How many staff in full time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to working specifically on climate action?

12

- b. How many staff in full time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to working on climate action in other departments such as transportation or engineering?

2.75

- 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 from the list.

- ☐ Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation, adaptation and/or energy use)
- ☒ Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation and adaptation)
- ☐ Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation and energy)
- ☐ Integrated climate plan (addressing adaptation and energy)
- ☐ Standalone mitigation plan
- ☐ Standalone adaptation plan
- ☐ Standalone energy-related plan
- ☐ Don't know

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

[climate-leadership-plan \(victoria.ca\)](#)

- 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 from the list.

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- ☐ Standalone adaptation plan
- ☐ Standalone energy-related plan
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Please include a link to the document or webpage if available.

The Corporate Energy and Emissions Management Plan is attached to this Council report: [filestream.ashx \(escribemeetings.com\)](filestream.ashx (escribemeetings.com))

- 3) Has your local government or Nation declared a climate emergency?

Yes

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

- ☒ Lack of jurisdiction.
- ☐ Lack of staff capacity or expertise.
- ☒ Lack of financial resources.
- ☐ Lack of data or information.
- ☐ Lack of provincial or federal government support or collaboration.
- ☒ Competing priorities.
- ☐ Other.

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

No

- 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.

3167.54

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.

2.25

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.

3169.78

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

GHG Accounting Services Ltd., Software – ‘Sphera’ based on B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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

1330.73

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

1839.05

Please provide any further comments you wish to share on traditional services emissions measurement and reporting here (e.g. system or approach used to measure traditional services emissions).

Corporate Emissions are reported for traditional services and do not include emissions associated with the City's police services and asphalt plant.

- 6) For the 2023 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation?

In progress

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 year

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

123,748

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

166,841

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

14,944

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

- ☒ Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC).
- ☐ GCoM Common Reporting Framework (CRF).
- ☐ 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.
- ☐ U.S. Community Protocol for Accounting and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (ICLEI USA).
- ☒ Regional specific methodology (CEEI).
- ☐ Jurisdiction specific methodology.
- ☒ Other: Follow CEEI but include liquid waste related emissions and use our own transportation data.

- 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).

	Reduction Percentage	Baseline Year
2030	50	2007
2040	N/A	N/A
2050	80	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, ...

Target 2050: Transition to 100% Renewable Energy

- 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 carbon neutrality (Carbon neutral refers to an organization reducing emissions as much as practicable and then offsetting the remainder by purchasing offsets or other similar mechanisms)

- ☐ 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))

☒ No

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).

- ☒ [Housing type: Private dwellings by structural type](#)
- ☐ Floor area: Average floor area by building category and era
- ☐ Residential density: Population and dwelling units per "net" land area
- ☒ [Commute by mode: Employed labour force by mode of commute](#)
- ☐ Greenspace: Land area that is parks and protected greenspace
- ☐ Walk score: Proximity to services
- ☐ Proximity to transit: Persons, dwelling units and employment within walking distance of a "quality" transit stop/line
- ☒ [Other: VKT from ICBC, building utility data including fuel type, and emissions by building category/era](#)

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

[The City of Victoria completes a community emissions inventory annually, the 2023 inventory is currently in progress.](#)

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](#)

- ☐ Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment.
- ☐ BC Energy Step Code adoption (Step 3 or higher).
- ☐ Zero Carbon Step Code adoption.
- ☒ [Efficiency upgrades/retrofits.](#)
- ☐ Requirement to use mass timber in buildings construction.
- ☐ Requirement to measure embodied carbon.
- ☒ [Other: all new corporate buildings must use 100% renewable energy](#)

☒ [Community](#)

- ☐ Topping up Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs.

- ☐ Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment.
- ☒ BC Energy Step Code adoption (Step 3 or higher).

Please enter the step for part 3 buildings (Energy Step Code)
Step 3 (residential buildings between 4-6 stories only)

Please enter the step for part 9 buildings (Energy Step Code).
Step 3

- ☒ Zero Carbon Step Code adoption.

Please enter the step for part 3 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).
Level 4 (adopted 2023, in effect in 2024)

Please enter the step for part 9 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).
Level 4

- ☐ Requirement to use mass timber in buildings construction.
- ☐ Requirement to measure embodied carbon.
- ☐ Other.
- ☐ Not applicable

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to buildings.

Collaborated with regional partners (building on industry engagement work completed in 2022) to develop the policy and bylaw amendments necessary to be the first in BC to adopt the Zero Carbon Step Code. Level 4 Zero Carbon Step Code came into effect for part 9 buildings in November 2023;

Supported ongoing operation and promotion of the regional Home Energy Navigator program (co-developed with regional partners and launched by the CRD in November 2022) to support residents of single family homes through their home retrofit journeys;

Collaborated with District of Saanich on the development of new tax exemption policies to incentivize fuel switching retrofits in rental apartment buildings (tax-exemption bylaw was adopted in December 2023 and the program was launched with retrofit support from Landlord BC in May 2024);

Collaborated with local governments across the province on the development and alignment of retrofit support programs for strata buildings;

Conducted a “Climate Friendly Homes” awareness campaign in collaboration with the District of Saanich using social media, digital ads, radio ads and other media to highlight the climate friendly benefits of an all-electric home and dispel myths that natural gas is a clean fuel;

Conducted door-to-door outreach to oil-heated homes to encourage heat pump conversions and promote incentives. Over 2200 heat pumps have been installed in homes in Victoria (from 2019 through to mid 2023);

Began the development of a Building Emissions Reduction Strategy and conducted costing for an associated 5 year capital plan. Aiming to present the plan for adoption in 2024.

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

- ☐ Programs to increase high-occupancy (2 or more people) vehicle trips (i.e. carpooling).
- ☐ Established personal (passenger) transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for active transportation and zero-emission vehicles.
- ☐ Established commercial transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometer reduction, mode share for energy efficient commercial transportation and zero-emission vehicles.
- ☒ Implemented zero-emission vehicle first procurement policy for all local government on and off-road vehicles purchases.
- ☐ Implemented a zero-emission vehicle preference or requirement for contracted work from a service provider.
- ☐ Active transportation infrastructure investments.
- ☒ Active transportation education and encouragement programs.
- ☐ Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters).
- ☒ Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet).
- ☒ Electric vehicle charging studies/planning.
- ☒ Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments.
- ☐ Required new and/or existing gasoline and card lock fuel stations to include zero-emission vehicle infrastructure development.
- ☐ Not applicable.
- ☒ Other: Provision of secure weather protected bicycle parking, charging staff for parking, participation in BC Transit ProPass program, work from home policy

☒ Community

- ☐ Programs to increase high-occupancy (2 or more people) vehicle trips (i.e., carpooling).
- ☒ Improving or expanding public transportation.
- ☒ Mode shift targets for passenger and/or commercial transportation (shifting from private vehicles to sustainable modes like walking, cycling and public transit) in Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy or other guiding documents.
- ☐ Established personal (passenger) transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for active transportation and zero-emission vehicles.
- ☐ Established commercial transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for energy efficient commercial transportation and zero-emission vehicles.
- ☒ Bylaws updated to prioritize energy efficient transportation hierarchy (i.e. pedestrians first).
- ☒ Revising existing bylaws or implementing new ones to support active transportation.
- ☒ Active transportation planning.
- ☒ Active transportation infrastructure investments.
- ☒ Active transportation education and encouragement programs.
- ☒ Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g., introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters).
- ☒ Bylaws that reduce or eliminate off street parking requirements.
- ☒ Implement pedestrian plazas, car-free streets (temporary or permanent) or limited access automobile streets.
- ☒ Installation of public secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet).
- ☒ Electric vehicle charging studies/planning.
- ☒ Mandatory EV infrastructure in new construction.
- ☐ Established electric vehicle charging ready bylaws.
- ☒ Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments.
- ☐ Streamlined hydrogen fueling station permitting process.
- ☐ Required new and/or existing gasoline and card lock fuel stations to include zero-emission vehicle infrastructure development.
- ☐ Required green roads certification for any new or significantly modified existing roads.
- ☐ Not applicable.
- ☐ Other.

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2023 calendar year related to transportation.

Expanded the City's all ages and abilities cycling network by building an additional 4.6 km of AAA Cycling infrastructure bringing the total up to over 35 km. Three AAA bike routes were added in the neighbourhood of James Bay in 2023 connecting downtown, James Bay, Beacon Hill Park, Dallas Road and the rest of the AAA network. A new route on Kimta Rd also connected the E&N trail to downtown;

Expanded infrastructure for pedestrians by adding or upgrading 37 crosswalks improving pedestrian safety and developed plans to enhance Government St principally as a pedestrianized zone;

Improved bike parking through the second successful season of the Downtown Victoria Bike Valet which provided secure bike parking for over 37,000 bicycles over the year, upgraded bicycle parking at Yates Street Parkade, launched Borrow a Bike Lock program and added two bike shelters at schools;

Facilitated growth of car share and ride-hail services across the municipality;

Expanded the City's public EV charging network by adding 2 new 50kw DC Fast Charging stations outside the City's fitness and aquatics centre: Crystal Pool. This brings the City's public charging network total up to 90 charging stations;

Collaborated with the CRD on regional EV charging network planning, which was successful in attracting federal and provincial grant funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC communities Fund. Securing \$4,400,000 in grant funds for the City of Victoria to install 20 new neighbourhood DC fast charging stations and 400 long stay level 2 charging stations.

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

- ☒ Circular economy or zero waste strategy.
- ☒ Sustainable procurement policy.
- ☐ Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass).
- ☐ Green/blue carbon sequestration.
- ☐ Compliance carbon offset projects.
- ☐ Voluntary carbon offset projects.
- ☐ Not applicable.
- ☐ Other.

☒ Community

- ☒ Complete, compact communities - please select all that apply

- ☒ Smaller lots
- ☒ Density bonuses
- ☒ Secondary suites and laneway homes
- ☒ Infill development
- ☒ Urban containment boundaries
- ☒ Official Community Plans
- ☐ Regional Growth Strategies
- ☒ Community Development Plans

☒ Organics diversion

☒ Circular economy or zero waste strategy

- ☐ Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass)
- ☐ Green/blue carbon sequestration
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not applicable

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.

Developed an approach to comprehensively update the OCP, including undertaking technical background work, developing draft directions and preparing for engagement and consultation. Updates proposed include broad changes to the OCP to unlock land supply for housing construction in the highly walkable, transit served core of the region and at scales (e.g., four to six storeys) that are both financially viable and support construction with low-carbon materials such as wood. These key directions simultaneously support ambitious housing and climate action goals, while continuing to support important elements of good, comprehensive city building. Major modernization and renewal of supporting regulatory tools are also proposed to align zoning with the proposed OCP. This focuses on a new, simplified zoning bylaw that would seek to accelerate rental housing supply. Public engagement and consultation on the proposed updates is currently underway in 2024.

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

☒ Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the asset or project level.

- ☐ Undertaking or completing a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) at the asset or project level.
 - ☒ Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions.
 - ☒ Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives.
 - ☒ Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.).
 - ☐ Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills).
 - ☒ Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes).
 - ☒ Creating data systems to support climate action.
 - ☒ Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.
 - ☒ Developing emergency/hazard response plans.
 - ☐ Not applicable.
 - ☐ Other.
- ☒ Community
- ☐ Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the community level.
 - ☐ Undertaking or completing a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) at the community level.
 - ☒ Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions.
 - ☒ Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives.
 - ☐ Hydroclimatological data collection.
 - ☐ Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.).
 - ☐ Public engagement on climate risks and actions.
 - ☐ Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills).
 - ☒ Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes).
 - ☒ Creating data systems to support climate action.
 - ☒ Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.
 - ☒ Developing emergency/hazard response plans.
 - ☐ Not applicable.
 - ☒ Other: Regional Heat Mapping,

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.

Updated extreme weather response plans for extreme heat and extreme cold weather.

Coordinated regionally on heat vulnerability mapping to gain a better understanding of where the most vulnerable populations and buildings are located so interventions can be targeted and prioritized to address the highest risks.

Supported the University of Victoria and the CRD's Community Health Network to conduct community-engaged research to better understand the lived experience of extreme heat in the region. This involved hearing directly from priority populations through five sharing circles, two townhalls, and a survey with 325 responses to learn about how the 2021 heat dome impacted those most affected by extreme heat in our community.

Development of Climate Change Adaptation Plan with consideration of both corporate and community actions. Including engagement with community stakeholders on the development of a Community Adaptation Plan. Aiming to present the plan for adoption in 2024.

Completed a new NeighbourHub project to foster community connection and provide resources bringing to total number of NeighbourHubs up to 3 and created a guide for Neighbour Hub program: Neighbour Hubs Information Guide (victoria.ca)

Renewed and upgraded 1.6 kilometers of watermain, 2.2 kilometers of sanitary sewers and 3.2 kilometers of storm drain to serve our growing population and increase resiliency to seismic events and climate change impacts.

Maintenance of the City's 13 misting stations.

Planted 596 new trees through a combination of City efforts and new development activity to increase our forest cover and support climate resiliency goals.

14) a. Has a climate risk and vulnerability or similar assessment been undertaken for your local government or Nation?

- ☒ Yes at the community level: [filestream.ashx \(escribemeetings.com\)](https://filestream.ashx(escribemeetings.com))
- ☐ Yes at the asset or project level
- ☐ No

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
- ☐ No

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?

- ☒ Extreme heat and heat stress - SHORT
- ☐ Extreme cold, snow and ice
- ☐ Water shortages

- ☐ Wildfire
- ☒ Wildfire smoke - SHORT
- ☒ Overland flooding - SHORT
- ☒ Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards - MEDIUM
- ☒ Wind, rain, and other storm events - SHORT
- ☒ Ecological impacts (examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss and erosion) - SHORT
- ☒ Cultural impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods) - MEDIUM
- ☒ Human health impacts - SHORT
- ☒ Power outages - SHORT
- ☐ Not applicable/no hazards
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other

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
- ☒ Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards
- ☒ Demographic information
- ☒ Projected development
- ☒ Adaptation planning information
- ☒ Technical expertise to implement solutions
- ☒ Community/stakeholder engagement and support
- ☒ Information on partnership opportunities
- ☒ Examples of actions taken by other communities
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other

What resilience indicators are of most value to your local government or Nation?

We work with our local health authority to track the number of deaths and hospitalizations during extreme heat events. We are currently using ICLEI's Cost of Doing Nothing methodology to collect information on the direct and indirect costs of climate change to the City to date.

17) Based on the hazards and impacts you indicated as most significant in Question 15, which groups are most vulnerable to the impacts of those climate hazards and impacts?

- ☒ Low-income households
- ☒ Indigenous Peoples
- ☒ Racialized communities
- ☒ Newcomers to Canada (immigrants and refugees)
- ☒ People experiencing homelessness
- ☒ Seniors
- ☐ Women and girls
- ☒ Persons with disabilities
- ☐ LGBTQIA2S+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit, and additional sexual orientations and gender identities
- ☒ People living alone/isolated
- ☐ Not sure
- ☒ Other: People with pre-existing health conditions

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.

Hazard	Adaptation measure
Extreme heat and heat stress	Extreme heat response plan, heat vulnerability mapping, misters, extreme heat flyer, researched lived experience of extreme heat
Extreme cold, snow and ice	Extreme weather response plan
Water shortages	
Wildfire	
Wildfire smoke	
Overland flooding	Implementing Underground Infrastructure Improvements, communicating with the public about clearing storm drains
Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards	Received funding to complete 3D wave modelling of shoreline.
Wind, rain, and other storm events	Communicating with the public in advance of storm events – what they can do
Ecological impacts	Improving green stormwater infrastructure across the City and embedding climate into Parks planning
Human health impacts	Collaborating with Island Health and BCCDC to reduce heat stress impacts on vulnerable populations
Cultural impacts	
Power outages	Communicating with the public on what to do in the event of a power outage and hazards of downed trees on power lines
Other	Public engagement on the expected impacts of climate change on the city and adaptation planning

19) How does your local government or Nation ensure equitable access to and distribution of climate action?

- ☒ By collecting and analyzing disaggregated and/or spatial data on the impacts climate policy and change.
- ☒ By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate policy and change.
- ☒ By designing and implementing climate actions that remove barriers to participation in planning and programs faced by equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change.
- ☐ There are no specific measures in place to ensure equitable access to and distribution of opportunities and benefits.
- ☐ Not sure how to integrate equity into our climate action work.
- ☐ Not sure if equity is being integrated into our climate action work.

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2023 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

The City has taken an equity-informed approach to engagement on the development of the City's Climate Change Adaptation Plan. Working with a local NGO on engagement for adaptation with equity-owned groups on the Climate Equity by Design project.

20) What did your local government or Nation spend its LGCAP funding on for year two of the Program (2023)?

- ☒ Corporate
- ☒ Community
- ☐ Funds on hold
- ☐ Please indicate the project(s) funds have been allocated to.
- ☐ No decision has been made.

Corporate Initiatives

- ☒ Staffing: 122,330

Community Initiatives

- ☒ Buildings Initiatives: 187,752 (Strata Energy Advisor Program)

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

Climate Adaptation Specialist staff position and the development of a new retrofit support program for strata buildings.

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.

75,000

b. Please list the funding programs leveraged and associated funders (i.e. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Canada/Province).

BC Hydro – Implementation Offer

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

Funded initiatives must support implementation of the City's High Impact Initiatives or increase the City's capacity for climate adaptation.

23) Does your local government or Nation use a formal framework to apply a climate lens on infrastructure planning and decision-making?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

The continuity of the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) holds immense value for our community by expanding and enhancing the City's Climate Action Program.

The flexibility of LGCAP funding has empowered the City to expand our capacity and advance our adaptation efforts by hiring our first Climate Adaptation Specialist, enabling us to undertake critical projects that deliver climate adaptation.

LGCAP's consistent funding has enabled the City to develop and award a multi-year contract to deliver a new retrofit support program specifically targeted to strata buildings in collaboration with neighboring municipalities.

Moreover, the sustained support from LGCAP enables us to leverage additional resources, partnerships and funding opportunities. The program's continuity ensures we can maintain momentum and build on past successes to take innovative climate action and to be climate leaders in the region and the province. It fosters long-term planning and implementation, creating a resilient and sustainable community that can adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.