



Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

Merritt

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	No, but we are intending to undertake one in the next two years
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	In 2021, we did not collect GHG data, nor did we report (Lack of Capacity due to Nov 2021 flood in Merritt). In 2020, the answer was yes.
3. For calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose a community-wide emissions inventory?	No, but we are intending to undertake a community GHG inventory in the next 4 years (policy for creating this is established in the City's OCP
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"

<p>5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings</p>	<p>Implement the BC Energy Step Code, starting at Level 3 for Part 9 buildings and Level 2 for Part 3 buildings, ramping up to net zero by 2030.</p> <p>Provide enhanced back up power at all critical City infrastructure and community facilities, prioritizing renewable power sources and battery storage.</p> <p>Promote the use of light-coloured roofing and cladding materials for buildings to reduce the heat island effect.</p> <p>Conduct an annual review of City facilities and equipment energy use and emissions and develop plans to reduce City energy use and emissions through upgrades, procurement, and retrofits.</p>
<p>6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation</p>	<p>Connect the City Centre with Urban Villages and neighbourhoods by a network of cycle paths, as identified in our Active Transportation Plan.</p> <p>Install bicycle facilities, such as bike racks, covered storage areas, wayfinding, water bottle filling stations, and other amenities along designated cycle routes, and in the City Centre and Urban Villages.</p> <p>Install additional electric charging stations at City facilities.</p>
<p>7. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Community</p>	<p>Encourage future growth that is focused in connected, walkable and bikeable areas, including the City Centre, Urban Villages, and along designated transit and cycle routes, to reduce motor vehicle dependence. (The City's OCP and Zoning Bylaw are now aligned toward this objective)</p>
<p>8. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Climate Resilience</p>	<p>Implement the City's recently completed diking and floodplain retreat strategy</p> <p>Create xeriscaping and FireSmart landscaping resources for developers and residents, ensuring that these practices are implemented for all City projects, and encouraged across the City.</p>

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?	Section 3.5 of the City's OCP encourages development within Urban Centres, areas of higher residential density, where amenities, commercial opportunities and schools are within a 15 minute walk. The City's recently adopted OCP (July 19, 2022) supports significantly higher densities than what was historically possible, assisting with that objective.
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)?	Significant public consultation during the OCP Process between 2020-2022, which has led to major changes in our OCP and Zoning Bylaw to support infill development, smaller lot sizes, secondary suites and laneway houses.
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?	Unsure
12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?	Beginning conversion to an electric fleet Completed diking a floodplain retreat plan Implemented OCP policies that support data collection and best practices aimed to address climate impacts
13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?	Yes
13.a. Please provide a link to the document (URL).	chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnbpcjapcglclefindmkaj/https://www.merritt.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Merritt_Emergency_Plan_Adopted_and_Updated_March__2005.pdf
14. What are the three most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction	"Overland flooding", "Wildfire", "Water shortage", "Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Extreme cold, snow and ice", "Extreme heat and heat stress", "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)", "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"
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?	"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?	"Indigenous peoples"
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.	"Increased funding", "More partnerships and collaboration across levels of government", "Increased staff capacity"
20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?	"There are no specific measures in place at this time to ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, opportunities and benefits"
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?	"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", "Yes, we assess our plans and priorities for multilevel alignment", "Yes, we collaborate with other communities to align with climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government"
22. Is your local government a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter or a Modern Treaty Nation?	Yes

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.	"Staff time", "Climate or energy plans, policies and/or strategy development", "Climate resilient infrastructure and/or capital project (s)"
24. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) first and last name.	Sean Smith
25. Please indicate your (or survey primary contact's) position with your local government or Modern Treaty Nation.	Chief Administrative Officer
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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 CITY OF MERRITT (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) CITY OF MERRITT
on (date) 5 AUGUST 2022

Signature of Attestor:

Printed Name of Attestor:

N. THOMPSON

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