

Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report for 2017

Local Government: Peace River Regional District

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The Peace River Regional District has completed the 2017 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report as required by the Province of BC. The CARIP report summarizes actions taken in 2017 and proposed for 2018 to reduce corporate and community-wide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and reports on progress towards achieving carbon neutrality.

2017 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 2017	
	Complete final Draft Regional Agriculture Plan
	Public and Committee Review of West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan
	Public and Committee Review of North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Agency review and formal adoption of West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan
	Agency review and formal adoption of North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan
	Accepted for information Regional Agriculture Plan

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	N/A
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Consider ways to reduce staff travel and mileage

Broad Planning		
What is (are) your current GHG reduction target(s)?	Corporate: 15% reduction from 2008 levels by 2015 Community: Average of 25% reduction from 2007 levels by 2030	
Are you familiar with your community's community energy and emissions inventory (e.g. CEEI or another inventory)?		Yes
What plans, policies or guidelines govern the implementation of climate mitigation in your community?		
•	Community Energy and Emissions (CEE) Plan	Yes
•	Community- Wide Climate Action Plan	No
•	Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	No
•	Official Community Plan (OCP)	Yes
•	Regional Growth Strategy (RGS)	No
•	Do not have a plan	No
•	Other: Solid Waste Management Plan	Yes
Does your local government have a corporate GHG reduction plan?		Yes

2017 BUILDING 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 2017	
	N/A
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	N/A

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	N/A
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Considering new office building options

Building and Lighting	
The Province has committed to taking incremental steps to increase energy-efficiency requirements in the BC Building Code to make buildings net-zero energy ready by 2032. The BC Energy Step Code--a part of the BC Building Code--supports that effort	
Is your local government aware of the BC Energy Step Cost? (Code)	Yes
Is your local government implementing the BC Energy Step Code?	No

2017 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 2017	
	Wind Energy Generation Project Application Guidelines developed & adopted
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	N/A
Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	N/A
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	N/A

Energy Generation	
Is your local government developing, or constructing:	
• A district energy system	No
• A renewable energy system	No
Is your local government operating:	
• A district energy system	No
• A renewable energy system	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
Are you familiar with the 2017 " List of Funding Opportunities for Clean Energy Projects Led by First Nations and Local Governments ?"	No

2017 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 2017	
	Promote Park Use (advertising parks on website and social media, hosting Parks Day, hosting community meetings at regional parks)
	Disperse grants for trails
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Promote Park Use
	Disperse grants for trails
	Upgrades to Iver Johnson Memorial Community Park
	Upgrades to Blackfoot Regional Park

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	Completed Feasibility Study for upgrades to Montney-Centennial Regional Park
	Completed Feasibility Study for upgrades to Blackfoot Regional Park
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Completing the Connecting Communities Trails Feasibility Study
	Investigating feasibility of developing the Peace Lookout as a regional park

Greenspace	
Does your local government have urban forest policies, plans or programs?	No
Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support local food production?	Yes

2017 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 2017	
	N/A
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	N/A

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	Construction of composting facility at North Peace Regional Landfill for wood and yard waste
	New transfer station constructed at North Peace Regional Landfill to extend life of existing landfill
	Increased lifespan of Chetwynd Landfill by ~10 years through enhanced compaction technology
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	North Peace Regional Landfill gas collection system expanded to collect more gas with the intent of future energy production
	At Bessborough Landfill, new phase of landfill opening and passive landfill gas collection system being installed, utilizing phase of the landfill that has reached capacity

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

2017 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 2017	
	Phase 1 of the Rural Roads Strategy: report prepared for the North Peace Economic Development Commission to conduct a high-level review of road network in the North Peace and determine value of re-establishing a road task force or committee
	Re-establishment of Rural Roads Task Force
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Phase 2 of the Rural Roads Strategy: report prepared for the PRRD to be presented to relevant agencies, titled "Rural Roads in the North Peace: On The Road Again"
	Phase 3 of the Rural Roads Strategy: Work plan to be developed

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	N/A
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	N/A

Transportation	
Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support:	
• Walking	No
• Cycling	No
• Transit Use	No
• Electric Vehicle Use	No
• Other (please specify)	No
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 integrate its transportation and land use planning?	No

2017 WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIONS

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 2017	
	Referendum for potable water services in Electoral Area 'B' - passed
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Construction of 5 potable water stations in Electoral Area 'B'

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
	N/A
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2018	
	Feasibility study for waste water reuse at the Charlie Lake Sewer Treatment facility

Water Conservation	
Does your local government have water conservation policies, plans or programs?	No

2017 CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ACTIONS

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

Please identify the THREE climate impacts that are most relevant to your Local Government.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warmer winter temperatures reducing snowpack • Changes to temperature and precipitation causing seasonal drought • Heatwaves impacting population health • Increased temperatures increasing wildfire activity • Increased temperatures affecting air quality • Changing temperatures influencing species migration and ecosystem shifts • Extreme weather events contributing to urban and overland flooding • Sea level rise and storms causing coastal flooding and/or erosion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - • Yes • - • Yes • - • - • Yes • -
Other:	

In 2017 has your local government addressed the impacts of a changing climate using any of the following?	
Risk and Vulnerability Assessments	No
Risk Reduction Strategies	Yes
Emergency response planning	Yes
Asset management	No
Natural/Eco asset management strategies	No
Infrastructure upgrades (e.g. storm water system upgrades)	No
Beach Nourishment projects	No
Economic diversification initiatives	No
Strategic and financial planning	No
Cross-department working groups	No
OCP policy changes	No
Changes to zoning and other bylaws and regulations	No
Incentives for property owner (e.g. reducing storm water run-off)	No
Public education and awareness	No
Research	No
Mapping	No
Partnerships	No
Other:	

Climate Change Adaptation Actions Taken in 2017	
Please elaborate on key actions and/or partnerships your local government has engaged in to prepare for, and adapt to a changing climate. Add links to key documents and information where appropriate.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Climate Change Adaptation Actions Proposed for 2018	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
For more information please contact:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	

The following are key resources that may be helpful to your local government in identifying climate impacts, as well as, strategies, actions and funding to deal with them. For those resources that you have used, please indicate whether they were useful in advancing your work in climate change adaptation?	
Indicators of Climate Change for British Columbia, 2016 Plan2Adapt Climate Projections for Metro Vancouver Climate Projections for the Capital Region Climate Projections for the Cowichan Valley Regional District Province of BC's BC Adapts Video Series Preparing for Climate Change: An Implementation Guide for Local Governments The Public Infrastructure and Engineering Vulnerability Committee's (PIEVC) protocol Sea Level Rise Primer BC Regional Adaptation Collaborative Webinars www.ReTooling.ca Water Balance Model The Water Conservation Calculator Funding: National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP) Climate Adaptation Partner Grants (FCM) Infrastructure Planning Grants (MAH) Federal Gas Tax Fund	Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Haven't Used Useful Useful Haven't Used Haven't Used Not Useful Haven't Used
Other:	

2017 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 2017	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Corporate Actions Taken in 2017	
<input type="checkbox"/>	North Peace Regional Landfill stormwater system installed to combat erosion
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Designing additional stormwater system over North Peace Regional Landfill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public meetings to encourage emergency preparedness
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 additional Flood Risk Assessments to be conducted

Other	
Are you familiar with the Community Lifecycle Infrastructure Costing Tool (CLIC) ?	No
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 and/or climate change adaptation activity that your local government has undertaken and that has had, or has the potential to have, a significant impact. You are welcome to repeat an action that has already been listed.

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.

Communities that have conducted innovative initiatives may want to consider raising their profile through applications to [CEA's Climate and Energy Action Awards](#), [UBCM Climate and Energy Action Award](#), [FCM Sustainable Communities Awards](#) or through submissions to [FCM's National Measures Report](#).

Community-Wide Action
N/A For more information contact:
Corporate Action
N/A For more information contact:

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.

Mitigation

Programs and Funding
\$2.5 million received from Province for flood mitigation works Applied for \$200,000 from Natural Disaster Mitigation Program

Adaptation

Programs and Funding
N/A

2017 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 portion of the survey, please ensure that you are familiar with guidance available on the B.C. Climate Action Toolkit website, especially the [Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia](#).

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

Reporting Emissions

Did you measure your local government's corporate GHG emissions in 2017?	Yes
If your local government measured 2017 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:	218 tCO ₂ e
If your local government measured 2017 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from <u>contracted</u> services:	332 tCO ₂ e
TOTAL A: CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS FOR 2017	550 tCO₂e

Reporting Reductions and Offsets

To be carbon neutral, a local government must balance their TOTAL corporate GHG emissions generated in 2017 by one or a combination of the following actions:

- undertake GCC-supported Option 1 Project(s)
- undertake GCC-supported Option 2 Project(s)
- purchase carbon offsets from a credible offset provider

If applicable, please report the 2017 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	
Solar Thermal	
Household Organic Waste Composting	
Low Emission Vehicles	
Avoided Forest Conversion	
TOTAL B: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2017	tCO2e

If applicable, please report the names and 2017 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects:

OPTION 2 PROJECT NAME	REDUCTIONS
Landfill Gas Collection System	700 tCO2e
TOTAL C: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 2 PROJECTS FOR 2017	700 tCO2e

If applicable, please report the name of the offset provider, type of project and number of offsets purchased (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) from an offset provider for the 2017 reporting year:

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

OFFSET PROVIDER NAME	OFFSETS
TOTAL D: OFFSETS PURCHASED FOR 2017	tCO2e

TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2017 (Total B+C+D) = 700 tCO2e

Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2017

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 2017 = (A – (B+C+D)) = - 150 tCO₂e

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

If applicable, please record any emissions reductions you will be carrying over for future years and the source of the emissions reductions, including the year they were earned (E.g., Organics diversion, 2016 100 tCO₂e).

SOURCE OF CARRY OVER EMISSION REDUCTIONS (and year earned)	REDUCTIONS
Landfill Gas Collection System	150
BALANCE OF REDUCTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR CARRY OVER TO NEXT YEAR	150 tCO₂e

Carbon Neutral Reporting	
Does your local government have a climate reserve fund or something similar?	Yes

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.

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 their community’s energy and emissions inventory (i.e. CEEI)

Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments: for those local governments who have achieved level 1 and 2 and have demonstrated undertaking significant action (corporately or community wide) to reduce GHG emissions in the reporting year (i.e: 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:
Landfill Gas Collection Systems

Based on your local government's 2017 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	x
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure	