



## Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

### Sidney

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	Yes
1.a. Indicate the date the plan was adopted.	2010 / 2022 (the new plan has been approved by Committee of the Whole, but won't be up for Council adoption until July 18.
1.b. Include a link to the document (URL) or webpage.	<a href="http://www.sidney.ca/Town_Hall/Climate_Action_and_Sustainability/Climate_Action_Plan.htm">http://www.sidney.ca/Town_Hall/Climate_Action_and_Sustainability/Climate_Action_Plan.htm</a>
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	The corporate GHG emissions inventory is currently underway, and the Town's approach to annual reporting following the approval of the 2022 Climate Action Plan is under review.
3. For calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose a community-wide emissions inventory?	The Capital Regional District completes the emissions inventories for member municipalities periodically (but not annually). The last report completed was for 2020 emissions.
4. Is your local government or Modern Treaty Nation tracking progress on its community-wide GHG reduction target?	Yes

4.a. Please provide your reduction target(s).	50% and Net zero
4.b. Please provide the target year.	50% by 2030 / Net zero by 2050
4.c. Please provide the baseline year.	2007
4.d. Please provide the link(s) to the document(s) or website if available.	<a href="http://www.sidney.ca/Town_Hall/Climate_Action_and_Sustainability/Climate_Action_Plan.htm">http://www.sidney.ca/Town_Hall/Climate_Action_and_Sustainability/Climate_Action_Plan.htm</a>
5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings	<p>Initiative: Participation in CleanBC Better Homes municipal top-up program (ongoing)  Outcomes: Reduce financial barriers to low carbon and energy efficient retrofits to existing homes (i.e. switching to electric home heating/cooling)</p> <p>Initiative: Encouraging heat pump installation in new development through public information sharing (ongoing)  Outcomes: Increased awareness of and participation in heat pump retrofit rebate programs, and increased overall installation of heat pumps</p>
6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation	<p>Initiative: Active Transportation Plan (underway)  Outcomes: Establish key projects and next steps in improving Sidney's active transportation network</p> <p>Initiative: Bike Rack Cost Sharing Policy (completed)  Outcomes: To increase the coverage of bike parking in the downtown so that people feel more comfortable biking and leaving their bike unattended when conducting business in the area</p>
7. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Community	<p>Initiative: Official Community Plan Update (completed)  Outcomes: Climate change considerations integrated into policy and development permit areas to support low carbon, energy efficient, and resilient buildings and land use patterns.</p> <p>Initiative: Hiring a Climate Action Coordinator (completed)  Outcomes: Improve staff capacity to implement climate action initiatives</p>

<p>8. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Climate Resilience</p>	<p>Initiative: Climate Action Plan Update (pending approval)  Outcomes: Improve understanding of local climate risks and develop potential actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change</p> <p>Initiative: Flood Construction Level policy (existing)  Outcomes: Reduce long term risk associated with sea level rise in low-lying areas</p>
<p>9. Which elements of your community's current official community plan (OCP) (or other relevant strategies, policies and/or plans) support the creation of more complete, compact communities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies 5.3.6 - 5.3.10 encourage affordable housing, infill, and mixed-use development to enhance liveability and vitality. These kinds of development also support the creation of a more complete and compact community.</li> <li>• Policy 5.3.11 notes that when developing new zoning designations transitioning between lower and higher density uses, higher density developments should be sited in areas with optimal access to amenities and a variety of transportation options</li> <li>• Policy 5.3.17 notes that where appropriate, the Town shall maintain existing Neighbourhood Commercial uses within established residential areas as a means to enhance a sense of community through local amenities and gathering spaces</li> <li>• The Downtown Commercial policy area aims to maintain and strengthen downtown Sidney’s role as the commercial centre of the community and encourages residential intensification of this area to make living downtown accessible to a range of people</li> <li>• Policy 6.3.3 identifies that all downtown development shall respond to the principles of compact, vibrant, and pedestrian-friendly urban form.</li> <li>• Policy 6.3.6 encourages transit-oriented development in the downtown core towards the Highway</li> <li>• The West Sidney Mixed Use Village policy area also supports a mix of residential, commercial, and light industrial uses that support the industrial activity in the West side industrial area</li> <li>• Policy 8.3.2 notes that Neighbourhood commercial is considered an essential element of any successful community as it provides for the daily requirements of local residents, reduces automobile reliance, and provides a focal point and identity for the neighbourhood it serves</li> </ul>
<p>10. What actions has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken to increase community completeness and compactness since 2020 (e.g. urban containment boundary, increasing density by allowing secondary suites and laneway or carriage housing options)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OCP Update to allow a broader mix of housing typologies</li> <li>• Encouraging infill development</li> <li>• Widening sidewalks to improve accessibility</li> <li>• Improved the West Side multi use trail</li> <li>• Installed a new playground at Rathdown park</li> </ul>

<p>11. What data would be most valuable to your local government or Modern Treaty Nation in decision-making related to the creation of complete, compact communities?</p>	<p>Active transportation data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o # trips at various distances (i.e. what length of trip are people typically willing to go to commute and/or run errands)</li> <li>o Why people choose to drive/own cars vs other active transportation methods</li> <li>o General data around commuting patterns/mode shift</li> </ul> <p>Housing data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What do affordable housing providers need in order to building the region (i.e. land? Something else?)</li> <li>o What stops people from moving to the area? (housing affordability? Something else?)</li> </ul> <p>Park space per capita Tree canopy coverage</p>
<p>12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?</p>	<p>Development of an updated Climate Action Plan: this plan outlines actions the Town can undertake to improve resilience to climate change over the near term and long term. Development of a Heat Response Plan: this will improve emergency response in future extreme heat events.</p>
<p>13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>13.a. Please provide a link to the document (URL).</p>	<p><a href="https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/climate-action-pdf/reports/2017-07-17_climateprojectionsforthecapitalregion_final.pdf?sfvrsn=bb9f39ca_12">https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/climate-action-pdf/reports/2017-07-17_climateprojectionsforthecapitalregion_final.pdf?sfvrsn=bb9f39ca_12</a></p>
<p>14. What are the three most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction</p>	<p>"Extreme heat and heat stress", "Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards", "Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Ecological, cultural and/or human health impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods; examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss, erosion, invasive species, ecosystem changes)", "Water shortage", "Extreme cold, snow and ice", "Wildfire", "Overland flooding"</p>
<p>15. Are you responding to this survey on behalf of a Modern Treaty Nation?</p>	<p>No</p>

16. Based on the hazard you indicated as most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors"
17. Based on the hazard you indicated as second most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "Seniors"
18. Based on the hazard you indicated as third most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness"
19. Select the top three factors your local government or Modern Treaty Nation needs most to increase the capacity to adapt to climate impacts and build community resilience.	"Increased funding", "More partnerships and collaboration across levels of government", "Increased staff capacity"
20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?	"By designing and implementing climate actions that target the barriers to access and resilience faced by the equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change"
21. Do the climate action plan(s) and priorities of your local government or Modern Treaty Nation align with the climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government?	"Yes, we align climate action plan(s) and priorities with the federal 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan", "Yes, we align climate action plan(s) and priorities with the provincial CleanBC Roadmap to 2030", "Yes, we assess our plans and priorities for multilevel alignment", "Yes, we collaborate with other communities to align with climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government"
22. Is your local government a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter or a Modern Treaty Nation?	Yes

<p>23. To demonstrate commitment to climate action, climate investments (i.e., matching funding or in-kind contributions) equivalent to 20% of the provincial funding received are required of local governments and Modern Treaty Nations. The intent is to show past, current, and future investments in climate action and create awareness and education.</p>	<p>"Staff time", "Climate or energy plans, policies and/or strategy development", "Climate resilient infrastructure and/or capital project (s)"</p>
<p>24. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) first and last name.</p>	<p>Andrew Hicik</p>
<p>25. Please indicate your (or survey primary contact's) position with your local government or Modern Treaty Nation.</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Services</p>
<p>26. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) business email address.</p>	<p>ahicik@sidney.ca</p>
<p>27. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) business phone number.</p>	<p>2506555410</p>



## Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form

**Instructions for the Attestor:**

1. Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.
2. Email the completed and signed form to [LGCAP@gov.bc.ca](mailto:LGCAP@gov.bc.ca).

I, the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, of Town of Sidney (name of local government) confirm the following:

1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
2. That if funds are held in reserve, they will be spent by the end of March 2025.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form will be submitted by email to the Climate Action Secretariat, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy by July 29, 2022.
  - a. If council approval is required, it will be submitted no later than September 30, 2022.
4. That a completed and signed version of this form will be publicly posted by September 30, 2022.
5. That a completed and exported version of the program survey (submitted online) will be publicly posted by September 30, 2022.

Attested to by me at (name of local government) Town of Sidney  
on (date) July 20 20 22

Signature of Attestor: Andrew Hicik

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