

Survey Template

For the *2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey*

The 2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Survey uses SurveyMonkey® software. SurveyMonkey® acquired FluidSurveys™, which is the software that was used for CARIP reporting for the past 2 years.

Local governments are required to submit the *2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey* on or before June 1, 2017.

Local governments are also required to publicly report the information submitted in the *2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey*. Local governments can generate a report by:

- creating a report based on the populated Survey Template; or,
- creating a report in another format that contains the information submitted in the 2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey.

In response to local government input, the Survey Template has been created to assist with collecting information for the *2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey*, and follows the same structure as the survey.

Responses entered into the Survey Template can be cut and pasted into the online survey. The survey asks for up to five actions in each category, and there is a place in the survey to report additional actions if desired. In the Survey Template, simply add more lines to the tables to report more than five actions.

Use of the Survey Template is recommended. Local governments are encouraged to edit the populated Survey Template and use it for their public report, **as the SurveyMonkey® survey will not enable survey respondents to generate a report of their responses.**

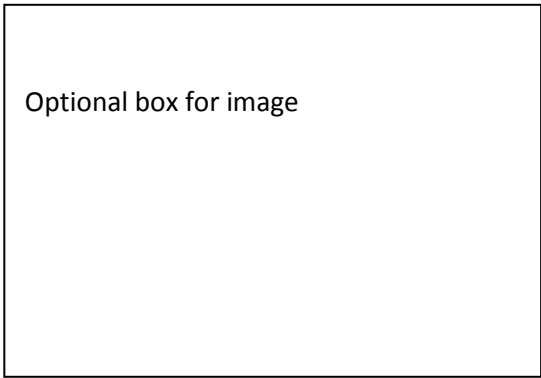
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Climate Action Revenue Incentive (CARIP) Public Report for 2016

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The City of Port Alberni 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	
	District Energy System: continued research and evolution of options and scope and development of relationships with potential partners
	Organic waste program – continued study and feasibility with Alberni Clayoquot Regional District
	Continued development of Active Transportation Plan – includes expansion of pedestrian/cycling trails network; bike lanes on city streets
	Official Community Plan – densification, minimum lot sizes, and secondary suites
	Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee recommendations incorporated into capital and operating five year financial plan
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Solar garden project feasibility and implementation plan
	Active Transportation Plan – continued cycling/pedestrian trail development, all abilities cycle tracks

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Continued conservation based billing system for water and sewer utilities
	Continued promotion of energy conservation
	Active Transportation Plan elements implemented
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continue conservation plans for utilities and energy
	Continue Active Transportation Plan expansion and implementation
	Continue alignment of strategic plan with financial plans and goals for cleaner air and water
	Water restrictions

Broad Planning	
What is (are) your current GHG reduction target(s)?	(Please provide details here) Annual decrease to eventually become carbon neutral

Has your local government used the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) to measure progress?	Yes
What plans, policies or guidelines govern the implementation of climate mitigation in your community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy and Emissions (CEE) Plan • Climate Action Plan • Integrated Community Sustainability Plan • Official Community Plan (OCP) • Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) • Do not have a plan • Environmental Sustainability Progress Report & Plan 	Yes No Yes Yes No N/A Yes
Does your local government have a corporate GHG reduction plan?	Incorporated into Environmental Sustainability Plan
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	
	District Energy System research and feasibility continued for scope, options, and partnerships
	Installation of LED streetlights
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Solar garden project study and implementation
	Oil furnace/heat pump exchange program for residents

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Energy efficient building upgrades

	LED decorative holiday lighting
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continued upgrades for energy efficiency
	Continual review of systems for opportunities for energy conservation

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	
	District Energy System scope and options continued
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Solar garden project feasibility and implementation

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Energy efficient building upgrades

Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continued transition to low emission heating and cooling systems

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	
	Street tree inventory increased to more than 3,000; replacements made as required
	Continued operation of Community Forest under stewardship plan that models best practices in forestry operations
	Acquisition of parkland
	Dry Creek Flood Improvement Project – restoration of creek
	Sewage lagoon/estuary restoration
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
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Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Park improvements at Canal Beach, Roger Creek Park, irrigation installations
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Construction of Millstone Park
	Trail development/habitat restoration in Roger Creek Park
	Continued development at Canal Beach for active public participation

Greenspace	
Does your local government have urban forest policies, plans or programs?	Yes

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 discussions with ACRD for organics pickup and composting
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continued discussions with ACRD for organics pickup and composting

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016

	Continued implementation of Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee recommendations
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Review recycling processes to fill gaps left by MMBC
	Purchase app for public reminders for waste pickup, promote recycling and reduction

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

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	
	Walking and cycling path construction
	Bike lanes marked throughout city
	Active Transportation Plan – continued development
	Promotion of public transit – free days
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	More electric vehicle charging stations
	More bike lanes
	Active Transportation Plan – continued development
	Promotion of public transit – free days

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Energy efficient fleet replacements

Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Energy efficient fleet replacements
	Electric vehicle purchase

Transportation	
Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support:	
• Walking	Yes
• Cycling	Yes
• Transit Use	Yes
• Electric Vehicle Use	Yes
• Other (No Idling)	Yes
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)?	Yes

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	
	Construction of sewage disposal system
	Increased water and sewer rates to fund infrastructure replacement
	Separation of storm and sewer
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Replacement of water meters
	Increase water and sewer rates to fund infrastructure replacement
	Construction of sewage disposal system
	Separation of storm and sewer

Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Summer watering restrictions
	Promotion of conservation
Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Summer watering restrictions
	Promotion of conservation
Water Conservation	
Does your local government have water conservation policies, plans or programs?	Yes

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	
	Research into alternate water supply
	Watering restrictions
	Conservation based billing
	Outdoor burning ban
Climate Change Adaptation Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Watering restrictions
	Conservation based billing
	Consideration of climate change effects on zoning and planning
	Public education, Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee
	Program funding for conversion of oil to electric heat

Resources you have used to support climate change adaptation (e.g. Plan2Adapt , Preparing for Climate Change: Implementation Guide)	
	Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee research and reports

In 2016 did you consider climate change impacts in any of the following areas? (check if yes)	
Risk reduction strategies	X
Risk and Vulnerability assessment	X
Asset management	X
Infrastructure upgrades (e.g. stormwater system upgrades)	X
Cross-department working groups	X
Emergency response planning	X
Land-use policy changes (eg. OCP, DPA)	X
Economic diversification initiatives	X
Ecosystem-based approaches (incl. shorelines)	X
Incentives (e.g. property owner reducing stormwater run-off)	X
Public education and awareness	X
Research (e.g. mapping, participation in studies)	X
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
BC Hydro Province of BC Trees Canada UBCM Federal Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund Gas Tax Community Works City Green Solutions

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:	2405
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:	25
TOTAL A: CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS FOR 2016	2430 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	
Solar Thermal	
Household Organic Waste Composting	
Low Emission Vehicles	
Avoided Forest Conversion	
TOTAL B: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2016	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
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
TOTAL D: OFFSETS PURCHASED FOR 2016	tCO2e

TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2016 (Total B+C+D) = 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)) = 2,430 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:

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