



Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

Highlands

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	Yes
1.a. Indicate the date the plan was adopted.	December 7, 2020
1.b. Include a link to the document (URL) or webpage.	https://www.highlands.ca/DocumentCenter/View/7582/Climate-Leadership-Plan?bidId=
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	No, corporate GHG emissions are not currently being measured, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be complete in the next year
3. For calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose a community-wide emissions inventory?	No, because of both financial capacity and lack of expertise/technical capacity.
4. Is your local government or Modern Treaty Nation tracking progress on its community-wide GHG reduction target?	No

4.e. If no, select all that apply:	"No, as our community emissions are not fully calculated", "No, due to a lack of resources"
5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings	Initiative: Step Code Adoption Outcomes: GHG reductions, increased energy efficiency, enhanced public awareness.
6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation	N/A
7. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Community	Initiative: South Highlands Local Area Plan Outcomes: Community planning process to determine future land use of area Initiative: Ongoing implementation of the groundwater protection plan Outcomes: Protects groundwater - Most of the community relies on it.
8. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Climate Resilience	Initiative: Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment Outcomes: Will allow Highlands to evaluate its endemic hazards related to climate change.
9. Which elements of your community's current official community plan (OCP) (or other relevant strategies, policies and/or plans) support the creation of more complete, compact communities?	Support for development of a secondary suites/accessory dwelling units policy/program.
10. What actions has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken to increase community completeness and compactness since 2020 (e.g. urban containment boundary, increasing density by allowing secondary suites and laneway or carriage housing options)?	Development of a secondary suite/accessory dwelling units policy/program.

11. What data would be most valuable to your local government or Modern Treaty Nation in decision-making related to the creation of complete, compact communities?	Assistance with measuring community-wide emissions
12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?	Action: Climate Leadership Plan Implementation Outcomes: Community-focused actions realized.
13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?	No, but we are intending to undertake one in the next two years
14. What are the three most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction	"Water shortage", "Wildfire", "Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Ecological, cultural and/or human health impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods; examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss, erosion, invasive species, ecosystem changes)", "Extreme heat and heat stress", "Extreme cold, snow and ice", "Overland flooding", "Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards"
15. Are you responding to this survey on behalf of a Modern Treaty Nation?	No
16. Based on the hazard you indicated as most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness"
17. Based on the hazard you indicated as second most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors"
18. Based on the hazard you indicated as third most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors"

<p>19. Select the top three factors your local government or Modern Treaty Nation needs most to increase the capacity to adapt to climate impacts and build community resilience.</p>	<p>"Increased funding", "Increased staff capacity"</p>
<p>20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?</p>	<p>"There are no specific measures in place at this time to ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, opportunities and benefits", "Do not know how or if equity is being integrated into our climate action work"</p>
<p>21. Do the climate action plan(s) and priorities of your local government or Modern Treaty Nation align with the climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government?</p>	<p>"Yes, we align climate action plan(s) and priorities with the federal 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan", "Yes, we align climate action plan(s) and priorities with the provincial CleanBC Roadmap to 2030"</p>
<p>22. Is your local government a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter or a Modern Treaty Nation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>23. To demonstrate commitment to climate action, climate investments (i.e., matching funding or in-kind contributions) equivalent to 20% of the provincial funding received are required of local governments and Modern Treaty Nations. The intent is to show past, current, and future investments in climate action and create awareness and education.</p>	<p>"Staff time", "Climate or energy plans, policies and/or strategy development", "Climate resilient infrastructure and/or capital project (s)"</p>
<p>24. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) first and last name.</p>	<p>Laura Beckett</p>
<p>25. Please indicate your (or survey primary contact's) position with your local government or Modern Treaty Nation.</p>	<p>Municipal Planner</p>

26. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) business email address.	LBeckett@highlands.ca
27. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) business phone number.	2504741773



Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form

Instructions for the Attestor:

1. Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.
2. Email the completed and signed form to LGCAP@gov.bc.ca.

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

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

Attested to by me at (name of local government) District of Highlands
on (date) July 6 20 22

Signature of Attestor:

Loranne Hilton

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