

Climate Action Revenue Incentive (CARIP) Public Report for 2016

Local Government: Town of Sidney

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The Town of Sidney has completed the 2016 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report as required by the Province of BC. The CARIP report summarizes actions taken in 2016 and proposed for 2017 to reduce corporate and community-wide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and reports on progress towards achieving carbon neutrality.

2016 BROAD PLANNING ACTIONS

Broad Planning Actions

Broad Planning refers to high level planning that sets the stage for GHG emissions reductions, including plans such as Official Community Plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans, Climate Action Plans or Community Energy Emissions Plans. Land use planning that focuses on Smart Growth principles (compact, complete, connected, centred) plays an especially important role in energy and GHG reduction.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Council approval of relaxed parking requirements and higher residential densities through zoning amendments for development in the downtown core and multi-family areas.
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Consider changing bylaw regulations for residential density in the downtown core and multi-family areas to encourage additional density in these areas.

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Engaged consultant to undertake feasibility analysis of installing a solar panel array at Public Works Yard.
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Installation of solar panel array at Public Works Yard
	Purchasing membership in Modo car share to bring car share to Sidney

Broad Planning		
What is (are) your current GHG reduction target(s)?	Reduce GHGs from the community as a whole by 15% below 2007 levels by 2020; 30% below 2007 levels by the year 2030; and 80% below 2007 levels by the year 2050.	
Has your local government used the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) to measure progress?		No
What plans, policies or guidelines govern the implementation of climate mitigation in your community?		
• Community Energy and Emissions (CEE) Plan		No
• Climate Action Plan		Yes
• Integrated Community Sustainability Plan		No
• Official Community Plan (OCP)		Yes
• Regional Growth Strategy (RGS)		Yes
• Do not have a plan		No
• Other:		N/A
Does your local government have a corporate GHG reduction plan?		Yes
Does your local government have a climate reserve fund or something similar?		Yes

2016 BUILDINGS AND LIGHTING ACTIONS

Building and Lighting Actions

Low-carbon buildings use the minimum amount of energy needed to provide comfort and safety for their inhabitants and tap into renewable energy sources for heating, cooling and power. These buildings can save money, especially when calculated over the long term. This category also includes reductions realized from energy efficient street lights and lights in parks or other public spaces.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Installed a solar-powered pedestrian crossing signal in one location
	Purchased LED streetlight luminaires for installation in downtown core area in 2017
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Installation of LED streetlight luminaires in downtown core area

2016 ENERGY GENERATION ACTIONS

Energy Generation Actions

A transition to renewable or low-emission energy sources for heating, cooling and power supports large, long-term GHG emissions reductions. Renewable energy including waste heat recovery (e.g. from biogas and biomass), geo-exchange, micro hydroelectric, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, heat pumps, tidal, wave, and wind energy can be implemented at different scales, e.g. in individual homes, or integrated across neighbourhoods through district energy or co-generation systems.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	

Energy Generation	
Is your local government developing, or constructing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A district energy system • A renewable energy system 	No Yes
Is your local government operating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A district energy system • A renewable energy system 	No No
Is your local government connected to a district energy system that is operated by another energy provider?	No
Are you aware of the Integrated Resource Recovery guidance page on the BC Climate Action Toolkit ?	Yes

2016 GREENSPACE/ NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACTIONS

Greenspace Actions

Greenspace/Natural Resource Protection refers to the creation of parks and greenways, boulevards, community forests, urban agriculture, riparian areas, gardens, recreation/school sites, and other green spaces, such as remediated brownfield/contaminated sites as well as the protection of wetlands, waterways and other naturally occurring features.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Establishment of a technical working group to initiate the clean-up of contaminants from Reay Creek pond
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continue working towards clean-up of Reay Creek pond.

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Parks Dept continued to track numbers of trees replaced and new plantings and has shown a net gain in the number of trees on public lands.
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	

Greenspace	
Does your local government have urban forest policies, plans or programs?	No

2016 SOLID WASTE ACTIONS

Solid Waste Actions

Reducing, reusing, recycling, recovering and managing the disposal of the residual solid waste minimizes environmental impacts and supports sustainable environmental management, greenhouse gas reductions, and improved air and water quality.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Continued with separated kitchen organics collection
	Continue with curbside blue box recycling collection program
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	

Solid Waste	
Does your local government have construction and demolition waste reduction policies, plans or programs?	No
Does your local government have organics reduction/diversion policies, plans or programs?	Yes

2016 TRANSPORTATION ACTIONS

Transportation Actions

Transportation actions that increase transportation system efficiency, emphasize the movement of people and goods, and give priority to more efficient modes, e.g. walking, cycling, ridesharing, and public transit, can contribute to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and more livable communities.

Community -Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Started West Side Local Area Plan project with a main focus of improving infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users while also improving efficiencies for industrial vehicle traffic.
	Started Downtown Streetscape and Urban Design Standards project to examine public right of way areas in downtown core and improve for all users.
	Started Downtown Waterfront Vision plan with a focus on improving access to and from the water.
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Complete West Side Local Area Plan project, Downtown Streetscape and Urban Design Standards project, and Downtown Waterfront Vision plan and develop implementation plans.
	Work with the CRD to develop a Safe Routes to School program for Sidney Elementary School focusing on walking and cycling.

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Constructed a sidewalk on Henry Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets.
	Installed 5 transit shelters at high ridership locations.
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Install 2 additional transit shelters at high ridership locations.

Transportation	
<p>Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Cycling • Transit Use • Electric Vehicle Use • Other (please specify) 	<p>Yes Yes Yes No No</p>
Does your local government have a transportation demand management (TDM) strategy (e.g. to reduce single-vehicle occupancy trips, increase travel options, provide incentives to encourage individuals to modify travel behavior)?	No
Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support local food production (thus reducing transportation emissions)?	No

2016 WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIONS

Managing and reducing water consumption and wastewater is an important aspect of developing a sustainable built environment that supports healthy communities, protects ecological integrity, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Continued to promote CRD summertime watering restrictions.
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Continue to require individual water meters for multi-family residential developments.
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Plan to upgrade irrigation controllers in several municipal parks to enhance efficiency of irrigation.
Water Conservation	
Does your local government have water conservation policies, plans or programs?	No

2016 CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ACTIONS

Climate Change Adaptation Actions

For local governments, adaptation to a changing climate can take the form of changes in policy, management, technology and behaviour that minimize negative impacts or exploit opportunities. It can involve both “hard” and “soft” solutions, including: changes in infrastructure engineering, planning, zoning, bylaws, and public education.

Climate Change Adaptation Actions Taken in 2016	
Climate Change Adaptation Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Consider adoption of an interim policy on flood construction levels for low-lying properties.

Resources you have used to support climate change adaptation (e.g. Plan2Adapt , Preparing for Climate Change: Implementation Guide)	

In 2016 did you consider climate change impacts in any of the following areas? (check if yes)

Risk reduction strategies: **Yes**
Risk and Vulnerability assessment: **Yes**
Asset management: **Yes**
Infrastructure upgrades (e.g. stormwater system upgrades)
Cross-department working groups
Emergency response planning
Land-use policy changes (eg. OCP, DPA): **Yes**
Economic diversification initiatives
Ecosystem-based approaches (incl. shorelines)
Incentives (e.g. property owner reducing stormwater run-off)
Public education and awareness
Research (e.g. mapping, participation in studies)

Other (Please Identify):

2016 OTHER CLIMATE ACTIONS

Other Climate Actions

This section provides local governments the opportunity to report other climate actions that are not captured in the categories above.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	

Other	
Are you familiar with the Community Lifecycle Infrastructure Costing Tool (CLIC) ?	Yes
Have you used CLIC?	No

INNOVATION AND PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

Innovation

This section provides the opportunity to showcase an innovative Corporate and/or Community-Wide GHG reduction or climate change adaptation activity that your local government has undertaken and that has had or has the potential to have a significant impact. Projects included here may be featured as success stories on the B.C. Climate Action Toolkit and/or shared with other local governments to inspire further climate action. Please add links to additional information where possible.

Community-Wide Innovative Action

Corporate Innovative Action

Programs, Partnerships and Funding Opportunities

Local governments often rely on programs, partnerships and funding opportunities to achieve their climate action goals. Please share the names of programs and organizations that have supported your local government's climate actions by listing each entry in the box below.

Programs and Funding

2016 CARBON NEUTRAL REPORTING

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

Prior to completing this survey, please ensure that you are familiar with guidance available on the B.C. Climate Action Toolkit website, especially *Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia*.

Reporting Emissions

Did you measure your local government's corporate GHG emissions in 2016?	Yes
If your local government measured 2016 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from services delivered <u>directly</u> by your local government:	323.53
If your local government measured 2016 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from <u>contracted</u> services:	37.34
TOTAL A: CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS FOR 2016	360.87 tCO₂e

Reporting Reductions and Offsets

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

- undertake GCC-supported Option 1 Projects
- undertake GCC-supported Option 2 Projects (community GHG emissions reduction projects that meet project eligibility requirements)
- purchase carbon offsets from a credible offset provider

If applicable, please report the 2016 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) being claimed from Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects:

OPTION 1 PROJECTS	REDUCTIONS
Energy Efficient Retrofits	0.00
Solar Thermal	0.00
Household Organic Waste Composting	360.87
Low Emission Vehicles	0.00
Avoided Forest Conversion	0.00
TOTAL B: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2016	360.87 tCO2e

If applicable, please report the names and 2016 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects:

OPTION 2 PROJECT NAME	REDUCTIONS
n/a	
TOTAL C: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 2 PROJECTS FOR 2016	tCO2e

If applicable, please report the number of offsets purchased (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) from an offset provider for the 2016 reporting year:

(NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDS THAT MAY BE SET ASIDE IN A CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE FUND)

OFFSET PROVIDER NAME	OFFSETS
n/a	
TOTAL D: OFFSETS PURCHASED FOR 2016	tCO2e

TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2016 (Total B+C+D) = 360.87 tCO2e

Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2016

Your local government's Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is the difference between total corporate GHG emissions (direct + contracted emissions) and the GHG emissions reduced through GCC Option 1 and Option 2 projects and/or the purchase of offsets.

CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS BALANCE FOR 2016 = (A – (B+C+D)) = 0 tCO2e

**If your Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is negative or zero,
your local government is carbon neutral.
CONGRATULATIONS!**

GCC CLIMATE ACTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Green Communities Committee (GCC) Climate Action Recognition Program

The joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program again this year. This multi-level program provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (Charter) signatory.

This year a new recognition level has been added – **Level 3: Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments**-. Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their Charter commitments, according to the following:

Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments: for local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their Charter commitments

Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions: for local governments that achieve level 1, and who have measured their Corporate GHG Emissions for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI)

Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments: for those local governments who have achieved level 1 and 2 and have demonstrated undertaking significant action (corporately or community wide) to reduce GHG emissions in the reporting year (ie: through undertaking a GHG reduction project, purchasing offsets, establishing a reserve fund).

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

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

PROJECT NAME:
n/a

Based on your local government's 2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey, please check the GCC Climate Action Recognition Program level that best applies:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure	