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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, adaptation and/or energy use)
2022-07

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

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/docs/city-plan-documents/city-plan/city-plan---low-resolution-2022-jul-04.pdf>

Question 3: Does your local government or Nation have a corporate 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, adaptation and/or energy use)
2025-01

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

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/docs/departments/environmental-documents/corporate-semp-2024-final.pdf>

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

Lack of jurisdiction

Lack of provincial or federal government support or collaboration

Other (please specify):

lack of future LGCAP funding secured

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)

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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)

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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)

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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)

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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)

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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

2025

What is the interval for reporting community-wide emissions?

Format: open-text (e.g. every 6 months, every 5 years...)

yearly

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)

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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)

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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)

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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.

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

Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC)

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)

50

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

2010

2050

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

100

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

2010

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, ...

NA

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 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.

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

Commute by mode: Employed labour force by mode of commute

Other (please specify):

Data on public attitudes towards climate action in general and active transportation mode-shift initiatives in particular/other data to help understand the behavioural science context and inform how we design and deliver initiatives.

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

Electric vehicle sales targets are essential to helping the City meet our climate targets. Recent changes to Federal and Provincial EV targets for new vehicle sales, have created additional challenges for the City to meet our climate goals. LGCAP funding is essential for supporting programs targeting community wide emission reduction.

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.

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- **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
Community

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions

Zero Carbon Step Code adoption
Efficiency upgrades/retrofits
Other (please specify):
building benchmarking

Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 9 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

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Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions

Zero Carbon Step Code adoption

Other (please specify):

Home Energy Navigator (energy concierge program), Retrofit financing programs (PACE style program launched in 2025, third party financing program in design stages), Manufactured Home Community Energy Capacity study grant, building benchmarking

Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 3 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

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Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 9 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

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Please enter the Emissions Level required for Part 3 buildings (Zero Carbon Step Code).

Optional. Format: Open-text

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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.

MHC: In March 2025, the City completed phase 1 of the Manufactured Home Community (MHC) Energy Efficiency and Emission Reduction Strategy. For Phase 1 of the project, the City worked with the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to develop a guide for manufactured home community residents and owners to help them manage heat pump requests and other retrofits. Phase 2 of the project started in July, 2025 to address community site-level barriers, such as limited electrical capacity. Three manufactured home communities were selected through a grant application process to receive a subsidized electrical capacity study. The capacity study helped the City and partners better understand community level barriers preventing heat pump installs in manufactured home communities. A report recommending solutions to these barriers was completed in June, 2026.

PACE: In 2025, the City launched Home Energy Retrofit Financing (HERF), a property-accessed clean energy (PACE) style retrofit financing pilot program. The program provides up to \$15,000 in interest-free financing to Nanaimo homeowners to support home energy retrofits such as heat pumps, solar panels, and building envelope repairs. The City received 37 loan applications, 27 of which were accepted into the program, and 13 of those have already completed their retrofit as of July 2026.

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)

Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet)

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

Electric vehicle purchases and electric equipment/machinery purchases (i.e. electric zambonis)

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions

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 bikes/scooter uses)

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 secure public bike parking (i.e. bike valet)

Neighbourhood or community-wide speed limit reductions

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Mandatory EV infrastructure in new construction

Established electric vehicle charging ready bylaws

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments

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.

Off-Street Parking: In July, 2025 the City of Nanaimo amended our Off-Street Parking Regulations Bylaw to remove residential parking requirements from the City's downtown core. The City is currently in the process of a larger update to the bylaw, which will remove residential parking requirements from all urban centres, revise EV-ready building requirements, improve bicycle parking and end-of-trip facility requirements. The revised bylaw was adopted in the July of 2026. <https://www.getinvolvednanaimo.ca/citywide-parking-review-and-bylaw-update>

Secure bike parking - downtown. The City has worked with a consultant to develop a toolkit to identify the location, quantity, and style of public bike parking and end of trip facilities that should be provided to support mode shift targets. The City is now using this tool kit to design secure bike parking infrastructure within our downtown core.

Active school travel program. The City has partnered with a number of local schools to promote active and sustainable transportation to school. The Active School Travel Program helps schools take their efforts even further by developing a holistic action plan tailored to each school's unique context. Through the program 7 local primary schools have developed school travel plans while 12 have created school travel maps. <https://www.nanaimo.ca/transportation-mobility/active-school-travel-program>

Evo scooters added to bike share program (program started in 2024, scooters added 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
Sustainable procurement policy

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions

Complete, compact communities
Organics diversion
Circular economy or zero waste strategy

Complete, Compact Communities - Please select all that apply.

See Complete Communities Guide and Program for supports advancing identified community goals through the creation of more complete, compact and energy efficient communities.

Rezoning

Small-scale multi-unit housing (e.g. duplex, triplex, fourplex, rowhouse)

Density bonuses

Infill development

Official Community Plans

Community Development Plans

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.

New Zoning Bylaw- To address a number of strategic City Plan goals and recent Provincial legislation, the Zoning Bylaw is undergoing a comprehensive review and update. The revised bylaw will help regulate City Plan goals related to creating compact, complete communities and include additional density provisions and residential zoning for housing aligned with Provincial SSMUH regulations.

Woodgrove Area Plan- To provide a framework to achieve a complete community over the next 25+ years. The Plan includes a policy framework that is based on the five key elements of a complete community: the Natural Environment, Housing, Transportation, Access to Daily Needs and Infrastructure. The policy vision is for the integration of land use and transportation to promote mixed-use developments, transportation options; the infill of vacant lots and repurposing of underutilized lands to achieve density targets and higher and more intensive uses; as well as the reintroduction of natural areas to achieve resilient and regenerative ecosystems. The policy framework collectively works to achieve the City's climate change goals by changing the land use pattern of the urban centre to one that promotes mixed-use developments, zero-carbon buildings, offering a range of transportation options, and targeting a net gain in natural areas and the restoration of ecological function and ecosystem connectivity.

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

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment 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)

Developing business continuity or similar plan(s)

Other (please specify):

Including climate change in Master Planning for storm and sanitary projects for capacity checks and future pipe sizing

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment 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

Hydro climatological 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)

Developing or acquiring hazard or climate risk mapping (e.g., floodplains), data or similar information

Developing emergency/hazard response plans

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.

Our Coastal City: The City of Nanaimo, working with the Snuneymuxw First Nation, is developing a Sea Level Rise (SLR) Management Plan to guide coastal adaptation solutions for areas of Nanaimo at risk of coastal flooding. This project builds upon the Sea Level Rise Study completed in 2018, which identified the study areas that are the focus of this project. The project includes refined flood construction level mapping for key vulnerable areas, an economic risk assessment, an erosion monitoring strategy and an identification of options the City and other key stakeholders may consider to help the community adapt to sea level rise. The project will be complete in the summer of 2026.
<https://www.getinvolvednanaimo.ca/sea-level-rise>

CHAMP: Through the Climate Hazard Assessment and Mapping Project (CHAMP), the City worked with the Snuneymuxw First Nation to map and identify future climate-related hazards in our region.
<https://www.nanaimo.ca/public-safety/emergency-management/hazards/climate-hazards-and-mapping>

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
2026

If available, please provide a link to the document:

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/public-safety/emergency-management/hazards/climate-hazards-and-mapping>

Question 14 b): Are you integrating climate risk into asset management, budgeting and climate action plans?

Yes, in asset management
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
cooling centres, website and social media info, extreme heat map, CHAMPS info

Extreme cold, snow and/or ice
warming centres for people experiencing homelessness

Drought
water restrictions

Wildfire
wildfire development permit area, Fire Smart education programs

Overland/riverine flooding
MOESS for stormwater includes climate projections

Coastal flooding and/or storm surge events
sea level rise management plan

Wind, rain, and/or other storm events
identified in CHAMPS project

Landslides
steep slope and hazard slope development permit areas, coastal erosion study

Other (please specify both the hazard and adaptation measure):
Extreme rain. Identified in CHAMPS project.

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

Select all that apply

Damage to water, wastewater, or stormwater systems
Power outages or electrical system strain

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
Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards
Demographic information
Projected development
Adaptation planning information
Technical expertise to implement solutions
Community/partner engagement and support
Examples of actions taken by other communities
Other (please specify):
Knowledge of funding opportunities

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.

Collaborating on preparing, reviewing or revising a climate or natural hazard risk assessment
Collaborating on preparing, reviewing or revising an emergency management and/or hazard response plans
Collaborating on data collection, mapping or monitoring climate risks
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

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 collecting and analyzing disaggregated and/or spatial data to inform the design and/or monitor the implementation of climate actions

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

By collecting disaggregated or spatial data on the impacts of climate actions

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

By undertaking wider benefits and/or equity assessments for its climate actions

By working to ensure climate actions align with UNDRIP and/or national laws pertaining to Indigenous rights

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.

Home Energy Retrofit Financing Program: in April 2025, the City launched a property assessed clean energy (PACE) style financing program. Through the program the City is offering a zero interest loan of up to \$15,000 to be paid for through property taxes for home energy efficiency retrofits. Home applications were prioritized based on a unique scoring system that prioritizes climate impact, equity, energy savings and climate resilience. Equity was promoted by prioritizing seniors, especially those living alone, for home comfort (cooling) retrofits. Low income residents were also prioritized and through the companion free energy concierge were supported in accessing Provincial income qualified programs such as the BC Energy Savings Program and the Energy Conservation Assistance Program before applying for a loan.

Tree Canopy Dashboard: As part of the City of Nanaimo's monitoring strategy, the City launched the tree canopy dashboard. The dashboard will help the City understand how tree canopy cooling and other health and environmental benefits are distributed across City neighbourhoods. This data will help us prioritize equity when making decisions regarding tree planting or removal.

<https://cityofnanaimo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/c53588ea02c64b7fb4ff57c43e12e616#>

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: \$0. 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.

Not applicable (Amount flagged in the question is \$0 as all funds were reported as spent in the LGCAP 2024 survey)

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.

Corporate Building Initiatives

Efficiency Upgrades/Retrofits

HVAC Optimization Study at Beban Complex: Confirmed the feasibility of optimizing the HVAC system at Beban to reduce GHG emissions while renewing aging infrastructure.

Lighting Efficiency Upgrades at Oliver Woods Community Centre: Replaced existing lighting throughout OWCC adding dimmers for better control and energy savings.

Retrofits/efficiency upgrades Kin Pool Building boilers: Replaced existing atmospheric boiler with 2 new high-efficiency NG boilers.

Retrofits/efficiency upgrades 150 Commercial Street HVAC: Replaced existing RTU with new in 2025.

Autopool Water Chemistry Controller at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre: Installation of Cleartec chemical controllers on the water system allowing for accurate water chemical addition, and the regulation of filtration pumps, improving energy efficiency.

Corporate Staffing

Hiring of contract position to support delivery of sustainability projects: LGCAP funding was used to hire additional temporary Staff support in the Sustainability Section to support a number of initiatives including preparing the program design and grant applications for the PACE and Third Party Retrofit

Community Wide Initiatives

Buildings Initiatives

Energy Concierge Service for Homeowners: In partnership with City Green Solutions and initially with the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City has offered a free energy concierge service that since its' inception in 2023 has supported more than 210 Nanaimo residents in improving their homes' comfort, energy efficiency, and reducing emissions.

Voluntary Building Benchmarking for Large Buildings: The City of Nanaimo participates in the BC Building Benchmark program both corporately and as a community supporter. The City not only leads by disclosing our own buildings emissions but also encourages other large building owners to participate.

Rebates for Homeowners Who Complete Energy Assessments

Zero-Interest Financing for Homeowners to Complete Energy Retrofits: To support this Property Assessed Clean Energy

(PACE) style retrofit loan program, the City was able to leverage Climate Action Reserve (which include LGCAP funding) funds to secure a \$458,000 grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Public Secure Bike Parking: Work has begun to establish an app-enabled secure bike parking network for Nanaimo, with phase one installation bringing ~ 50 secure bike parking spaces to Downtown Nanaimo.

Climate Engagement - Cool it! Climate Leadership Program: This program supports climate education in local classrooms. The City of Nanaimo has participated in this program since 2022, and supports approximately 30 class rooms throughout the school year.

Mobile Home Park Energy Strategy Phase 1 and Phase 2: This strategy identified and addressed barriers to heat pump and other energy efficiency installs in manufactured home communities, including electrical capacity barriers preventing residents from adding heat pumps and air conditioners to their units

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

The City is continually looking for solutions that reduce GHGs in the community and corporately. The Facility Asset Management group looks to replace infrastructure with products that reduce the City's carbon footprint, and the Sustainability Department looks to support studies and programming for the community to support GHG reduction. These initiatives are reviewed during the financial plan process to determine what is the best use of these funds (GHG reduction, alternative funding sources etc.).

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.

Yes

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.

*Integrated Energy Audit, BC Hydro
Sustainable Communities Project Implementation Fund, BC Hydro
Product Rebate Program, Fortis BC*

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

LGCAP reporting and funding continue to be essential to helping our community reach our climate targets. Funding enables the City to use funds towards infrastructure upgrades to reduce our carbon footprint establishing a leadership role in our community towards sustainability. Funding also enables us to support community emission reduction projects including grants/rebates, studies, education programming, and implementing regulations aimed to reduce emissions.

(!) 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
Economic stability and good local jobs
Affordability
Reconciliation efforts
Safer communities and public safety
Protecting the natural environment and ecosystems
Supporting vulnerable populations
Other (please specify):
Greenhouse gas emission reduction

(!) 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:

Improved resilience of infrastructure or community assets
Reduced long-term infrastructure, maintenance, or asset management costs
Improved emergency preparedness or response capacity
Energy cost savings for the local government and/or community
Economic development or local employment opportunities
Improved air quality or public health outcomes
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:

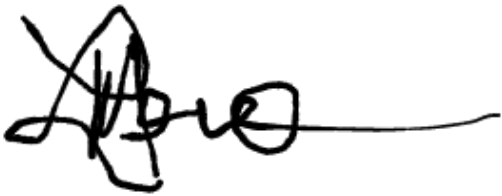
- All information from the required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and responses can be omitted.
 - The Province will use the information from optional questions for internal purposes only.
- When posting the survey publicly, the design / format of the form can be changed.

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)
Laura Mercer
Professional title
General Manager, Corporate Services
Local government or Modern Treaty Nation
City of Nanaimo
Date
2026-08-04
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.
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Once submitted, please download a copy of the completed survey and attestation form (PDF, Excel, and Word options).